


# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

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## [0. Questions about the effectiveness of our materials, membership, or the benefits of membership:](#)





If your question is not answered in this section, please visit the following area in our forums for additional questions and answers:

[Questions about the effectiveness of our materials, membership, or the benefits of membership](#)

### [QUESTION 0.01:](#)

**Question 0.01:** I am on the verge of becoming a member, but I would like to know the benefits of membership and if I can be helped?

**Answer 0.01:** Our  [Terms of Use and Service, Form #01.016](#) (Section 4, item 8) and our  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) (Section 3.8) make it abundantly clear that no one in the ministry is authorized to promise anything or share subjective opinions about the "benefits" of our strictly religious and educational materials and information. God already told you what the "benefits" are in [Deut. 28:1-14](#), within his "[protection franchise](#)" and law called the Bible. Aren't you reading your Bible?

The goal is not to be personally "helped" in an earthly or physical way, but achieving salvation by honoring and obeying God and  [His laws](#), and man's laws to the extent that they don't conflict with  [God's laws](#). If personal or financial benefit is more important to you than loving your neighbor by learning and following  [God's law](#) and [man's law](#), then you are on the wrong website because you are an idolator who worships money or prosperity and not God. Jesus said that where a man's treasure is, there his heart will be also. [Matt. 6:19-21](#). Is God your treasure or is wealth your treasure? If you are approaching membership with the attitude of "what's in it for me", then you have the wrong motive and are discouraged from becoming a [Member](#) (see [Matt. 26:15](#)). Our  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) and our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) also both make it abundantly clear that the purpose of this website is exclusively to glorify and worship the one and only God through obedience, truth, legal education and activism and not personal gain or economic benefit. Our goal is to love our neighbor by learning and obeying God's laws and thereby DO JUSTICE as [Micah 6:8](#) requires. It is only through our own weakness and persecution in satisfying that great commission of our Lord that God can be glorified. It is only by our denying self and placing God ABOVE self through our actions and choices that this ministry and this website can even be thought of as a religious ministry in any sense of the word. You probably know that, but you just want to tempt us and test us like the Pharisees did to Jesus to see if we also know it because you are probably from the government/Satan and want to discredit and persecute us:

*"And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the Revelation, **a thorn in the flesh [the IRS and the Federal Reserve and a corrupt government] was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**"*

*[2 Cor. 12:7-10, Bible, NKJV]*

*My brethren, **count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **But let him ask in faith, with no doubting [of US or your own understanding of man's law illuminated by the Holy Spirit], for he who doubts [God's provision] is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord: he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.**"*

*[James 1:2-8, Bible, NKJV]*

Your question reveals that you may be unwilling to allow yourself to be weak and vulnerable, and thereby exercise faith in God instead of trusting man/mammon/government. Do you not want to trust God or give God any room to operate in your life? Do you not want to carry the cross of Jesus as He requires of you in [Matt. 10:34-39](#)? It sounds to us like you may want **insurance**, not salvation or education. [Click here](#) (OFFSITE LINK) for an article on this subject. If that is the case, you need faith and trust in God, not help from us. Is Jesus your Savior and indemnification from the liability for Hell but **NOT** your Lord and the object of your supreme [allegiance](#) and worship/obedience? Jesus isn't your Sovereign Lord and He isn't above all the other idols you worship unless your are willing to risk persecution, pain, financial loss in obedience to Him and thereby forsake your other idols. In that case, you are worshipping a false religion and we don't want you in this ministry. How can God show His face if you give Him no room to work miracles in your life? Jesus said in [Matt. 6:25-34](#) not to worry about tomorrow, and you seem worried. That kind of fear is of the devil, not the Lord.

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things [security, prosperity, and protection] shall be added to you."*

*[Matt. 6:33, Bible, NKJV]*

If Jesus had only looked on His ministry based on the personal or financial benefit to Him and not others, do you think we would still be hearing about and reading about and following Him today? Instead, when the money changers took over the Ministry, he was furious.

*"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*

*[1 Tim. 6:9-10, Bible, NKJV]*

*Then God said to him: **"Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words: see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like***



**you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings [Sovereigns] all your days. So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."**  
[[1 Kings 3:11-14](#), Bible, NKJV]

And when a sorcerer proposed to abuse the power of God to earn money, he was strongly rebuked, just as we rebuke all those who pursue this ministry for the sake of money.

*And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, **he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."***

*But Peter said to him, "**Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.**"*



*Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."*  
[[Acts 8:18-24](#), Bible, NKJV]

SEDM is a Ministry, a religious Fellowship, and an activism group. People can't and don't join bona-fide, legitimate religious ministries for selfish or economic reasons, but exclusively for spiritual reasons. The only legitimate spiritual reason identified in the Bible and the one mentioned in the [Ten Commandments](#) is love and obedience to God. The [Bible Book of Ecclesiastes](#) says "this is man's all".



*"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:*

**Fear God and keep His commandments,  
For this is man's all.**

*For God will bring every work into judgment,  
Including every secret thing,  
Whether good or evil."*  
[[Eccl. 12:13-14](#), Bible, NKJV]

Your question erroneously and  [maliciously presupposes](#) that we are a business or government [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) corporation focused on "customer service" like all the other corrupted churches out there that are selling their sheep to the government for twenty pieces of silver by  [lying to them about the proper relationship of Christians and churches to government](#). We are not a "business", nor do we sell anything. We don't do this for money. We aren't man pleasers and we don't have any "customers" or do any advertising. We are ONLY God pleasers. God is our only "customer".

*"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve [ONLY] Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods [and totalitarian socialist governments] which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. [as SLAVES and] Serve the LORD!"*  
[[Joshua 24:14](#), Bible, NKJV]

If you read the words of Jesus in the New Testament, you will find that the only people that He ever criticized or got angry at were the Pharisees and the lawyers, and He did so precisely because they were man pleasers instead of God pleasers (see [Luke 11:37-54](#)). We don't ever want to be the object of that kind of condemnation or ridicule from our [Lord and ONLY King, Lawgiver, and Judge](#). The only "benefit" of membership is eternal salvation through faith, love and trust in God, and obedience of  [God's laws](#). According to Jesus Christ, obedience to God's laws is the essence of how we love and honor ONLY Him. See [John 14:21](#), [1 John 4:16](#), [1 John 2:3-6](#). If love for the Father and humble obedience to  [His Holy laws](#) as His steward and fiduciary isn't a worthy and satisfactory SOLE reason to join this ministry, then you are a lukewarm Christian and we vomit you out of our mouth and our Ministry and cast you into outer darkness as Jesus did in [Rev. 3:16](#), and as the host did at the parable of the marriage supper to all who were invited but either refused to come or came dressed improperly (see [Matt. 22:1-14](#)):

*"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."*  
[[Rev. 3:16](#), Bible, NKJV]

It's hypocritical to expect your public servants to obey and honor you as their Master and Sovereign if you won't do the same thing and honor God as your King, Lawgiver, and Judge. Please don't try to commercialize and denigrate us by connecting us with filthy lucre or bringing your own private agenda, commerce, and money changing inside our Ministry doors.

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you [as ministers to them and with God's pure and holy knowledge and wisdom], taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint [or compulsion], but willingly; **not for filthy lucre [money]**, but of a ready mind;*

*Neither as being lords [tyrants] over God's heritage [or His flock or people], but being [good] examples to the flock.*

*And when the chief Shepherd [God] shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."*  
[[1 Peter 5:2-4](#), Bible, KJV]

If you were of the Father and the Father was in you, you wouldn't even be asking the above question. The Bible says in [John 10:7-21](#) that the sheep in the flock that is this ministry will recognize their Father's voice if they are His. Do you recognize the voice of the Father in the doctrine and teachings of this ministry and more importantly, are you willing to obey the Father's call to [do justice](#) and love mercy and walk humbly before Him ([Micah 6:8](#)) as the main goal of your life? If not, then please go back to your [comfortable government cage](#), and waste away the rest of what we believe God will end up judging ([Rev. 20:11-15](#)) as an irresponsible and hedonistic life in [government employment](#) rearranging deck chairs on the sinking Titanic. In the meantime, we'll sit here patiently building Noah's Spiritual Ark and filling it with God's treasures of wisdom, discretion, and knowledge while we are ridiculed by nonbelievers and lukewarm Christians around us, all of whom will eventually be [drowned by their own selfishness, ignorance, and indifference](#) (OFFSITE LINK) to the evil that is eventually going to engulf and destroy all that makes life worth living and all the liberties and freedoms we hold so dear. Our prayers are with you in your own quest for truth, justice, and a small, accountable, lawful, and responsible limited government.

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## QUESTION 0.02:

**Question 0.02:** Do you have any information about successes of your users in using the educational materials offered on the SEDM website?

I don't mean to be rude, I'm just asking if there is a body of evidence that exists to demonstrate that your methods work. For example, Peter Eric Hendrickson maintains a list of refund checks from the U.S. Treasury and state treasuries on his website at <http://www.losthorizons.com> as well as a running total of all of these checks (currently \$9.92 million). The names and addresses on each check are blurred out in order to protect the identity of each person, but the amount and the unique check # and Treasury Dept. seal are on them to prove that they aren't phonies.

Before I throw in with a group of people, I like to know--so far as possible--that they aren't simply theory-crafting and that they have accomplished real world victories for the rule of law. I do not feel that it should come across as rude or uppity to request such information, just sane and rational. Let me be clear once again: I am NOT asking for any personal identifying information, just evidence that would demonstrate that some of the methods described herein have actually worked. My experience has been that many times in the Truth Movement, people have wonderful ideas based on the law, and in theory they work, but in de facto practice, the IRS or whatever agency just ignores you, the judge is corrupt, and you get slapped with a huge fine. Then, when you turn to the people who offered the advice they say "Hey, you use our information at your own risk." Seems rather unsporting to lead lambs to the slaughter.

**Answer 0.02:** We have a question for you: How do you define "success"? If your criteria includes anything commercial, then you are on the wrong website and you are violating our [Member Agreement](#). One of the main goals of this website is to learn, obey, and enforce God's law and man's law. How is it that the "success" of such a goal can be measured? We haven't figured that out yet and maybe you can help us to define what it is that we are measuring.

1. We spend all day every day looking at court cases and trying to find even one occasion where anyone in the government and especially the courts or the legal profession has discredited any argument or where any of the information on this website is proved inconsistent with what the law actually says. We have found nothing.
2. We invite any and all to review and rebut our materials in our forums, and no one has. We get over 30000 visitors a month, and many of those are attorneys, and no one has yet refuted any of our information with evidence. They may not like it, but they can't disprove it.
3. Our materials have been also reviewed by the federal courts and the Dept. of Justice during a two year tax shelter injunction suit. The government was given a copy of the entire website on DVD and asked to disclose anything that was false, fraudulent, or inconsistent with prevailing law and told that if they didn't do so within 30 days, then under Fed.R.Civ. P. 8(b)(6), they conclusively agree with it and are estopped from further challenging its accuracy. They didn't provide any evidence on the record that it was false as requested and therefore they agree under the Federal Rules. See [section 10 of our About Us](#) page for details on the unsuccessful injunction proceeding against one of our members (but not us).
4. Our members have met with the IRS and asked them to provide an itemized list of anything that is false, fraudulent, or inconsistent with

prevailing law signed under penalty of perjury and they wouldn't do it. They even offered to spend a WEEK of their own time in the IRS offices going over anything and everything the IRS thought was wrong and they wouldn't do it. Therefore, under Fed.R. Civ.P. 8(b)(6), they agree with the accuracy of our materials and are estopped from later challenging our materials.

5. Our Members have been using our materials since 2003 and never seen anything from a credible source (consistent with our [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#)) that would authoritatively contradict anything currently posted here coming from the government. We provide [forums](#) for people to post their experiences and we have never seen anything posted in the [forums](#) that would contradict any of our materials.

Since we can't and won't use a commercial criteria for success, then the above are the metrics we have come up with and they all establish that our materials are truthful, accurate, and consistent with prevailing law, which is the way we define "success" and the ONLY way that we can define success without violating our [Member Agreement](#). If you have a better way to define success that is not commercial, then please help us. We also emphasize that a thing can be ACCURATE and CONSISTENT with prevailing law WITHOUT ALSO being FACTUAL, ACTIONABLE, or ADMISSIBLE as evidence in a court of law. Everything on this site fits that category and ONLY becomes FACTUAL and ADMISSIBLE by your OWN signature and signed in the form of an affidavit or perjury statement. WITHOUT such a signature, everything on this website is NONFACTUAL and NONACTIONABLE religious beliefs and opinions that can NEVER LAWFULLY become the subject of controversy in any court of law because they are NOT "legal evidence" UNTIL they become FACTUAL and ACTIONABLE.

Now let me ask you another thing: Was Jesus "successful"? He did nothing but endlessly suffer for pursuing truth and justice, and was never identified in the Bible as prosperous. He is our role model as Christians and He had no commercial motive but just wanted people to learn and obey God's Laws. On that subject, He said:

*"He who has [understands and learns] My commandments [laws in the Bible (OFFSITE LINK)] and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."*  
*[[John 14:21](#), Bible, NKJV]*

The Bible also says that "love" is the essence of who God is (1 John 4:8, 16). If the essence of God is Love and the essence of love is obedience to God's Law, then the essence of being a Christian is learning and obeying God's laws regardless of the commercial cost, which is the main goal of this religious website. How do you measure the "success" of THAT? In that sense, we have only one "customer", who is God. We aren't here to be man pleasers and you are a man. All efforts to collect commercial success statistics just corrupt our religious ministry, connect us to filthy lucre, and force us to fornicate with a BEAST government. You are going to have to choose WHOM you will serve, God or Mammon, because Jesus said you CANNOT serve BOTH. If you serve Mammon, meaning MONEY and COMMERCE, then you don't belong here and should NOT be "using" our materials or services:

*"No servant [or religious ministry or biological person] can serve **two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon [government]."***  
*[[Luke 16:13](#), Bible, NKJV]*

We want to love you by setting you free with the Truth and by proving its the truth by ensuring that it is uncontroverted as we have done, but you cannot have a commercial motive for obtaining it and what you DO with it is entirely your choice and responsibility. Everyone who will argue against the Truth will always do so for a commercial reason to benefit themselves. When you pursue the Truth, Jesus PROMISED that you are sure to be persecuted and injured. THAT is how He defines success and in that sense, everything we do is "successful". He was, in fact, crucified some say because he was a tax protester. See Luke 23:2. [Click here for more details on this.](#)

We wish we had more feedback from our Members so that we could offer you scientific statistics on the consequences of using our materials. Before we could offer such information, we would need a good definition of "success" that no one seems to be able to define quantitatively. Consequently, there is no information we can provide to you about the probability of "success" in using our educational materials until you tell us what it means beyond what we have tried to define here.

If you have a story or anecdote you'd like to share about the use of our materials, please either submit it through our [Contact Us page](#) or post it in our [Member Forums](#)! We encourage you to get an account on [Westlaw](#) or [Versuslaw](#) and do the "due diligence" case research yourself to verify that what we are telling you is truthful rather than relying on anything that we say. Our [Member Agreement](#) says you can't rely on anything we say anyway, so why would you even ask us? The ONLY thing that you can rely on is what the law actually says, so why would you ask for an opinion that you aren't allowed to rely on anyway? This is covered in our Member Agreement and the following:

[Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#)



If you find anything wrong with what we have to offer, just point it out in [section 9.4 \(Errata Reports\) of our forums](#). We don't censor our forums and we put them there so that the quality of the information and services that we offer can be continually improved based on informed readers like yourself. If you aren't willing to help improve it with your feedback, you have no one to blame but yourself for the result because we don't listen to whiners, but those with the constructive purpose of improving what we offer. You are the only one who is responsible for your own choices and actions, and we will do nothing to help offload that responsibility to us. That would simply undermine your sovereignty, which we simply won't do. It sounds like you really aren't interested in FACTS, but INSURANCE, and [we don't offer insurance](#).

Lastly, please be advised that our [About Us](#) page says that no one at SEDM is allowed to share subjective opinions about the effectiveness of our materials and are ONLY allowed to provide scientific statistics if available. Since we don't have any such statistics, then there is absolutely nothing further we can do to answer your question without violating our member agreement.

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### **QUESTION 0.03:**

**Question 0.03:** Do you have any statistics on the "performance" or "effectiveness" of your response letters? I'd like to know more about what I'm getting.

**Answer 0.03:** Unfortunately, we are not presently equipped with the technology resources or staff to keep detailed statistics but would like to be eventually so we have a method to continually improve our offerings. "Success" is a very subjective and ambiguous term unless it is defined and you didn't define it. To know about the effectiveness of our response letters, we would need disciplined feedback from our readers. In practice, we find that most readers do not want to be burdened with providing feedback and don't want to have to digest or make sense out of the numerical statistics that would be generated from such feedback either.

We do know that if you do not respond to Federal letters then you lose on your "dishonor" under the rules of the [Uniform Commercial Code \(UCC\)](#). Dishonor occurs in two methods: 1) Silence, and 2) Arguing. For more details on the rules for commercial law, [click here](#).

We prefer to educate you about how to remain in Honor. You accomplish this by a conditional acceptance made by the response letter which in effect states that you conditionally accept the government offer to get you to admit liability and payment for such liability upon proof of claim that you are a party made liable via an Implementing Regulation published in the Federal Register and that you have your legal residence and/or principle place of business within an internal revenue district.

The government has no proof of any Implementing Regulation published in the Federal Register. The government agents have taken an Oath of Office to well and faithfully discharge the duties of their office and to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States to which American Nationals are secured parties to that very Constitution. Not a bad bargain.

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### **QUESTION 0.04:**


**Question 0.04:** Are Bivens Actions effective and worth the trouble? Why is IMF Decoding important and does your MF Decoder decode EPMF or IRAF files? If so, is it necessary that these be decoded?

**Answer 0.04:** Some answers:



1. Bivens Actions are reserved ONLY for violations of Fourth Amendment Rights against federal actors in states of the Union when undertaken in federal and not state court. Those who have not had federal agents raid their house should not undertake Bivens Actions as a remedy. A Constitutional tort action is the only appropriate remedy and no statute is needed, including the Federal Tort Claims Act, because the Bill of Rights is "self-executing" AND because federal civil law has no jurisdiction over acts created within constitutional states of the Union.
2. We can't determine how effective a [Bivens Action](#) might be in your particular case because we can't give legal advice. Litigation is always a gamble and results are unpredictable. [Click here](#) (OFFSITE LINK) if you want some government statistics on how effective they are. Get an account on <http://versuslaw.com> for \$19.95/month and search the case databases on your own to determine for yourself how effective they are. That is what we would do to answer the question for ourselves and certainly, there is nothing stopping you from doing it either.
3. Since we don't do any of this for money and want to be around over the long term to help educate you and earn your trust through our objectivity, there is no motivation for us to affect or influence your judgment to our financial benefit. Consequently, we won't make

recommendations about which option is best for you that involve any financial consequence. Therefore, you can read the detailed free [MF Decoder](http://sedm.org/ItemInfo/Programs/MFDecoder/MFDecoder.htm) manual at <http://sedm.org/ItemInfo/Programs/MFDecoder/MFDecoder.htm>. If you don't think the program or the documentation make sense or that you could not run it yourself, then you have answered your own question. If not, go ahead and flip a coin or ask a more knowledgeable friend.

4. As far as decoding, absolutely everything we know about decoding and the decoding process is thoroughly explained at:  
<http://sedm.org/ItemInfo/Services/IMFDecoding/IMFDecoding.htm>  
<http://sedm.org/ItemInfo/Programs/MFDecoder/MFDecoder.htm>  
<http://sedm.org/LibertyU/IMFDecoding.pdf>

There is nothing we can add to the description there or the free manual that is available on the [MF Decoder](#) page, which are very thorough. You will have to make your own determination about whether the service might help you, because we can't give legal advice and we don't want to either advertise or promote anything. We are simply here to help those who can make their own informed decisions as "nontaxpayers" about what they need, and those decisions must be based entirely upon our  [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#) memorandum of law and nothing else, and ESPECIALLY not anything we might say.

5. Neither the [MF Decoder Software](#) nor the Full Service decoding examine IRAF files. You are on your own with those.


Once again, our  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) say very explicitly we can't give legal advice or make any kind of promises or assurances about anything offered on this website. False promises are the basis for how the government slanders and shuts down those it targets for illegal persecution, because allegations of false promises are used to accuse individuals of "[false commercial speech](#)" that hurts people. We can therefore have no part in answering such a question. The most we can say is that we have done our best to ensure that everything we offer is completely consistent with the latest versions of the [Internal Revenue Code](#), the [Treasury Regulations](#), the [Internal Revenue Manual](#), and other [IRS publications](#). It is for you as an informed consumer to decide whether we have been effective at that mission, and it would be a conflict of interest for us to influence you in one direction or another. Our tools and offerings are only as accurate as the government's propaganda...Oops, I mean code (not "law", but "code") and publications . Caveat emptor.


*"If a nation [or a people] expects to be ignorant [or dependent on anyone] and free... it expects what never was and never will be."  
[Thomas Jefferson]*

If our materials are inconsistent with reality or prevailing law, it is only because the government:

1. Refuses to accept responsibility for the accuracy of their publications, phone support, or statements. Why then do you want us to take more responsibility for our statements than the government does for theirs? Read the amazing truth of this matter for yourself:

<https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Taxes/Articles/IRSNotResponsible.htm> (OFFSITE LINK)

2. Refuses to accept our repeated invitations to contact us informally and administratively to help us correct the information we offer, in violation of their [Internal Revenue Manual section 1.1.1.1](#), which says their mission is to: "Provide America's [taxpayers](#) top quality service by helping them understand and meet their tax responsibilities and by applying the tax law with integrity and fairness to all." The "fairness to all" part of that mission statement implies that they owe an [equal](#) duty to those who are not "[taxpayers](#)", such as us, and that duty has been maliciously neglected to date by them. Equal protection of the laws under the [Fourteenth Amendment Section 1](#) demands that they provide an equal degree of help to "[nontaxpayers](#)" in defending their status as "[nontaxpayers](#)" and explaining to them why the IRC does NOT apply to them.
3. Refuses to make available the necessary publications and internal policy documents which might allow us to correct any errors, after repeated good faith attempts by us and several others to obtain the information. In fact, they have systematically withheld, hid, and obfuscated the information necessary to improve our tools and publications in an attempt to interfere with the process of determining the validity of the false and illegal assessments they have been making on  [nontaxpayers](#). That is called "obstruction of justice" and "extortion" and hypocrisy in our book. It also violates the [Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. Chapter 41, Subchapter V](#), which requires that all parties subject to federal jurisdiction MUST be able and willing within 30 days to provide all information necessary to determine the validity of any imputed debt, whether a tax debt or not.

You are the sovereign and you and only you can determine what is right for you based on your own reading of the extensive information available in the legal resources referenced on both this website and the [Family Guardian website](#). You must base your decision about what is best on what the government says constitutes a  [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#) and consistent with our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). If these sources of information and belief aren't enough, then the problem isn't a deficiency of information, but rather a crisis of confidence in yourself and your ability to [govern your own life](#) and make your own decisions. No amount of marketing on our part can compensate for a crisis of confidence on

your part. The government likes and actually helps "manufacture" people who feel inadequate to make their own decisions, because they make good sheep and targets for exploitation and extortion. They do this in the public fool, I mean "school", system. Spread your wings and learn to fly or forever be chained to the federal plantation ([Babylon the Great Harlot](#)). America will be the land of the free when it is the land of the brave, and bravery has to start with you. Please read this page and our "[About Us](#)" pages if you have any doubts about these issues. Good luck and God bless in your own sovereign quest for Truth and justice.

*"The hand of the diligent [and responsible and studious] will rule,  
But the lazy [or irresponsible] man will be put to forced labor [government slavery!]."*  
*[Prov. 12:24, Bible, NKJV]*

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## **QUESTION 0.05:**

**Question 0.05:** I belong to The Church of The Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith and we don't believe in fellowshiping, with any other religious organization. Our belief is based on the Bible. I've noticed the only way one can obtain information from the Ministry, is by becoming a Member. I ask is there any other way I can obtain your information? I have been reading various forms of information from the [Family Guardian website](#). My ultimate goal is to become sovereign.

**Answer 0.05:** Thank you for that insightful and important question. We don't seek to force anyone to do anything. This is a voluntary religious association of people who do nothing but share beliefs and opinions, not facts. All you have to be in order to become a Member is believe in God, put Him first, and obey the other technical requirements of the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). This is also covered in [section 9 of our About Us Page](#). We can't and won't force you to fellowship or speak or associate with other Members if you don't want to. You are free to redefine the spiritual aspects of the Member Agreement, Form #01.001, to replace the word "fellowship" or "Member" with whatever else you want and to describe your religious beliefs however you choose, as long as you otherwise meet all other aspects of the agreement and indeed believe in God. We can't and won't waive any of the other terms of the agreement, however, because it is very carefully designed to avoid anything that would bring reproach upon the Lord or cause anyone to engage in any unlawful or injurious behaviors. Send us your modified version of the agreement signed and highlight what you changed, and we will examine it and notify you whether we can accept it. Please send both the signed acrobat version and also it in editable Microsoft Word format. Before you make the changes, make sure you turn the Microsoft Word "Track Changes" mode on so that we can see what you changed or modified.

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## **QUESTION 0.06:**

**Question 0.06:** I don't meet all of the requirements for membership identified in the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). Can you make an exception for me in allowing me to use your materials?

**Answer 0.06:** We can't and won't willingly make exceptions for ANYONE. Period. You must meet ALL of the requirements for membership identified in the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) BEFORE you "use" our materials or services, meaning send them into to any member of the legal profession or the government. This requirement is also true even if you promise to meet the requirements in the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) but in fact haven't yet. To do otherwise would be to needlessly clog up the IRS and interfere with the lawful and constitutional administration of the Internal Revenue Code, which we don't ever want to be accused of doing. Anyone can be a member of our ministry, but the only people we can allow to "use" our materials are those who:

1. Not only believe they are "nontaxpayers", but who in fact ACT like "nontaxpayers"
2. Are in fact and in deed people the IRS simply isn't lawfully allowed to "service", and . . .
3. Are not subject to the jurisdiction of any federal district or circuit court.

We are not a customer-driven organization or a business, but a spiritual, religious, and educational ministry. We exist ONLY to love and serve God and teach people how to honor Him by studying and obeying His law and by loving and not hurting their neighbor in fulfillment of the two Great Commandments found in [Matt. 22:36-40](#) in the Bible. Please don't try to bring reproach upon this ministry or the Lord we exist to serve, obey, and glorify by connecting us with commercial motives or harmful or illegal activities.

We also emphasize the content of this section on the opening page of our website by providing a link at the bottom of the page entitled "[Important Note](#)".

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## QUESTION 0.07:

**Question 0.07:** Your [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) is only signed by the Member and not the Ministry. Doesn't this mean it is not enforceable in court?

**Answer 0.07:** Thanks for that very insightful question. The answer is a resounding NO. There are many legally enforceable obligations that are only signed by one party. Let's list a few examples:

1. Tax returns. Judges treat the obligations created by this effectively unilateral contract as a solemn obligation that people can't get out of. That is why it is signed under penalty of perjury.
2. Trust deeds on property. The reason they aren't signed by multiple parties is because they are frequently sold on the open market and would be unmarketable if they were.
3. Debt securities or notes. Debt securities are supposed to be signed by the borrower AND the lender. Look at the Federal Reserve Notes in your pocket. There are two signatures on the notes but both parties work for the U.S. government, who is the borrower. The lender, which is the Federal Reserve, doesn't sign. Therefore, FRNs are debt securities signed by only one party: The U.S. Government.

If the government wants to attack this as a defect in our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), then they are also going to have to destroy the very mechanism that allows them to assess and collect revenues under [Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code](#). Our memorandum of law entitled  [Requirement for Consent, Form #05.003](#) proves that [Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code](#) behaves as "private law" or "special law" that only applies to parties who make themselves individually subject by individual consent. In effect, it behaves as a quasi-contractual obligation incident to federal public office and requires a signature of some kind on the part of a person in order to make them into a "taxpayer". That signature must appear on any one of several different types of private contracts, including the SS-5, W-4, or 1040 federal return. If a party has never signed any of these "contracts", then they cannot be a "taxpayer" under [Subtitle A of the I.R.C.](#) Therefore, they are "nontaxpayers" not liable.

Some contracts also behave as "adhesion contracts", where involving oneself in a particular activity makes them subject to an agreement of some kind, even though written consent was never provided. These kinds of contracts trigger based on an activity, rather than explicit informed consent. For instance, criminal or penal laws act this way: If you commit a crime, you become subject to a certain provision of the criminal code. If you never committed the crime, you can't be subject. Another example is engaging in foreign commerce under [Subtitle D of the Internal Revenue Code](#). In the case of this Ministry, viewing, using, or downloading our copyrighted and licensed materials or communicating with us in any form causes the User to become automatically subject to the terms of the [SEDM Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), even if they have not explicitly signed it. You will note that the term "User" has a different meaning in the [Disclaimer](#) statement than other words on this website, and it is explicitly defined to mean anyone who views, reads, downloads, or uses any of the materials or services available on this website or communicates with any of the users.

Based on the foregoing analysis, if the government or any Member invalidates the enforceability of our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), then it would also have to declare that:

1. Federal Reserve Notes were unlawfully issued and unusable.
2. Tax returns create no obligation in law.
3. All trust deeds on real property are invalid and no one really owns real property. The whole real estate industry is just one big fraud.
4. Social Security participation is not lawful. The SS-5 application only has one signature.

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## QUESTION 0.08:

**Question 0.08:** I am having trouble faxing you the [Membership Application](#). May I email it to you instead?

**Answer 0.08:** Yes you may. Acrobat PDF format is preferred because these files are usually smaller. If you scan and send as image files, the attachments may be too large to go through the email. Generally, attachments bigger than about two megabytes will bounce.






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## QUESTION 0.09:

**Question 0.09:** Why do people have to consent to such a long [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) in order to "USE" your materials or services to dispute a tax liability? This seems kind of restrictive?

**Answer 0.09:** ANYONE may obtain and read our materials or services and by doing so they unconditionally consent to our [Member Agreement](#). This requirement excludes our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) in order to allow people to consider and ask questions about our Member Agreement BEFORE becoming a Member. However, if they wish to "USE" our tax information or services, meaning USE them to interact with any third party in the legal or tax profession or the government in disputing a tax liability, they must ALSO be in full compliance with our [Member Agreement](#). We do this for several reasons. Below are a few:

1. We want to prevent our materials from being abused or misused and thereby bringing reproach upon us, the God we serve, and the freedom community in general. The [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) section 1 is VERY specific about who can and who can't obtain our materials, to prevent them from getting in the hands of those who might abuse them.
2. We want to prevent the materials from being used for an unlawful purpose. The audience authorized to use (e.g. send in to the government or courts) the materials excludes "[taxpayers](#)" and all those who have not done all the things necessary to become "[nontaxpayers](#)". A "[taxpayer](#)" who uses our materials is violating the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) because he might try to abuse them to interfere with the lawful enforcement of the Internal Revenue Code in violation of  [18 U.S.C. §371](#) and  [26 U.S.C. §7212](#). We as a ministry are  [nonresidents](#) not subject to these statutes and not engaged in  [commercial activity or speech](#), but we don't want to target or associate with those who might be, because this might result in a surrender of our sovereign immunity under [28 U.S.C. §1605\(a\)\(2\)](#) and needlessly subject us to corrupted federal jurisdiction.
3. We want to require all those who read our materials to take complete, personal, and exclusive responsibility for all their actions and prevent them from blaming us for the consequences of any of their decisions or actions. Personal responsibility is a prerequisite for being sovereign. Those who haven't done all the study and research necessary to apply our materials properly or consistent with prevailing law will be more careful and scrupulous if they know that they must accept all the responsibility for the consequences.
4. We want to prevent those who benefit financially from perpetuating the theft, violation of law, and plunder facilitated by the present de facto system from suing or otherwise persecuting us. The fact of the matter is that there are many who benefit financially from maintaining the present de facto government and tax system that we have and who want to prevent any changes that might undermine their livelihood. This includes lawyers, tax preparers, CPA's, the government, etc. Many of these professions would like to prevent the information available here from getting into your hands so that Americans don't have a chance to learn of their misdeeds, fraud, and violations of law. Abusing legal process against us for any number of reasons are often the only way they have to inflict punishment. Such legal terrorism amounts essentially to anti-whistle blowing activity.
5. We want to discourage the following types of people from joining, who are both high maintenance and nothing but trouble:
  - 5.1 Schemers with a pyramid sales deal disguised as network market.
  - 5.2 People who are a fry shy of a happy meal ("nut cases").
  - 5.3 Have an ego bigger than Bush, Clinton, Rumsfeld combined.
  - 5.4 Have attitude issues....some just mean.
  - 5.5 Those who would rather be lazy and  [presumptuous](#) than do their own homework.
  - 5.6 Have "Hi...I'm a target painted on their face." [aka do really stupid things]
  - 5.7 Want others to do ALL the work for them, including holding the government accountable to the requirements of law.
  - 5.8 Will absolutely chastise government in speech...yet still believe government wizards in courtrooms when the chips are down.
  - 5.9 Confuse winning or losing with merit of an argument.
  - 5.10 Cannot understand ORGANIC, independent thought....the answer they feel is always ANYWHERE but within themselves. These people are sheep and don't even realize it.
  - 5.11 Want someone to LEAD them and feel naked without a leader.


Consequently, the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) prevents and deters any of the unlawful or undesirable consequences above from happening. The agreement may look way longer or way more complicated than it needs to be, but practical experience and extensive legal research has taught us that there are many modes the government and legal profession uses to attack and persecute people like us for exercising our [First Amendment](#) right to inform others about their fraud and violations of law, and we want to be ready for them. As long as you simply read our materials, take full responsibility for your own choices and actions and don't try to blame us for them, do not ask us for advice, and don't become a mole, witness, or snitch or "kype" against us, there is nothing to fear from consenting to the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). We're only trying to protect our First Amendment rights because this is a non-profit law enforcement and educational ministry, not a business. We're not like the government: We don't seek to control people or coerce them to do anything.

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## QUESTION 0.10:






**Question 0.10:** How would one be able to benefit as a Non-Resident Non-Person? Am I denying that I was born in the U.S.?

**Answer 0.10:** By claiming yourself as a "[non-resident non-person](#)", you are recognizing the [separation of powers](#) (OFFSITE LINK) put there by the founding fathers for the protection of your PRIVATE liberties and rights. That [separation of powers](#) (OFFSITE LINK) makes  [federal legislative jurisdiction](#) "foreign" for nearly all subject matters and implies differences in meaning of the term "[United States](#)" between the Constitution and the federal statutes that implement it. The word "alien" in the statutory term "nonresident alien" in the context of humans refers to a foreign [NATIONALITY](#). The "[U.S.](#)" as defined in federal statutes is not the GEOGRAPHICAL "[U.S.](#)" (OFFSITE LINK) that includes states of the Union indicated in the Constitution. You need to read the following to appreciate these differences in meaning and the implications upon your citizenship and domicile:

[Why you are a "national" or a "state national" and not a statutory "U.S. citizen", Form #05.006](#)  
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>

As far as the consequences of being a "non-resident non-person", read our free materials below:

1.  [Federal and State Income Taxation of Individuals Course, Form #12.003](#): High level summary of income taxation and what the law says about the liability of non-resident non-persons.
2.  [Non-Resident Non-Person Position", Form #05.020](#): Detailed memorandum of law documenting all the obligations of being a non-resident non-persons.

Please study the above references and rebut the questions at the end of the pamphlets. If you want to study citizenship further, read [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#) (OFFSITE LINK) sections 4.11 and following for detailed analysis. We can't do the home work for you. Only you can do it and reach your own conclusions. You must be persuaded by law, facts and evidence, and not anything we tell you or write. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) says that the only basis for reasonable belief about income tax liability is documented in the pamphlet  [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#). Read and study it for yourself. Sovereignty begins with education, and you need to get educated before you attempt to step forward and take on a corrupted and unlawfully administered system. That education will take faith, effort, and discipline. Your questions reveal that you need more education, which is available for free in our [Liberty University](#).

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## **QUESTION 0.11:**

**Question 0.11:** I'm confused about contradictions with your approach to obtaining or using your materials. I am glad that I have found your ministry on the web and I have even made a donation and downloaded [Sovereign Christian Marriage, Form #06.009](#) and [SSN Policy Manual, Form #06.013](#). Though I have read the first and enjoyed it, there is something I do not understand and need clarification from you. At the beginning of [Sovereign Christian Marriage, Form #06.009](#), there is an Important Notes page. The first warning on this page goes along the line "only the intended audience may use this material" the content goes on to say that if you received this [bookstore only item] from basically anyone, you are a thief and a criminal unless you agree to the [SEDM Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). So I clicked on the link and read the agreement. It says that in order for you to be a member you have to be sovereign, reject all earthly government and only adhere to the heavenly Father's government before all others. Then in section 1.3 it says a member needs to share their new light. So how can some one share their light of the SEDM ministry with some one who does not know that the Gods government comes before man? Or with people who don't know about sovereignty? Your book is very articulate, much more than I have yet to be. So when I try to explain this concept to people who have never understood it, let's just say I have a hard time and would like to lend them the book so that your understanding goes directly to them and won't get garbled through me. It seems to me that if Jesus took the same approach that you are taking, He would only be preaching to the angels. So please help me understand:

1. How I can share your knowledge with others?
2. How I can I use your knowledge even if I don't agree with all your requirements of membership ( If not convicted of a truth I have no business following it)
3. If I don't fit your membership requirements, how can I legally own a copy of your material?
4. The apparent contradiction in your message. Your message appears to be contradictory, "here's the truth but only if you already believe it can you share or even have a copy" is that the case?


Thank you for receiving my email, please answer my email as I'm only looking for understanding of your ministry.

**Answer 0.11:** Thank you for your insightful question and this opportunity to clarify our intentions. Some answers:

1. The Bible makes it abundantly clear, including in the first four commandments, that God ALWAYS goes before government and that not


observing this rule constitutes idolatry, which is the worst sin documented in the Bible. People who don't understand this basic spiritual concept of idolatry are lukewarm Christians, and Jesus spits these people out of His mouth. [Rev. 3:16](#), [Matt. 22:1-14](#). The process of getting people to the point where they at least believe in God and are reading the Holy Bible regularly and are not making government into a pagan idol is an evangelical work that is beyond the direct mission of this ministry. We address people usually AFTER they have reached this point. What the [501\(c\)\(3\) churches](#) do often satisfies this mission or goal of getting people past the point of achieving faith and salvation and basic biblical knowledge and it is pointless to reinvent the wheel. Our materials do, however, have an indirect affect of getting people to this point, because we apply God's word to show that they are sinning, need to repent, and are being punished because of their violation of [God's laws](#). That may be why the Apostle Paul and Jesus both referred to the law as the "schoolmaster": It teaches us how to love our God and our neighbor. See [John 9:35-41](#); [John 18:15-25](#). We prefer to complement, not replace, what evangelical churches do presently in America, and to focus on help in areas that they aren't involved in but should be involved in. These areas include biblical law, legal education, ecclesiastical courts, self-government, and specific procedures for separating oneself from the government so that we can fulfill the biblical mandate to serve ONLY God and not any government.

*"Away with you , Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him **ONLY** [NOT the government!] you shall serve.'"*  
*[Jesus in [Matt. 4:10](#), Bible, NKJV]*

2. You don't have to agree with any of our free materials to read or share them. You can share any of the FREE knowledge on the website with anyone you wish as long as you don't change the copyright or owner information or charge for it. You don't need to be a member to read the free information, but you must be a member to USE it in governing your life and enforcing your rights against the government administratively, legally, or in a court of law. This is done to ensure that you do not abuse our materials to violate any law, injure the government, or bring reproach upon yourself, us, Christianity, or the God that we serve. By "USE" our materials, we mean employing them for any of the following specific purposes:
  - 2.1 Attach to correspondence sent to any third party, and especially the government or the legal profession or a business.
  - 2.2 Attach to legal pleadings sent to any government, court, or the legal profession.
  - 2.3 Attach or incorporate within any tax return or tax collection correspondence sent to the federal or state taxing authorities.
  - 2.4 Incorporate our materials by reference or provide a hyperlink to our website in correspondence or legal pleadings sent to any government, legal profession, or business .
  - 2.5 Mention anything or anyone connected with our ministry website or any member of our ministry as an authority or a basis for your beliefs about your responsibilities under the law.
3. The distribution of the [Ministry Bookstore](#) and [Member Subscription](#) items is limited to [Members](#) only who individually obtained them, however, because most if not all of these materials at one point or another have the possibility of being used in interacting with government and the legal profession in defense of one's rights.
  - 3.1 We sustain our operations through the Ministry Bookstore and Member Subscription items and you will DESTROY and DISCREDIT our ministry if you give them away for free or in violation of the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) or you allow them to get in the hands of uninformed or dis-informed or  [presumptuous](#) people who intend to abuse our materials to discredit or injure themselves, Christianity, the Lord, and/or us.
  - 3.2 If you want to share Ministry Bookstore or Member Subscription items with others, make a suggested donation to obtain another copy on behalf of that person and then give it to them as a gift. When you obtain our materials through the bookstore on behalf of those who are not members, you must therefore ensure that they are warned that they cannot USE these materials to interact with the government or legal profession unless and until they become [Members](#) and that they are only for reading and entertainment UNLESS and UNTIL they meet all the requirements for being a [Member](#).

The bookstore checkout process enforces the mandatory requirement to consent to the Member Agreement, Form #01.001 and therefore it is impossible to obtain our bookstore items without consenting to become a Member. If after obtaining and reading materials from our bookstore you decide you don't agree with the requirements of membership, you will become a Member in Bad Standing. Members in Bad Standing cannot use any of our materials in correspondence with the government, legal profession, courts, or anyone else, but may only read the materials. You must be a Member in Good Standing in order to USE our materials for any tax years in which you use them.

4. Only if you already believe in God and have no disagreement with the the vast collection of free materials on our website other than the bookstore items can you become a [Member](#). There is plenty of free information to make the decision about whether our teachings are consistent with both God's Law and man's law, and that decision is one that only you can intelligently make. We won't make it for you because you are the sovereign. If you decide that there is some aspect of our teachings that are inconsistent with either man's law or God's law, we simply ask that you provide court admissible evidence demonstrating the same so that we can promptly fix it and remove your objections. In practice, we have met very few people who can meet the burden of proving that anything on this website is inconsistent with the law because few people have researched the subject areas we cover as thoroughly or diligently as we have.
5. Tax related membership requirements within the [SEDM Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) pertain to use of our tax materials only. If you never obtain or use materials that relate to taxes, satisfaction of the tax related requirements is irrelevant and unnecessary. The main purpose for this requirement is to ensure that the tax materials are not abused to illegally interfere with the legitimate operations of

the government. Abusing our materials to violate either [man's laws](#) or  [God's laws](#) would bring reproach upon Christianity and the Lord that we exist to serve and honor.

Jesus said He did not come to call the righteous, but the sinners, to repentance. [Matt. 9:13](#); [Mark 2:17](#). We don't just preach to the righteous or angels or to the saved or to Members, but to EVERYONE who will hear.


*"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*  
[\[Matt. 11:15, Matt. 13:9, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

However, for those who become ministers to others and who are using our materials to help others, teaching it, or using it to directly interact with the government or the legal profession, these people raise to the level of teachers and disciples not of us, but of the Truth. Teachers, ministers, and disciples are called to a *much higher* Biblical standard of knowledge and accountability and must then become [Members](#). Unto he who much is given, much is expected. [Luke 12:48](#). The Bible reiterates this same requirement of those who would become preachers and teachers and ministers, even to themselves, when it said:

*"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."*  
[\[James 3:1, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

*"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."*  
[\[1 Cor. 4:1-2, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

**"We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."**  
[\[2 Cor. 6:3-10, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

Our message is not contradictory. We want **everyone** to read and learn with all of our free materials. However, if they get past the reading and learning phase and decide to actually start **using** our materials, most of which come from the bookstore, to interact administratively and legally with the government, legal profession, banks, and employers, we INSIST that they **must first** become members and comply scrupulously with the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) so that they do not injure or dishonor anyone, including themselves, the Lord, or this ministry. In that respect, they are fulfilling the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbor by not injuring or bringing reproach upon their neighbor or God. [Matt. 22:36-40](#) The legal profession imposes a similar criteria for  **licensing** of attorneys who "practice law", where all attorneys must be of "good moral character". This requirement is for the protection of everyone, including foreign governments such as the "United States" corporation. We can't demonstrate mature Christian love and be a good example if we condone things that we know will hurt others or violate the law, or if we permit others to blame us for the consequences of their own decisions and actions. The Member Agreement, Form #01.001 requires that those who **use** our materials [to interact with the government or the legal profession] may not use them to violate any law and agree to accept exclusive responsibility for all their actions and choices. You may not be knowledgeable enough at this point to appreciate how all the constraints imposed by the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) will accomplish the protection sought, but if you are diligent and study to make yourself approved of God ([2 Tim. 2:15](#)) by continually growing your spirituality and knowledge level, you will eventually appreciate everything that is in that agreement for your protection.

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## QUESTION 0.12:

**Question 0.12:** Is there someone in my area who I could talk to or ask questions about a specific document or process on your website?

**Answer 0.12:** Our members value their privacy highly. We and our members are forbidden by our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) from giving out personal information of our members or sharing subjective opinions or promises about the effectiveness any of our materials. If you want to get in contact with members, the best place to do it is in our [Member Forums, forum #3.7: Members Seeking Members](#). In order to post to these forums or read the content, you must join the forums and thereby consent to our [Member Agreement](#), but membership is and always has been absolutely free.

Our forums have a facility to search for members within a specific geographic area. Click on the "Members" tab at the top, and then click in the upper right corner on the "More Search Options" button. Then fill in the profile fields for the geographic area you are interested in. Here is the direct link, but it will not work until you join the forums and login:

<https://sedm.org/participate/members/>

If you need educational assistance from us rather than other members, you should consider joining our [Member Subscriptions](#) offering, which entitles you to get personal help. Before seeking help from us or getting questions answered, please exercise your mandatory due diligence as required by [Guide to Asking Questions, Form #09.017, Section 2](#).

Lastly, the main goal of this website is to read, learn, and obey God's and Man's law and to preserve as much freedom and sovereignty in the process as we can. We do not have statistics on the success of our methods nor do we offer a social network to help you to implement what is on this website other than our [Member Forums](#), which would seem to be the motivation behind this sort of question.

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## **QUESTION 0.13:**

**Question 0.13:** I need winning court cases as authorities that prove your materials will work. Can you provide this?

**Answer 0.13:** One of the goals of this website is to PREVENT the need to litigate by [filling your administrative record with such damning evidence](#), that no one in their right mind would criminally prosecute a Member for a tax crime or take you on civilly. You won't find cases for such a circumstance. But we do publish an extensive collection of caselaw documenting the accuracy of everything we teach on this website. See:


[Sovereignty and Freedom Points and Authorities, Litigation Tool #10.018](#)

Furthermore, we remind you that we aren't a business, we don't "market" our materials, and we are prohibited by our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) from making promises about the effectiveness of our materials. We don't have statistics to offer you and even if we did, some malicious and malingering public dis-servant would argue that they are wrong, that they relied on them, and then shut us down for false advertising. It is a hazard to our wellbeing to offer the information you seek and all you are proving by your question is that you care more about personal benefit and commerce than you care about making sure that the truth continues to be available to the masses. It is precisely this kind of greed, envy, and selfishness that created all the corruption in our tax, government, and legal systems that is so extensively documented on this website in the first place and we certainly don't need more of the same.

*"Buy the truth, and **sell it not**; [also] wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.."*  
[\[Proverbs 23:23, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

The goal of this ministry isn't to "win" or personally benefit, but to learn and follow the law and thereby fulfill the second of the two great commandments to love and protect our neighbor found in Gal. 5:14, Romans 13:9, and Mark 12:31. All you prove by your question is that you have a purely commercial or personal motive and we discourage those with such selfish motives from becoming members. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) prohibits use of our materials for commercial purposes or anything other than legal, moral, or spiritual reasons. The goal is to love our neighbor by learning and following the law. Often, this approach is more inconvenient and costly than simply doing what "everyone else does" or what simply "feels good". If Jesus simply did "what everyone else does", or "what feels good", we wouldn't be reading and eagerly learning about Him still today.

We avoid these sort of questions because we don't do this for money and we aren't here to "promote" or "promise" or "market" anything commercial. We are GOD pleasers, not MAN pleasers. You are a man/woman. That singular attitude and motive is behind every legitimate, real religious enterprise, including ours. If you find cases in which parties have litigated using our materials, we would be happy to repost them here as they are found. The only cases we know of right now are the cases described in the following links. By providing these links, we don't mean to indicate that it is a "win", but simply an example. Whether they are a "win" or "successful" is very subjective. Even if you gave us your criteria for what "winning" means, we couldn't apply it because our Member Agreement, Form #01.001 prohibits us from making legal determinations. In these cases, the arguments used on this website were never directly rebutted, but the "taxpayer" judge who had a conflict of interest in criminal violation of [18 U.S.C. §208](#) did what he wanted anyway because he loved YOUR MONEY more than he loved truth or [justice \(Form #05.040\)](#):



1. [C. Hansen](#)
  - 1.1 [Federal District Court Rules on Hansen Injunction](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
  - 1.2 [Case History of C. Hansen](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
2.  [Actor Wesley Snipes](#) (OFFSITE LINK): When he was tried in 2008 on conspiracy to defraud the United States and failure to file, he sent in a tax return that contained materials on this website. He was acquitted of the conspiracy charges based on the information in his tax return. Case No. 5:06-cr-22(S1) in the Southern District of Florida. Get an account on [PACER](#) and read the court docket yourself

online if you want to know how this case was handled.

For additional litigation anecdotes, see the following forums. Very few of the cases mentioned in those forums directly deal with materials on this website, but the forum is useful nevertheless:

[Family Guardian Forums-> Events -> Courts, Litigation, and Prosecutions](#) (OFFSITE LINK)

Lastly, we also wish to emphasize that in the many years our Members have spent researching the many subjects covered on our website and the thousands of cases and statutes we have read verifying our information, we have NEVER:

1. Seen a court rebut any of the information we post here with anything other than simply an  [inadmissible presumption or political opinion](#) unsupported by legally admissible evidence of any kind.
2. Seen any enacted positive law that contradicts anything on our website, and enacted positive law is the only thing that our Members are allowed to rely on as a basis for  [reasonable belief](#).
3. Been contacted by or been able to find any representative from the government and especially from the IRS who was willing to meet with us to present legally admissible evidence signed under penalty of perjury that contradicted anything on this website. This, in spite of the fact that we have asked every government representative, and especially IRS representative, to meet with us and discuss anything they think is wrong and to produce legally admissible evidence to support their belief that it is wrong.

The reason for the above is that you can't argue with the truth without making an IDIOT and a FOOL out of yourself. There will be many people who will not LIKE the truth and will criticize the messenger who brings the truth just as they persecuted Jesus, but NO ONE can argue with the truth without removing all doubt that they are a FOOL.

*"It is better to remain quiet and to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."*

The great thing about the truth is that it is the ONLY thing that is completely consistent with itself and completely consistent with every aspect of reality. The minute ignorant people with an agenda step forward to argue with the truths on our website is the minute they start contradicting themselves and thereby tacitly admit that they are LYING or JUST PLAIN IGNORANT. This is because some aspect of what they say will always be inconsistent with either the facts or something else they say and it is usually easy to spot these things after studying the truth for so long.

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### **QUESTION 0.14:**

**Question 0.14:** I have a job with the state or federal government. Can I still be a member or do I need to quit? I read through the membership agreement and can agree to everything required. However, I have a dilemma: I was recently hired by \_\_\_\_\_, where I am employed as an \_\_\_\_\_. Should I resign from \_\_\_\_\_ in order to become a member? If I resign from \_\_\_\_\_ I would be unemployed and prospects for employment in the private sector are not good in this economy.

I read the definitions of "employee" and I am not an elected official or officer. After reading through the definitions and statutes several times I think I can reasonably conclude that I could be employed by the government but not be a statutory "employee" of the government.

I think more study might be required. I am confused and am writing to ask you if you can point me in the right direction so I may better understand how to resolve this dilemma?

**Answer 0.14:** All "[taxpayers](#)" are public officers within the Internal Revenue Code. See:

1.  [The "Trade or Business" Scam, Form #05.001](#)
2.  [Why Your Government is Either a Thief or You are a "Public Officer" for Income Tax Purposes, Form #05.008](#)
3.  [Who are "Taxpayers" and Who Needs a "Taxpayer Identification Number"? Form #05.013](#)
4.  [Why Statutory Civil Law is Law for Government and Not Private Persons, Form #05.037](#)

The "[employee](#)" who is the subject of [Subtitle C of the I.R.C.](#) MUST therefore be engaged in a public office in the government or he/she cannot lawfully have information returns filed against them. Anyone who files information returns against those not already lawfully occupying a public office is impersonating a public officer in criminal violation of [18 U.S.C. §912](#). This is because the only authority for filing information returns at [26 U.S.C. §6041\(a\)](#) requires that only those engaged in a "[trade or business](#)", which is






then defined as "the functions of a public office" in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(26\)](#), can be a proper or lawful subject of information returns such as forms 1042-S, 1098, 1099, W-2, etc. We can't see any way that a "[person](#)" (who by the way is also a public officer) could lawfully exercise "the functions of a public office" WITHOUT also being in fact and in deed a "public officer" of the U.S. government. To conclude otherwise would be to sanction the crime of impersonating a public officer found in [18 U.S.C. §912](#).

This same "[employee](#)" is also defined in [5 U.S.C. §2105\(a\)](#) to EXCLUDE common workers or those OTHER than public officers. Therefore, pursuant to Title 5 of the U.S. code and the definition of "[employee](#)" found at [26 U.S.C. §3401\(c\)](#) and 26 C.F.R. §31.3401(c)-1, ordinary workers cannot be "[taxpayers](#)" and it would be a crime in violation of [18 U.S.C. §912](#) to "elect" oneself into a public office using IRS form W-4 or any other tax form for that matter. We have not yet found any provision of the I.R.C. that authorizes any tax form to be used to CREATE a new public office. The only thing the I.R.C. can therefore lawfully do is regulate the conduct of those **ALREADY lawfully occupying** said offices in the only place they are authorized to be exercised, which is the District of Columbia pursuant to [4 U.S.C. §72](#). This is also covered in the following article:


 [Secretary's Authority in the Several States Pursuant to 4 U.S.C. 72](#) (OFFSITE LINK)

To make a long story short, we therefore conclude the following:

1. Ordinary government workers are not "public officers". Neither they nor any third party filing information returns can unilaterally elect themselves into a public office using any tax form.
2. The only place public officers can lawfully serve is in the District of Columbia all other places expressly designated by Congress pursuant to [4 U.S.C. §72](#). This is why:
  - 2.1 The term "United States" is defined to include the District of Columbia in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(9\)](#) and (a)(10).
  - 2.2 The I.R.C moves all "citizens" and "residents" to the District of Columbia if they are not situated on federal territory. See [26 U.S.C. §7408\(d\)](#) and [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(39\)](#).
  - 2.3 The "citizen" or "resident" referred to as the "taxpayer" in the I.R.C. relates to the public office and not the human being filling the office. The public office is domiciled in the District of Columbia pursuant to [Fed.R.Civ.P. 17\(b\)](#) but not necessarily the human being filling the office. See Section 9 of the following:
 

 [Citizenship, Domicile, and Tax Status Options, Form #10.003](#)
3. It constitutes election fraud to use a tax form to "elect" a person into a public office without their consent and especially without their knowledge.
4. It constitutes bribery to procure a public office in violation of [18 U.S.C. §210](#) and bribery pursuant to [18 U.S.C. §201](#) for a "withholding agent", who is also a "public officer" pursuant to [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(16\)](#), to withhold monies on those not otherwise lawfully engaged in a "public office".
5. The IRS is unlawfully abusing TINs and SSNs as de facto licenses to engage in "public offices" within states of the Union, which the Supreme Court has held that they CANNOT do. In most cases, in fact, these "licenses" were  [illegally obtained](#) because obtained by those not actually domiciled and physically present on federal territory at the time of application. There is no definition of "State" within the Social Security Act that includes any state of the Union and therefore they are purposefully excluded and cannot lawfully be added by judicial fiat because this violates the  [separation of powers doctrine](#):

*"Thus, Congress having power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes, may, without doubt, provide for **granting** coasting **licenses**, licenses to pilots, licenses to trade with the Indians, and any other **licenses** necessary or proper for the exercise of that great and extensive power; and the same observation is applicable to every other power of Congress, to the exercise of which the granting of licenses may be incident. All such licenses confer authority, and give rights to the licensee.*

*But very different considerations apply to the **internal commerce** or **domestic trade** of the **States**. Over this commerce and trade Congress has **no power of regulation nor any direct control**. This power belongs **exclusively** to the States. **No interference by Congress with the business of citizens transacted within a State is warranted by the Constitution, except such as is strictly incidental to the exercise of powers clearly granted to the legislature.** The power to authorize a business within a State is plainly repugnant to the exclusive power of the State over the same subject. It is true that the power of Congress to tax is a very extensive power. It is given in the Constitution, with only one exception and only two qualifications. Congress cannot tax exports, and it must impose direct taxes by the rule of apportionment, and indirect taxes by the rule of uniformity. Thus limited, and thus only, it reaches every subject, and may be exercised at discretion. But, it reaches only existing subjects. **Congress cannot authorize [e.g. "license", either directly or indirectly] a  trade or business within a State in order to tax it.***


[License Tax Cases, [72 U.S. 462](#), 18 L.Ed. 497, 5 Wall. 462, 2 A.F.T.R. 2224 (1866)]

Consequently, we can find no reason to believe that a HUMAN BEING may be a "taxpayer" who does not occupy a public office in the government as either an elected or appointed official or as an officer of a federal corporation that itself is an "office" within the government. Note that we are not referring here to any artificial "person" because we don't deal with such "persons" in this ministry. If you find evidence to the contrary, we would love to see it and please send it to us as soon as you find it. You can find a detailed analysis of the above conclusions in the following:

 [Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020, Section 17.2](#)

Note that we aren't making a legal determination in your specific case, nor does our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) allow us to. Therefore, please don't come back to us and ask us to do so by applying the above to your specific situation, because then we are rendering legal advice. We speak here only in general terms and do so as a matter of opinion and belief, and not FACT. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) in fact requires that you may not interpret anything on this website as factual or actionable, so you have to make your own decisions based on reading the law for yourself and applying it to your specific circumstances.

If you want to determine for yourself whether your job satisfies all the legal requirements for being a "[public office](#)" that we are aware of, then we recommend examining the following. You'll have to make the determination yourself as the "sovereign", because we can't and won't do it for you:

1.  [The "Trade or Business" Scam, Form #05.001, Section 9](#)
2. [The "Trade or Business" Scam, Section 9](#) (OFFSITE LINK)

With all the above said, we are not adverse to having federal workers not engaged in a government public office to participate as Members so long as they satisfy all the following precautionary requirements:

1. They do not use any of our forms or procedures in connection with any of their government compensation.
2. The only thing they can use our forms or procedures for is earnings NOT connected with their job within the government and not originating from within the "United States", meaning their PRIVATE earnings ONLY. All such earnings are classified as a "foreign estate" pursuant to [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(31\)](#) beyond the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. If they have private compensation not originating from the government and not connected to a "public office" and they file a tax return, they must emphasize that all other compensation is a "foreign estate" pursuant to [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(31\)](#) not connected with a "trade or business" and not originating from "sources within the United States" as defined in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(9\)](#) and (a)(10) and earned by someone who is a "non-resident non-person" but not a STATUTORY "taxpayer", "individual", or "employee".
4. They must prevent false information returns from being filed relating to their private compensation and rebut all those information returns that are filed connecting their private, non-governmental compensation to a "public office". This will ensure that they rebut all false presumptions that might convert their private property to a public use or a public office and make them at least appear to be a "taxpayer". See:

 [Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001](#)

5. They must comply with every provision of the Member Agreement, Form #01.001 just like everyone else in connection with their PRIVATE compensation not connected to any public office or originating from the "United States" (government).

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## 1. [Requests for services or assistance:](#)

If your question is not answered in this section, please visit the following area in our forums for additional questions and answers:

[Requests for services or assistance](#)

### QUESTION 1.01:

**Question 1.01:** What do you tell "[taxpayers](#)" who need help or want to use your materials?

**Answer 1.01:** We tell them the following:

1. You're looking on the WRONG website! You should be consulting <http://www.irs.gov> for educational materials.
2. "[Taxpayers](#)" ought to pay whatever the IRS says they owe. A "[taxpayer](#)" is what the Bible calls a "HARLOT", and that profession demands bending over frequently. If you're going to choose to do something, you ought to at least commit to being good at it. "Whore"

is a good word for it too: They want your body but not your brain engaged. Your body is a metaphor for the collection of all your rights to life, liberty, and property. The Bible calls the collection of all such "[taxpayers](#)" within a given country by the affectionate term "[Babylon the Great Harlot](#)", and describes them in detail in [Revelation 17 and 18](#).

*"If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or your arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen."*  
[Samuel Adams ]

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*"I refuse to allow any IRS or State revenue officer to call me or any client a "[taxpayer](#)". Just because I may look like one or have the attributes of one does not necessarily make me one. To one IRS lady, and I have no reason to doubt that she fits this category, I use the following example. "Miss you have all of the equipment to be a whore, but that does not make you one by presumption." Until it is proven by a preponderance of evidence I must assume you are a lady and you will be treated as such. Please have the same respect for me, and don't slander my reputation and defame my character by calling me a whore for the government, which is what a "[taxpayer](#)" is."*  
[courtesy of Eugene Pringle]

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**"But money demands of you the highest virtues, if you wish to make it or to keep it. Men who have no courage, pride, or self-esteem, men who have no moral sense of their right to their money and are not willing to defend it as they defend their life, men who apologize for being rich--will not remain rich for long.** They are the natural bait for the swarms of looters [in the IRS and the government] that stay under rocks for centuries, but come crawling out at the first smell of a man who begs to be forgiven for the guilt of owning wealth. They will hasten to relieve him of the guilt--and of his life, as he deserves.

*"Then you will see the rise of the double standard--the men who live by force [the government and the [IRS](#) and dishonest lawyers], yet count on those who live by trade to create the value of their looted money--the men who are the hitchhikers of virtue. In a moral society, these are the criminals, and the statutes are written to protect you against them. But when a society establishes criminals-by-right and looters-by-law [[judge-made law](#), in this case]--men who use force to seize the wealth of DISARMED victims--then money becomes its creators' avenger. Such looters [[IRS](#)] believe it safe to rob defenseless [made ignorant of the law by sneaky lawyers and politicians who run the public education system, in this case] men, once they've passed a law to disarm them. But their loot becomes the magnet for other looters, who get it from them as they got it. Then the race goes, not to the ablest at production, but to those most ruthless at brutality. When force is the standard, the murderer wins over the pickpocket. And then that society vanishes, in a spread of ruins and slaughter. "*  
[[Atlas Shrugged](#), Ayn Rand, p. 387]

3. Thanks a lot for subsidizing the [spread of socialism](#) and [humanism](#) and idolatry and the persecution and slander of innocent, law-abiding fellow Americans with your "donations". Thanks for bowing down to the new god and [political religion](#) called GOVERNMENT when no law or regulation requires it. Is THAT how you fulfill [God's law](#) and commandment to "[love your neighbor](#)" and to put Him first and serve ONLY HIM: by subsidizing the lynching and illegal persecution of "[nontaxpayers](#)" by the IRS and by [rewarding and encouraging irresponsibility](#) and [government dependency](#)? Does illegally bribing public officials with money that no law requires you to pay make you into a better Christian?

*"You shall have no other gods [INCLUDING GOVERNMENTS OR PUBLIC DISSERVANTS] 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 to them [the government] nor serve them [with your labor or your earnings from labor]**. 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."*  
[The Ten Commandments, [Exodus 20:3-6](#), Bible, NKJV]


Can a person be a friend of the government and the IRS by sending them an illegal bribe that no law requires them to pay and illegally impersonate a "public officer" in criminal violation of [18 U.S.C. §912](#) and yet **not** be an enemy of God?:

*"Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you now know that friendship [and "citizenship"] with the world is enmity with God? **Whoever therefore wants to be a friend ["citizen" or "taxpayer" or "resident"] of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**"*




[[James 4:4](#), Bible, NKJV]

Don't cry on our shoulder...put on your knee pads and your mini skirt and your cheap makeup and stand on the local street corner for the next IRS John who comes along and wants his way with you: and pay up!

*"One who turns his ear from hearing [or reading and learning] the law [[God's](#) and [man's](#) law], even his prayer [and his LIFE, for that matter] is an abomination."  
[[Prov. 28:9](#), Bible, NKJV]*

On the other hand, if you want to get educated to learn at least enough to determine by reading the law for yourself whether you even are a "[taxpayer](#)", instead of believing an ignorant, complacent,  [presumptuous](#), misguided, thieving, conniving public dis-servant [who has an illegal conflict of interest](#) to tell you, then there still may be hope for you yet.

*"But **he who looks into the perfect law of liberty** and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer **but a DOER of the work**, this one **will be blessed in what he does.**"  
[[James 1:25](#), Bible, NKJV]*

If you would like to know more about who are "[taxpayers](#)" based on your own reading of [the law](#), see our free pamphlet  [Who are 'taxpayers' and who needs a 'Taxpayer Identification Number'. Form #05.013](#). And please don't take our word for it, because our  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and our  [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#) pamphlet both say you aren't allowed to. Read the government's own words and laws for yourself, because that's the only reasonable basis for belief anyway.

*"Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises her voice in the open squares, she cries out in the chief concourses, at the openings of the gates in the city she speaks her words; **how long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge.** Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. **Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, because you disdained my counsel [and My law: God's law], and would have none of my rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror [and the IRS] comes. When your terror [and the IRS] comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge [and were too lazy and complacent to seek it out], and did not choose the [fear of the Lord](#).** They have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. **For the turning away of the simple will slay them. And the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me [God and the wisdom that comes ONLY from God] will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.**"  
[[Prov. 1:20-33](#), Bible, NKJV]*

*"The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of knowledge."  
[[Prov. 1:7](#), Bible, NKJV]*

*"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil [and the evil practiced by the IRS and corrupt judges and politicians]; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate."  
[[Prov. 8:13](#), Bible, NKJV]*

**Yes, fellow Americans...[hate IS a family value and even a Christian and a biblical value](#), so long as the hate is directed at evil behavior instead of evil people, and so long that it doesn't translate into violence against anyone.** That's the same thing our police do: hate the crime and punish it, but respect and try to reform the criminal. If our public SERVANTS can do it, then certainly their masters, the American people can do it. To admit otherwise is to admit that the servant is greater than the master.

*Remember the word that I said to you, "A [public] servant is not greater than his master [the American People].'  
If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you [because you emphasize this relationship]. If they kept My word [[God's Law](#)], they will keep yours [[the Constitution](#)] also."  
[Jesus in [John 15:20](#), Bible, NKJV]*

***"No legislative act [of the SERVANT] contrary to the Constitution [delegation of authority from the MASTER] can be valid. To deny this would be to affirm that the deputy [public SERVANT] is greater than his principal [the sovereign American People]; that the servant is above the master; that the representatives of the people are superior to the [SOVEREIGN] people [as individuals]; that men, acting by virtue of [delegated] powers may do not only what their [delegated] powers do not authorize, but what***

***they forbid...[text omitted] It is not otherwise to be supposed that the Constitution could intend to enable the representatives of the people to substitute their will to that of their constituents. It is far more rational to suppose, that the courts were designed to be an intermediate body between the people and the legislature, in order, among other things, to keep the latter within the limits assigned to their authority. The interpretation of the laws is the proper and peculiar province of the courts. A Constitution is, in fact, and must be regarded by judges, as fundamental law [a DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM THE MASTER TO THE SERVANT]. If there should happen to be an irreconcilable variance between the two, the Constitution is to be preferred to the statute."***  
*[Alexander Hamilton, [Federalist Paper # 78](#)]*





This website is a satisfaction of that very calling to hate evil (fear the Lord) right from the Bible.

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## QUESTION 1.02:

**Question 1.02:** I need a lawyer to represent me in court or with the government. Can you recommend one in my area?

**Answer 1.02:** Anyone who thinks they need a "lawyer" to represent them hasn't been reading the materials we recommend. For an answer to that question, please read the following articles:

- [Why you don't want to hire an attorney](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
-  [Petition for Admission to Practice](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
- [Unlicensed Practice of Law, Form #05.026](#)
  -  [Sample](#)
  -  [PDF in member subscriptions](#)
  - [Member Subscriptions](#)
-  [Woe to You Lawyers!](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-book

The conclusion of the above four articles is that:

1. You can't hire a lawyer to represent you if you want to challenge jurisdiction in a court of law
2. When you hire a lawyer to represent you, then you become a "ward of the court" and are treated as mentally incompetent
3. The lawyer is there to represent and promote the interests of the government over and above that of your own, and when the two are in conflict, then the government interest will always take precedence because if it doesn't, his license to practice law will be pulled and he will literally starve to death beyond that point
4. The only way that you can obtain the services of an attorney is as a coach, and not as a representative, and it is best if he is not licensed by the state even in that capacity, because he has a conflict of interest and allegiance if he does.

The [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004](#) area of the Family Guardian website, under [Instruction 5.4 entitled "Get a legal 'coach' if prosecuted by the IRS"](#) says that the only legitimate reason to hire a legal professional is as a legal coach and advisor, but not to represent you in court. Remember that sovereignty and dependency are mutually exclusive. If you want to be sovereign, then you can't depend on a lawyer with a license from the corrupted government you are trying to fight in order to properly defend your constitutional rights. The key to sovereignty is education and self-government. We aren't self-governing if we have to depend on anyone for anything. We are a government of law and not of men. Lawyers are men and they shouldn't be allowed to govern your life or financially enslave you at \$300/hour on the pretense that they are trying to defend your liberty. That isn't liberty: it's trading "Big brother" for "little brother", and the lawyer is "little brother" and becomes your new king and ruler when you hire him, and in most cases that is the only role he will accept for himself, because that is the only way he can justify holding your life, liberty, and property hostage for an exorbitant \$300/hour.

Our assertion is that if you aren't willing to get educated and take full responsibility for your life in all respects at some point, then you ought to pay the government whatever they say you owe and bend over, because that is the reward for people who are lazy, ignorant, or dependent on anyone or anything but God. See [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#), section 1.8 for authorities on this derived right from the Bible. Please don't shoot the messenger, which is us, because this is exactly the same message that God gives us in the Bible.

*"The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy [or irresponsible] man will be put to forced labor."*  
*[Prov. 12:24, Bible, NKJV]*

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance, and the price of eternal vigilance is eternal education and eternal **action**. God calls us to



DO justice, not to just talk about it. Talk is cheap.

On the other hand, if you are just getting started in your journey to get educated and take control of your life back from the government and the legal profession, and you want the assistance of a "coach" and not someone licensed by the government to "represent you" in court or in front of the IRS, then we have information for you. An excellent catalog of many of the main resources we rely can be found on the [Family Guardian](#) website on the [Getting Help](#) page. As a non-profit ministry, we don't have the resources to maintain a national database of people who can help you, so we can't provide someone in your specific area in most cases, but those resources are a good place to start. If you can't find someone on that list, then we recommend at least reading chapter 5 of the [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#) to get you up to speed and then using the [Test for Tax Professionals](#) on the Family Guardian Website to interview attorneys in your area to find one who can answer the greatest number of the questions correctly.


Good luck, and our prayers are with you, my friend. God bless you!

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### **QUESTION 1.03:**

**Question 1.03:** I would like to purchase your complete program that I will need to respond to the IRS. My computer is presently operating with Windows XP and with WordPerfect 9. Do you have disk that are compatible with my program? How do you receive payment. I need immediate delivery if possible. thank you. If I am not available speak to my secretary. She can arrange payment and is familiar with my computer and what will be compatible.

**Answer 1.03:** First of all, we don't know what you mean by "program". There are no "programs" here and we don't advertise or market anything, nor guarantee any specific result for any of the items offered here, which are all strictly educational in nature. Our only goal here is to worship, serve, and obey the Lord and to ensure that public servants obey the law and we wouldn't call that a "program". Second of all, we don't sell anything on this website and you can't "purchase" anything here. To "purchase" something, you must have lawful "money" and we must be a "business". The definition of "[money](#)"(OFFSITE LINK) in Black's Law Dictionary excludes "notes", which means that Federal Reserve Notes are NOT lawful money.  [Click here](#) for details on this SCAM. We also are NOT a "business" and we have no "customers" other than God Himself. Third, this is not a business but a religious ministry which does not sell anything. You can obtain items from our Ministry Bookstore for free if you can prove you are needy or by making a donation to the ministry. Fourth of all, since we don't give legal advice, we can't tell you what you need from a legal or procedural standpoint other than what item contains the information relevant to your situation. Beyond that, you and only you are responsible for yourself, and you must decide entirely on your own and based on the detailed description of our offerings exactly what you need. Any other approach would require us to give legal advice and for you to basically admit that you don't want to take responsibility for yourself and don't want to be sovereign over your life. This website is only intended for educated people who want to be in complete control of their lives and insist on *not* being dependent on anyone. Therefore, you will need to go to our opening page at <http://sedm.org> and browse our offerings and determine exactly what is right for your situation. Before you decide to obtain anything, you should ensure that you agree to abide by our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), because you cannot and should get anything without agreeing to the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). Among the requirements of that agreement are that before you can use the offerings of SEDM:

1. You commit yourself to getting educated using our materials and by reading the law yourself.
2. Based on that education, you have independently determined that you are a "[nontaxpayer](#)".
3. You agree not to use any of the materials on this website for an unlawful purpose.

After you have decided what you need based on the above education, you will need to have a Visa, or Mastercard or a debit or credit card to make your donation with.



As far as support for "WordPerfect", the only word processing documents offered by SEDM are federal and state response letters. These response letters appearing are available only in Microsoft Word and are not supported by any other word processing program. Therefore, you must obtain either Microsoft Office or Microsoft Word separately in order to use the automated response letters on this website. Most other items available are Adobe Acrobat files which can be viewed and printed with the free Adobe Acrobat Reader available for download at <http://adobe.com>.

Lastly, we only deal with principals, not agents, and we insist on complete contact information if you want us to talk with you. We can't deal with your Secretary, but only you. If you want us to call you back, then please ensure that Anonymous Call Blocking is disabled on your telephone if you have that feature, or we can't return your inquiry and will ignore it. Good luck and thanks for your interest in our ministry!


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## QUESTION 1.04:

**Question 1.04:** I need urgent help. I have been [exempt](#) from taxes since 2001. The IRS has created my 2001 tax forms, filling in the information they know of, and sent it to me for signature. It declares that I owe the IRS almost \$4,000.00 and it is due in 60 days. Please HELP! The phone number listed is my cell phone and I am reachable at the number 24/7!

**Answer 1.04:** First of all, we can't help people out who are "[taxpayers](#)" and you didn't specify if you are or aren't. Your email should be accompanied by a signed  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) indicating that you AREN'T a "taxpayer". You can read the [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#) to determine for yourself whether you are, but we can't make that determination for you. When you email us to ask for help, the email should be accompanied by the attached or faxed  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) indicating that you are a "nontaxpayer".

Secondly, we can't recommend what to do for your specific case. Our Member Agreement says we are only allowed to tell you what WE would do in our own case ONLY if faced with a similar situation, and qualify that statement by saying it is not legal advice. We can offer options that might help, information, and services that will help you decide what to do and provide evidence to support your contention that you are a "nontaxpayer" who is not "liable", but we can't tell you what you specifically need to do for a given circumstance because we can't give legal advice. Therefore, you will have to be very specific about what it is you want from us. Your email didn't say. We can offer options to Members, but only you can choose what option is best for you based on the best information available.

Based on your comments, you haven't been reading or following our materials, because the W-4 Exempt is the wrong form for most Americans. Americans domiciled in states of the Union are "[non-resident non-persons](#)" but not aliens or "[individuals](#)" and they must file an [AMENDED W-8BEN form](#), not a W-4 Exempt in order to stop federal withholding. You can't be a member and use the W-4 or 1099 form for withholding or reporting, unless you are doing it under duress and you notify the government of the existence of duress. This subject is exhaustively covered in our [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#), sections 5.6.12 through 5.6.12.7. [Step 4.13](#) in the [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004](#) area of the [Family Guardian Website](#) contains details on the proper procedure to follow to stop withholding, and these instructions haven't been followed in your case. The [Family Guardian Website](#) also has a whole book devoted to stopping withholding, which also emphasizes avoiding the W-4 form. It's called  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers, Form #09.001](#).

In your case, it sounds like the IRS is trying to scare you into paying money that you don't owe. If you want a response letter to send to them, then we provide that on our website. Look up the form number and then find the response letter in or [Federal Response Letter](#) area. Next, you are going to have to decide what else you want us to do for you that might help you deal with this situation better. You can look in our  [catalog](#) and decide for yourself. However, if you have been "exempt" for three years and haven't been studying diligently that whole time to prepare for this inevitable day and want to be rescued at the last minute without having to take charge or take personal responsibility for getting educated, then we can't help you. This approach, in fact, is biblical. It is exactly the same approach the Lord takes towards us:

*"Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises her voice in the open squares, she cries out in the chief concourses, at the openings of the gates in the city she speaks her words; **how long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge.** Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. **Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, because you disdained my counsel, and would have none of my rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes. When your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord.** They have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. **For the turning away of the simple will slay them. And the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to Me [the Lord, and indirectly us as his agents] will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.**"*

*[Prov. 1:20-33, Bible]*

*"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me"*

*[Hosea 4:6, Bible, NKJV]*

*"One who turns his ear from hearing the **law**, even his **prayer** is an abomination."*

*[Prov. 28:9, Bible, NKJV]*

*"Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand all."*  
[[Prov. 28:5](#), Bible, NKJV]

We can only help people who want to be free, and that desire must manifest itself through eternal education and the pursuit of wisdom, whose only source is God, and whose secondary source is our materials, which are based on the word of God.


*"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. The price of eternal vigilance is eternal education."*

We recognize that you may feel fearful and afraid and anxious in your circumstance, but you must realize that this fear results mainly from ignorance and lack of faith/trust in God. The only antidote for ignorance is diligent education using both the Bible and our ministry materials. The only antidote for lack of faith in God is to read His word daily and to pray to and trust in Him:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.*

*Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.  
It will be health to your flesh,  
And strength to your bones.*

*Honor the LORD with your possessions,  
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;  
So your barns will be filled with plenty,  
And your vats will overflow with new wine.*  
[[Prov. 3:5-10](#), Bible, NKJV]



Good luck, and please send us a signed  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) via email or fax before we can help you. We can only help those who comply fully with and consent unconditionally to abide by the Member Agreement, Form #01.001. Once you have done this, you may obtain information from our offerings.








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## QUESTION 1.05:


**Question 1.05:** I'm facing tax problems for the years 2001,2002,2003. I've filed returns for those years and paid \$5.00 for each year. Will going through the Master File Decoding process for those years be effective? What is the cost for a single filer to go through this process? (Full Service)


**Answer 1.05:** [IMF Decoding](#) is available on the [SEDM Ministry Bookstore](#) for the suggested donation identified. **However**, our  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and [Terms of Use](#) and [Disclaimer](#) (Section 1) all clearly say we can't help people who are "[taxpayers](#)" and you sound like you are likely a "[taxpayer](#)" because you filed a return and claimed an amount due. If you did any of the following, then you contradicted our  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), are not a "[nontaxpayer](#)", and may not avail yourselves of any part of this website:

1. Did not rebut all information returns filed against you in every collection notice you receive from the taxing authorities. The  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), Section 3 requires you to promptly and regularly rebut all information returns filed against you so that nothing connects you with the " [trade or business](#)" franchise. This is done using the following:  
 [Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001](#)
2. Paid money on the return and didn't ask for it ALL back. This meant you had a nonzero liability and are therefore a " [taxpayer](#)".
3. Filed a 1040 form instead of the Federal Nonresident Nonstatutory Claim for Return of Funds Unlawfully Paid to the Government, [Forms #15.001](#) or [#15.002](#) or IRS Form 1040NR plus the  [Tax Form Attachment, Form #04.201](#) for a "national" and a "non-resident non-person". This provided the government with court-admissible evidence that you are a "[U.S. person](#)" who falsely claims to be a "[citizen](#)" (person born in D.C. or the territories) or a "[resident](#)" (alien) under federal law. We can't help people who commit perjury under penalty of perjury. That's unwise and will not only discredit you, but also us eventually if we associate with or help you. Sovereignty starts with getting educated and thereby not deceiving the government about our true status by putting falsehoods on government forms.  [Click here](#) for details on why this approach is simply WRONG and will get you in LOTS of trouble eventually.
4. Filed a W-4 form instead of the proper [AMENDED W-8BEN form](#) to control your withholding. See the free third party booklet  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers, Form #09.001](#) for details on how to do withholding. The only exception is if

you were under duress, in which case you must file a criminal complaint against your employer and subsequently diligently correct all information returns as indicated in step 1 above.

5. Filed an SS-5 form and did not rescind the application by sending in the  [Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee, Form #06.002](#) document.
6. Provided an SSN or TIN on any government form or did not refute all uses by the government of such numbers in connection with you using the  [Wrong Party Notice](#). Our article entitled " [About SSNs/TINs on Government Correspondence](#)" proves all those who use an identifying number effectively become federal employees on official business. Federal employees and personnel and contractors are the only proper subject of [Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code](#) because it cannot lawfully be enforced against anyone else. See:
  - 6.1  [The Trade or Business Scam, Form #05.001](#)
  - 6.2  [Why Your Government is Either a Thief or You are a "Public Officer" for Income Tax Purposes, Form #05.008](#)
  - 6.3  Why Penalties are Illegal for Anything but Federal Employees, Contractors, and Agents, #05.010
7. and correct false government records reflecting your citizenship as directed at step [3.13 of the Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004](#) (OFFSITE LINK), and remove all SSNs and TINs as directed in  [About SSNs/TINs on Government Correspondence, Form #05.012](#) on the following forms and government records:
  - 7.1 Voter registration
  - 7.2 Passport
  - 7.3 Government benefit applications.
  - 7.4 Tax returns.
  - 7.5 Employment applications and records
8. Created a false presumption that you are engaged in a taxable activity called a "[trade or business](#)" by participating in any of the following "privileged" activities ( [click here](#) for details) that represent federal "employee" compensation:
  - 8.1 Claimed a graduated rate of tax on any earnings under [26 U.S.C. §1](#).
  - 8.2 Claimed earned income credit under [26 U.S.C. §32](#).
  - 8.3 Claimed any deductions under [26 U.S.C. §162](#).

The  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) that must be signed and unconditionally consented to before we begin the decoding process requires the client to say they are a "nontaxpayer" under penalty of perjury. You couldn't possibly sign such an agreement without lying if the returns you filed had any tax owing or if they were 1040 returns instead of the required [Federal Nonresident Nonstatutory Claim for Return of Funds Unlawfully Paid to the Government, Form #15.001](#) or 1040NR returns for people who are "nationals" (under [8 U.S.C. §1101\(a\)\(21\)](#)) but not "citizens" (under [8 U.S.C. §1401](#)) and "non-resident non-persons".

If you have since changed your mind and become a "nontaxpayer" for the years that you need help with, and have already filed  [corrected 1040NR returns](#) claiming no tax owing, that you are a "non-resident non-person", and have discontinued using SSNs and TINs on all government correspondence, then we might be able to help you. If you either haven't yet done this or don't intend on doing it *before* involving us in your situation, then we simply can't help you. If that is the case, we're sorry and wish you the best of luck.


[EDITORIAL COMMENT: This person sounds like a government mole, because NO ONE we have ever met pays only \$5.00 on a tax return or pays the same amount three years in a row.]

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## QUESTION 1.06:


**Question 1.06:** Do you offer services or help with a specific problem rather than just education?

**Answer 1.06:** The only type of services we offer are the following. These services are only offered to those who are Members and who consent unconditionally to our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#):

1. [Educational services](#). These services would be designed to educate you about what the law says and where to find information about a given subject that relates to either your situation or to a specific situation.
2. [Paralegal document preparation service](#). This service requires that you submit our  [Litigation Support Client Intake Packet application, Form #01.003](#).
3. [IMF decoding service](#). The output of that service is simply copyrighted documents and evidence useful to you in your own fight against illegal activity on the part of the government.

All the above information produced is intended to be used only in petitioning the government for a Redress of Grievances under the First Amendment, which is a protected right under the Constitution. We can't and won't "represent" people before the IRS or

in a court of law, complete IRS Form 2848 to act as power of attorney and thereby become subject to the I.R.C., nor can we render legal advice like a lawyer would. We can tell you what we would do if we were in your situation, but not what you should do. We can present information and options that may be useful to you in reaching a decision about what to do with your situation, but we can't and won't pick which option is best for you, nor will we ever present less than two options.

We otherwise can't and won't undermine your sovereignty by having you financially equip us to take over running your life so you can be a robot and do only what we tell you to do. That would not only make us just as bad as what the government is trying to do right now to you, but it would also be a supreme insult to your intelligence and would actually accomplish the OPPOSITE goal of this website. We want to educate and empower people to govern their own lives and defend their own liberties, rather than spread more Ignorance Related Slavery (IRS), which is what the government is so famous for doing. If ignorance and laziness and irresponsibility are the enemy that created the mess we are in to begin with, it makes no sense to perpetuate more of it simply because doing so might benefit us economically. That would be hypocrisy and would also represent the WORSE kind of greed and usury on our part. [Click here](#) for an excellent article explaining this subject of personal responsibility. We aren't interested in building any "empires" and we will never be anything more than be your devoted SERVANT, which means you can't be anything more than a leader and manager of your own life and the government that was created to SERVE you, as God intended. Stretch your wings and learn to fly, or the government will eventually clip them and chain you to their feudal tax grindstone as their  [indentured serf](#). Life isn't fair, and this reality is part of the curse that God bestowed upon Adam and all of us for Eve's original sin:

*"Cursed is the ground for your sake;  
In toil you shall eat of it  
All the days of your life.  
Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,  
And you shall eat the herb of the field.  
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread  
Till you return to the ground,  
For out of it you were taken;  
For dust you are,  
And to dust you shall return."  
[[Gen. 3:17-19](#), Bible, NKJV]*

We also can't help you to undermine God's sovereignty by enabling or encouraging you to circumvent or nullify His curse above. He is saying above that He wants us to take personal responsibility for ourselves and not to avoid responsibility for our sin. God was the "breadwinner" before the fall. When Adam and Eve decided to do things their own way, they got kicked out of the Garden and were told they would have to toil to support themselves. This is exactly what parents do to their children to force them to mature and learn. The reason people permit governments to become socialist, grow so big, and steal so much of their money is because they want to transfer responsibility away from themselves and thereby commit mutiny in defying God's command to take personal responsibility. They want to sin without responsibility. They want comfort and prosperity without sacrifice, honor, or personal responsibility. They want freedom without a fight. They want what never has been and never will be. The price of freedom is eternal, personal vigilance. There is no other easier way to liberation. The only person who ever promised an easier way was Satan, and when he did that to Eve, he was LYING. The fact that she believed him is the only reason we still live on this cursed planet since then. All rights derive from duties to a higher being. He who is not willing to accept that he has duties to God to support himself, and not be a burden or a harm to others simply cannot have rights. That's the Golden rule: You cannot deserve or have a claim to that which you are not willing to give or earn personally. Without rights, we all become animals and Beasts of burden for those Capitalists (not socialists) and tyrants who are willing to take responsibility and make things happen.

*"The hand of the diligent [and the educated] will rule, but the lazy [or irresponsible] man will be put to **forced labor** [slavery!]."  
[[Prov. 12:24](#), Bible, NKJV]*

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## QUESTION 1.07:

**Question 1.07:** Do you offer state or federal tax lien or levy removal?

**Answer 1.07:** Not at this time, but we are working on a book that describes at least one way of doing this.

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## QUESTION 1.08:

**Question 1.08:** I am in a severe financial bind and desperately need one of your items because I'm being persecuted financially by the government. I can't afford to meet the suggested donation amount for the item or service I need and was wondering if there is a way you can arrange a special discount in my particular case?

**Answer 1.08:** SEDM is a religious and charitable organization, and we are glad to help people as resources permit who can demonstrate ***with evidence*** that they have been good stewards over the gifts God has given them and yet are still unable to meet their obligations. If you can prove that you are genuinely needy, then we will entertain an act of grace and charity to help you in your situation. That proof would need to take the form of all of the following:

1. An affidavit listing income, expense, asset, and liability
2. A statement of earnings prepared and signed by your private employer
3. A copy of the IRS levy notice(s) which are interfering with you having the resources to defend yourself.
4. A signed [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#)

We aren't interested in what you personally "feel" you need, but the actual reality of your situation related by independent, uninvolved, third parties in a signed or affidavit form. You can fax such evidence to our phone number at 800-753-7661 and we will consider pro bono help upon receipt of said proof.

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## QUESTION 1.09:

**Question 1.09:** I received a Federal letter number 2566(SC) and I'm not sure if the response you have will work for me. You have a response for Federal Letter 2566 but not for Letter 2566(SC). Can you offer an opinion or give advice about whether letter 2566 will work for me?


**Answer 1.09:** SEDM does NOT give legal advice or make legal determinations about your status. All we can say is compare the 2566(SC) letter you received with the [sample IRS 2566](#) letter we have on the SEDM website. If the two seem similar enough, then you may want to get that response. Otherwise, please request the [New Federal Response Letter](#) shopping cart item and a new response will be created for you that can be used as a starting point for responding. We can't make the decision for you as to which of the two options will work in your case because that would require us to be intimately familiar with your situation and to make a legal determination based on that situation. You are the sovereign, and you need to make your own decisions and begin exercising your power of choice wisely. Spread your wings and fly or forever be chained to the federal plantation. It's your choice. Our article entitled [Writing Effective Response Letters, Form #09.006](#) contains information which may be helpful in making this choice that only you can make. Our [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) say we simply aren't allowed to make legal determinations or tell you what you should do. Sorry. If you want us to continue to be available to serve your needs, then you need to help us by not asking questions like that. Only those who can make their own decisions are truly sovereign, and sovereign people are the only people we can educate and thereby help. Good luck!

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## QUESTION 1.10:

**Question 1.10:** I am presently domiciled in the New York state (and NOT the "State of New York"), and have been since February of 2005. Prior to that I was domiciled in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Department of revenue has levied my bank account and stolen over \$13,000. This was done last fall. They have levied my **wages** at my former **employer** in Massachusetts who still owed me money from a contract I completed for them. Now, as I am domiciled in the state of New York, and I work for a firm in the state of Washington, the Massachusetts Dept of Revenue has sent a letter to the company in Washington state to levy my wages. I do not feel that they have any jurisdiction over me in this scenario, (not that they ever did). Can you point me to some educational material that I could use to support myself in fighting this levy and keeping my money for which I labored? Any help, advice or direction that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

**Answer 1.10:** First of all, if you are earning "**wages**" as legally defined, then you are not the target of illegal enforcement, but rather are acting like a "public officer" and ought to quit complaining. You can't be a Member of this fellowship and earn "**wages**" because we don't allow "public officers" engaged in the ["trade or business" franchise](#) to participate as Members. Furthermore, we can't talk to or help people who are not Members. You better do your homework and read our  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers, Form #04.101](#) because your misunderstanding of the law and your confusion of "words of art" with everyday words is making you into a government serf.

Secondly, your [situation](#) is covered in a book entitled "Conflicts in a Nutshell" by West Publishing. See:

<http://west.thomson.com/product/22088447/product.asp>

We highly recommend getting this excellent book, because it really fits the picture together. The third edition discusses extraterritorial tax enforcement on page 140, section 52. As we understand it, the laws of the former state of your domicile are foreign with respect to the state you are now in and with respect to any other state. The supreme court has said the following:

*"Every State or nation possesses an exclusive sovereignty and jurisdiction within her own territory, and her laws affect and bind all property and persons residing within it. It may regulate the manner and circumstances under which property is held, and the condition, capacity, and state of all persons therein, and also the remedy and modes of administering justice. And it is equally true that no State or nation can affect or bind property out of its territory, or persons not residing within it. **No State therefore can enact laws to operate beyond its own dominions, and if it attempts to do so, it may be lawfully refused obedience. Such laws can have no inherent authority extraterritorially. This is the necessary result of the independence of distinct and separate sovereignties.**"*

*"Now it follows from these principles that whatever force or effect the laws of one State or nation may have in the territories of another must depend solely upon the laws and municipal regulations of the latter, upon its own jurisprudence and polity, and upon its own express or tacit consent."*  
[Dred Scott v. John F.A. Sanford, [60 U.S. 393](#) (1856)]

Therefore, your former domiciliary state may not extend its revenue laws beyond its borders and adversely affect your rights in what amounts to a foreign country called Washington state. They lack territorial or in personam jurisdiction. Whoever in a company surrenders earnings wrongfully based on a levy or lien that has no jurisdiction is personally liable in state court for a tort and an illegal injury, as far as we understand it. We can't tell you what you should do or give legal advice, but if we faced that situation personally, we would sue the payroll clerk individually, and not the company, and get the withheld earnings from the clerk's pay. Below is what the above book says on p. 140 on this subject:

### **§ Tax Claims**

*"At an earlier time it was assumed that a forum would refuse to entertain a claim by another state's tax official to collect the latter's taxes from a person found in the forum. Some cases so held (e.g. Colorado, NY 1921), but there is really no reason for such trepidation, at least within the United States, where the federal constitution oversees all state and federal laws to assure minimal fairness. The refusal has therefore been criticized as encouraging "willful, dishonest tax evasion" (Oklahoma ex re. Oklahoma Tax Comm'n, Ark. 1955). Perhaps it is this supervisory function of the constitution that has let to today's more receptive attitude among the states of the United States. Tax claims have often been entertained in sister-state courts (e.g. J.A. Holshouser Co. v. Gold Hill Copper Co, 138 N.C. 248, 50 S.E. 650 (N.C. 1905); City of Detroit v. Gould, 12 Ill.2d 197m 146 N.E.2d 61 (Ill. 1957)). Some states have reciprocity statutes in the tax area. These direct local courts to entertain the tax claims of only those states that do likewise (e.g., NY Tax L. §902).*

*"The U.S. Supreme Court, in holding that a judgment for taxes must be given full faith and credit (Milwaukee, USSC 1935), left open the question of whether the constitution requires a state to entertain a direct claim (i.e., one not yet reduced to judgment) for taxes by a sister state or one of its taxing units. Of course, the fact that recognition become mandatory when the tax claim is reduced to judgment teaches the taxing unit to being the tax suit at home, invoking a longarm statute against the taxpayer if necessary (longarm jurisdiction is available for tax claims, see U.S. v. Montreal Trust, 358 F.2d 239 (2nd Cir. 1966), 384 U.S. 919, 86 S.Ct. 1366, 16 L.Ed.2d 440 (1966)). Since the judgment secures mandatory recognition and as simple a phenomenon as a longarm statute can secure that judgment at home, the taxing unit pursuing the taxpayer outside the state should do so with a judgment, which insists on recognition, instead of the underlying claim itself, whose call on recognition is less certain."*

[[Conflicts in a Nutshell](#), Third Edition, ISBN 0-314-16066-3]

According to the above, it would appear that the Mass. Dept of Revenue must pursue a judgment in Washington State before they can attempt collection there. An administrative levy or lien from a [foreign state](#) cannot have any authority outside the state that issued it, based on the above. However, you shouldn't trust anything we say and instead investigate this matter fully yourself by reading the above book and looking at the above references. We hope this gives you a starting point for your own studies. Another instructive Supreme Court case on this subject that you might want to read is *Milwaukee v. White*, [296 U.S. 268](#) (1935).

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## QUESTION 1.11:



**Question 1.11:** I want to become a Member and I need you to help me prepare an IRS 1040 form so I can get all my money back from the IRS. Can you help me?

**Answer 1.11:** You are NOT reading our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) or you wouldn't be asking that question. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), Section 5, Item 7 says we are prohibited from either advising in the preparation of tax returns or assisting people in filing of returns. This prohibition is also repeated in our [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#), Section 2.5, item 6. We are also not allowed to engage in any commercial activities, and filing of returns is a commercial activity. There are NO exceptions to this policy.


This is exclusively a free speech website intended only to educate and empower people to obey the law and govern their own lives without any outside influences or help, including from the government. The only thing we produce is education and information. What you do with that information and education is entirely up to you. You are the sovereign, and you must take total and complete and exclusive personal responsibility for your life by educating yourself and fighting your own battles based not on what we say, but on what the law says. If you aren't up to this task, then you are headed for trouble and may as well kiss your rights and any possibility of freedom goodbye, because your LYING public servants will promote, abuse, and exploit your ignorance to make you into their whore if you don't. We're sorry, but that is the naked reality of the situation and we know the Truth hurts, but you MUST hear this or you will become another victim:

*"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and people who mean to be their own governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."*  
[James Madison]

The decision of whether to file or how to file is entirely up to you. However, you CANNOT be a [Member](#) of SEDM if you file a "resident alien" tax form such as IRS form 1040.  [IRS Publication 7130](#) says that only "citizens and residents" of the "United States" (federal zone), who collectively are called "[U.S. persons](#)" and " [domiciliaries](#)", may file IRS form 1040. This requirement is also repeated in  [26 C.F.R. §1.6012-1](#)(a), which says that only statutory (and NOT constitutional) 'U.S. citizens and residents' have an obligation to file a tax return. The IRS form 1040 is ONLY for such persons, all of whose earnings are from the "[trade or business](#)"/public office franchise. The only people who can read or use this website are:

1.  [Non-resident non-persons](#)
2. [Nontaxpayers](#)
3. Not engaged in a " [trade or business](#)"
4. Not "[U.S. persons](#)" as defined in [26 U.S.C. §7701](#)(a)(30) . . . AND
5. Not federal employees or contractors or "instrumentalities"

If you decide to file any kind of return as a [Member](#), you MUST file the AMENDED Federal 1040NR with the Tax Form Attachment, Form #04.201 or the Federal Nonresident Nonstatutory Claim for Return of Funds Unlawfully Paid to the Government, [Form #15.001](#) or [15.002](#) that can only indicate a ZERO liability, zero earnings from a "[trade or business](#)" or from the "[United States](#)" (District of Columbia) and which rebuts all information returns filed against you. This requirement exists to prevent either us or you from bringing reproach upon the God we serve and upon the freedom community as a whole. **Any filing of "resident" 1040 (rather than 1040NR) forms, regardless of the liability indicated on the form, is totally inappropriate for any of our Members. You only have two choices: obey the Member Agreement, Form #01.001 completely and consistently or quit using our information and become a Member in Bad Standing.** There is no middle ground on this issue. Sorry to be so harsh, but the naked reality is that we walk a tight-rope here because the government will always have us under a microscope.










If you want further information about filing of no liability 1040NR returns as a " [non-resident non-person](#)", the FREE information on Family Guardian in the [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004](#), may prove helpful. Click on "Forms" in the upper left corner and look at items 7.1 through 7.16 on the left hand side. We are NOT responsible for their offerings and maintain no financial relationships with the Family Guardian Fellowship. Users and not us assume all responsibility and liability for the consequences of reading their free information and any information available on this website.


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## QUESTION 1.12:

**Question 1.12:** I am facing a willful failure to file prosecution. Can you point me at information and resources that will help me prepare a defense in court?

**Answer 1.12:** Information that may be helpful in preparing your defense includes the following:

1. The Government "Benefits" Scam, Form #05.040-describes how to defend yourself against the main argument the government uses in all criminal tax prosecutions
  -  [Sample](#)
  -  [PDF in member subscriptions](#)
  - [Member Subscriptions](#)
2. [Litigation Tools Page](#)-forms and pleadings you can use as a starting point if you are handling the litigation yourself.
3. [Legal Requirement to File Federal Income Tax Returns, Form #05.009](#)-memorandum of law on our [Forms](#) page.
  -  [Sample](#)
  -  [PDF in member subscriptions](#)
  - [Member Subscriptions](#)
4.  [The "Trade or Business" Scam, Form #05.001](#)-memorandum of law on our [Forms](#) page. the basis for why the government falsely believes that you earned "gross income" for those years.
5.  [Why Domicile and Becoming a "Taxpayer" Require Your Consent, Form #05.002](#)-shows why income taxes and government civil jurisdiction is voluntary
6.  [Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001](#)-use this to send in and zero out the erroneous reports connecting you to a "trade or business", if you are not in fact engaged in this activity.
7.  [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, #05.007](#)-use this pamphlet to describe the basis for your belief about why you didn't have to file. All tax crimes have "willfulness" as a prerequisite and this pamphlet shows there is no basis to believe there is a requirement to file because there is no credible information one can trust or belief establishing a liability.
8.  [Responding to a Criminal Tax Indictment, Litigation Tool #01.003](#)-background on how to respond
9. [Federal Criminal Practice, James Publishing](#)-*excellent* attorney practice guide dealing with Federal Criminal Practice. This is what your attorney will use to defend you. Very affordable and comes with sample forms. Updated frequently to keep it current. Best of its kind that we know of.

Our  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) prohibit us from giving legal advice, but we can certainly point you a relevant law from the sources above in helping you make an informed choice about what to do.



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## QUESTION 1.13:

**Question 1.13:** My private employer is trying to FORCE me to provide a Social Security Number, a Taxpayer Identification Number, or a W-9 form. What can I do to respond to this?

**Answer 1.13:** Before you get started on this problem, you should read the following free resources to get some background on how to proceed:

1.  [Income Tax Withholding and Reporting Course, Form #12.004](#)
2.  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers, Form #09.001](#). Especially sections 20 through 22 and subsections.

Information that may be helpful in preparing your defense includes the following:










1. You can give them the following form and demand that they rebut it:  
 [Why It is Illegal for Me to Request or Use a "Taxpayer Identification Number", Form #04.205](#)
2. You can quote [42 U.S.C. §408](#), which says that it is illegal to compel anyone to disclose or use a [Social Security Number](#).

*TITLE 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE  
CHAPTER 7 - SOCIAL SECURITY  
SUBCHAPTER II - FEDERAL OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS  
[Sec. 408. Penalties](#)*




*(a) In general  
Whoever -...*

*(8) discloses, uses, or **compels the disclosure of the social security number of any person in violation of the laws of the United States; shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof***

**shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.**

3. You can tell them that you do not have a "Social Security Number" because you have never lawfully participated and couldn't lawfully consent to participate. Then you can show them:
  - 3.1  [Why You Aren't Eligible for Social Security, Form #06.001](#)
  - 3.2 The resignation document you sent in, if you sent it in at (Members are REQUIRED to do this):  
 [Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee, Form #06.002](#)
  - 3.3 Social Security Form 521 showing that you quit the social security program:  
<https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/Instructions/3.17QuitSocialSecurity.htm>
4. You can show them the signed letter from the Social Security Administration admitting that you aren't required to have or use the number:  
[SEDM Exhibit 07.004](#)  
<http://sedm.org/Exhibits/EX07.004.pdf>
5. You can give them our free pamphlet  [Who are 'taxpayers' and who needs a 'Taxpayer Identification Number'. Form #05.013](#) and demand that they rebut the questions at the end. It's also a good idea to offer to sit down with anyone who is confronting you on this issue and educate them about the content of this pamphlet.
6. You can print out and hand them a copy of the following:  
[Reasonable Cause Regulations and Requirements for Missing and Incorrect Name/TINs, IRS Publication 1586](#)  
<https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/Forms/IRS/IRSPub1586.pdf>
7. You can download the free  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers book, Form #09.001](#) and refer to sections 24.3.1 and 24.3.5 for further details. Section 27.12 also has a form you can use as a substitute for the W-9 form so that you can comply by submitting the form but still protect yourself and your privacy. Read this book carefully and it will answer most of your questions.
8. You can tell them that it is illegal to use government property for a private purpose and that you do not consent to act as a voluntary federal "public official" or employee without extra pay. [20 C.F.R. §422.103](#)(d) identifies the Social Security Number as government property, and to use this "public property" for a private purpose constitutes embezzlement and impersonating a federal employee, in violation of [18 U.S.C. §912](#).
9. If the person doing the compelling is not the owner of the organization, you can tell the person that you are going to sue them personally for recruiting you into slavery, in violation of the [Thirteenth Amendment](#), [42 U.S.C. §1994](#), and [18 U.S.C. §1581](#).
10. You can show them the definition of "married" and "unmarried" individuals in [26 C.F.R. §1.1-1](#)(a)(2)(ii), who are "aliens engaged in a 'trade or business'" and then explain that you are neither an "alien" or engaged in a "trade or business". See:  
 [The "Trade or Business" Scam, Form #05.001](#)
11. You tell them you are a "non-resident non-person" and quote them [26 C.F.R. §1.872-2](#)(f), which says you are not subject to withholding and give them a *modified* W-8BEN form. See:
  - 10.1  [About IRS Form W-8BEN, Form #04.202](#).
  - 10.2  [Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020](#).
12. If you are self-supporting and not an "employee" [  [federal instrumentality](#) ] but a private contractor, you can identify yourself as a " [non-resident non-person](#)" and read them [26 U.S.C. §1402](#)(b), which says that "nonresident aliens" do not earn "self employment income" and therefore need not report.

Whichever one or more of the above options you select:

1. Make sure you either have witnesses present or send everything registered overnight mail with return receipt. That way, you will have proof, if they decide to discriminate by either not hiring or firing you for basically refusing to violate the law or reward their ignorance with a surrender of your sovereign immunity under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.
2. Do NOT allow them to fill out IRS form 1042-S on your earnings, because this will illegally make them "gross income" and connect them to a "[trade or business](#)". This is explained in the free  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers book, Form #09.001](#), section 19.3.
3. Do NOT allow them to fill out IRS form 1099 on your earnings, because this form is ONLY for use in connection with a "trade or business", which you are not involved in. See:  
[Correcting Erroneous IRS Form 1099s, Form #04.005](#).
4. Do NOT allow them to fill out IRS form W-2 on your earnings, because this is ONLY in connection with a "trade or business", which in most cases you are not engaged in. See:  
[Correcting Erroneous IRS Form W-2's, Form #04.002](#)
5. If they fill out false information returns, such as W-2, 1042-S, 1098, or 1099, against you, make sure to correct them promptly after they are filed in order to avoid becoming the target of unlawful IRS collection activity in accordance with the following:
  - 5.1  [Income Tax Withholding and Reporting Course, Form #12.004](#).
  - 5.2  [Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001](#) (consolidates the following four links into one file)



5.3 [Correcting Erroneous IRS form 1042's, Form #04.003](#)

5.4 [Correcting Erroneous IRS form 1098's, Form #04.004](#)

5.5 [Correcting Erroneous IRS form 1099's, Form #04.005](#)

5.6 [Correcting Erroneous IRS form W-2's, Form #04.006](#)

If you want further details, the subject of Socialist INSecurity Numbers is exhaustively covered in the following free memorandum of law on our website:

*About SSNs/TINs on Government Forms and Correspondence*, Form #05.012

<http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/AboutSSNsAndTINs.pdf>

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## **QUESTION 1.14:**

**Question 1.14:** I am marrying a foreign wife and I want to protect her rights and avoid all the government fraud paperwork. Is there a way to marry her without a license and what should I look out for in this process.

I have recently submitted a Petition for Alien Fiance (I-129F) to the USCIS. This will allow for my fiance who lives in \_\_\_\_\_[foreign country] to come to the United States where I will have to marry her within 90-days of her arrival. I have recently discovered many of the evil truths about the government and wish that our marriage/union be kept out of the jurisdiction of the State of Indiana (where we will marry). But, in order for me to change her status from a non-Immigrant status to an Immigrant status I have to fill out form I-485. I-485 requires that I submit the following:

1. Fiance Petition Approval (which we will receive and allows for her entry into this country)
2. Marriage certificate
3. I-94 Form proving that she entered the country at a US point of entry

My question(s) are as follows:

1. Is there a way that I can marry without a marriage license in the State of Indiana and still obtain a valid Marriage Certificate?
2. Are there any forms or things that I should be aware of (and for that matter beware) of in regards to the Fiance Visa process?

Thanks so much for your prompt reply.

**Answer 1.14:** The method we use the case of our family members is the following:

1. Marry without a license by using the marriage contract in our book:  
[Sovereign Christian Marriage, Form #06.008](#).
2. Have the contract notarized, in which case it is an official record.
3. Present that notarized contract as proof of marriage. You can add to that a Certificate of Marriage included with the book that you can have a pastor sign. You can also have that document notarized if you like as well and even record it with the county recorder, but only if you don't mind losing your privacy. A list of pastors who will marry without licenses is at:  
<https://famguardian.org/Subjects/FamilyLaw/Marriage/Pastors.htm> (OFFSITE LINK)
4. Present a certified copy of the signed certificate plus the first and last page of the marriage contract to those who need proof of valid marriage. Your marriage qualifies as a "foreign marriage" under most state laws, and most state laws require states to legally recognize the existence of such marriage under the terms of the "foreign law" (God's law and the private contract) which consummated them. If they argue with you about the validity of the foreign marriage, refer them to the Family Code in your state and the section that says they have to recognize it. [Click here](#) to look up the laws for your state.
5. If they balk because your certificate and copy of the contract are not a "government record", show them the notarization of the contract and/or the certificate. Notaries are officers of the government so it is "government issued". If you have it recorded, you can also show them the stamped version from the County Recorder and even give them a certified color copy if they want.
6. Make sure when you fill out all the government paperwork, such as the I-94 and I129F, that you neither include nor provide any identifying government numbers and indicate that you DO NOT intend to apply for nor receive Social Security or a Taxpayer Identification Number. The reasons are explained at:



[Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee, Form #06.002](#)

We don't have time to hold your hand on this. You need to read our book [Sovereign Christian Marriage, Form #06.008](#), which will clear up most of your questions. That book also has a sample contract you can start with. However, it WILL NOT work and we don't recommend using it if both of you are not Christians.

*"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?  
And what communion has light with darkness?"*  
*[2 Cor. 6:14, Bible, NKJV]*

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## QUESTION 1.15:

**Question 1.15:** Do you have any information on professional licensing? I live in California and am a real estate agent with a dreaded license. How can I legally operate without one? No broker would hire me. I am already dealing with not signing a w-9 form, as to do so after not filing for many years would be my downfall. Any info on that as well? How to handle an broker who thinks he has to obtain a w-9 form for the IRS? How about liens that are already on your credit report? Is there a way to get them removed? I know I have so many questions, but I am embroiled with all of these battles, yet I want to make a difference for all in the future to come.

**Answer 1.15:** We have a section in our Liberty University specifically intended to help people avoid franchises and licenses of every description. Click on the link below to visit:

[Liberty University. Section 4: Avoiding Franchises and Licenses](#)

Other than the information at the link above, we don't have specific information about professional licensing. However, if you read the state laws governing professional licensing, you will find that they almost universally require that you live in the "State", which is usually defined as the federal areas within the exterior limits of most states of the Union. If you can find that statute, and point it out to the person you need to convince, that should settle it. We don't keep track of all these statutes for each state because it is very burdensome, but you can do a search on your own for your state:

State Legal Resources

<https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/LegalRef/StateLegalResources.htm>

The fact that people won't hire or employ you because you refuse to be a privileged alien in your own country is a cause for a discrimination lawsuit. Its best to show them the law before doing anything that drastic, but these are the essentials.

The W-9 is only necessary in the case of an alien. This is confirmed in the case of the following:

*About SSNs/TINs on Government Forms and Correspondences*, Form #05.012



<http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/AboutSSNsAndTINs.pdf>

If you are having trouble with people insisting that you fill out a W-9 and therefore commit perjury under penalty of perjury by declaring yourself to be an alien, then we recommend using the following to educate and convince them:

*Who are Taxpayers and Who Needs a Taxpayer Identification Number?*, Form #05.013



<http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/WhoAreTaxpayers.pdf>

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## QUESTION 1.16:

**Question 1.16:** Why won't you answer my question? You said you can't give legal advice and therefore can't answer it.

**Answer 1.16:** Our ministry observes very stringent constraints relating to all its communications with Members and other third parties. You aren't getting answers because you aren't following the strict protocol for asking questions. That protocol and the reason why it is necessary is thoroughly is described in:

[Guide to Asking Questions, Form #09.017](#)

If you either attempt to contact us to ask a question using our [Contact Us page](#) or you intend to post a question you may have to our [Member Forums](#), you are required to strictly observe these guidelines or your communication will either be ignored, flagged as a violation, and sometimes even deleted.


We repeat the content of this FAQ in section 14.5 of our [Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#) to ensure that everyone is aware of it in all their interactions with this ministry and all of its Members.

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## QUESTION 1.17:

**Question 1.17:** I want to continue receiving Social Security, Medicare, SSI, or other government checks or "benefits" but also no longer want be subject to federal jurisdiction or venue or be a "taxpayer". Can you help?

**Answer 1.17:** You are asking for an impossibility and we simply can't and won't help you in any way:

1. You want dependency and sovereignty at the same time. This is impossible.
2. You want to collect money from the government that you aren't willing to earn by paying taxes. In effect, you want something for nothing. Since the government doesn't produce anything and you aren't willing to pay your way, indirectly that choice compels them to become a thief on your behalf, and the people they are going to STEAL from are mainly those who don't want to participate. That means US! We can't aid or abet thieves.
3. You want rights without the responsibilities that give rise to them. All rights originate from duties and responsibilities to a higher power. If you don't believe in God, then that higher power is the government.
4. You want to receive "public funds" as a "private person", which is illegal and constitutes embezzlement in violation of [18 U.S.C. §641](#). The only people who can lawfully receive "public funds" are public officers. Otherwise, you are converting "public property" to "private use", which is a polite way of saying that you are STEALING government funds. One must be a "[public officer](#)" in order to receive "public funds", and "[public officers](#)" are the main "taxpayers" under Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code. Those who are "public officers" are "U.S. persons" pursuant to [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(30\)](#) and we can't help or educate any "U.S. person" without violating the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#).
5. You are asking us to help you continue receiving money unlawfully from the government, even if you were a "public officer". The definition of "[State](#)" in the Social Security Act (see [42 U.S.C. §1301\(a\)\(1\)](#)) does NOT include states of the Union. No one domiciled in a state of the Union can lawfully collect Social Security and it is a [violation of the separation of powers doctrine](#), treason, and a violation of the Social Security Act if they do. See the following for details:  
 [Why You Aren't Eligible for Social Security, Form #06.001](#)
6. You are violating the law by asking to receive a "benefit" while being unwilling to reimburse the government for every penny you receive in "benefits". You MUST pull your own weight. Social Security is NOT a "trust fund" or an investment. Everything goes from hand-to-hand and the so-called "lock box" is full of IOU's, not your money. The government cannot lawfully abuse its taxing power to redistribute wealth, but only to pay for its own employees and agents in the official execution of their constitutionally authorized duties. You therefore must become part of the government and subject to their jurisdiction to receive any kind of benefit from them.

*"The Government urges that **the Power Company is estopped to question the validity of the Act creating the Tennessee Valley Authority**, and hence that the stockholders, suing in the right of the corporation, cannot [297 U.S. 323] maintain this suit. .... **The principle is invoked that one who accepts the benefit of a statute cannot be heard to question its constitutionality. Great Falls Manufacturing Co. v. Attorney General, 124 U.S. 581; Wall v. Parrot Silver & Copper Co., 244 U.S. 407; St. Louis Casting Co. v. Prendergast Construction Co., 260 U.S. 469.**"*  
[Ashwander v. Tennessee Valley Auth., [297 U.S. 288](#) (1936)]



CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE  
DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS  
PART 2. CONTRACTS  
CHAPTER 3. CONSENT

### [Section 1589](#)

1589. A voluntary acceptance of the benefit of a [government benefit] transaction is equivalent to a consent to all the obligations [and legal liabilities] arising from it, so far as the facts are known, or ought to be known, to the person accepting.

We cover the subject of the government "benefits" in the following publication. In that publication, we conclude that all such programs are Ponzi schemes that injure rather than improve society.

[The Government "Benefits" Scam](#), Form #05.040

-  [Sample](#)
-  [Click here](#) ([Member Subscriptions](#), 426 Kbytes) to view the very important form. SEDM Form #05.040. Requires free

[Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) version 5.0 or later.

- [Member Subscriptions](#)-how to gain access to this brief

If you want to know all the obligations which arise out of participating in the Social Security program, why it is EVIL and unlawful, and why and how to quit, see:

1. [Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee, Form #06.002](#)  
<http://sedm.org/Forms/06-AvoidingFranch/SSTrustIndenture.pdf>
2. [Social Security: Mark of the Beast, Form #11.407](#) (OFFSITE LINK)

Can't you see how irrational it is to ask us to help you? Freedom and sovereignty BEGIN with COMPLETE, TOTAL, and PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY for every aspect of oneself. As long as you are eating out of anyone's hand, including the government, then the only choice you have is to lick the hand that feeds you. You can't be half pregnant or half free.

*"If a nation expects to be ignorant [or dependent on anyone] and free... it expects what never was and never will be."*

*[Thomas Jefferson]*

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*"Government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have. The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases."*

*[Thomas Jefferson]*



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Mr. Logan: "...Natural laws can not be created, repealed, or modified by legislation. **Congress should know there are many things which it can not do...**"

*"It is now proposed to make the Federal Government the guardian of its citizens. If that should be done, the Nation soon must perish. There can only be a free nation when the people themselves are free and administer the government which they have set up to protect their rights. **Where the general government must provide work, and incidentally food and clothing for its citizens, freedom and individuality will be destroyed and eventually the citizens will become serfs to the general government...**"*

*[Congressional Record-Senate, Volume 77- Part 4, June 10, 1933, Page 12522;*

SOURCE: <https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/CitesByTopic/Sovereignty-CongRecord-Senate-JUNE101932.pdf>]

The beginning of our  [Federal and State Income Taxation of Individuals Course, Form #12.003](#) says we can't help people steal and that is what you are asking us to help you do. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) also says we can't help "[taxpayers](#)" and that is what you are if you are receiving Social Security benefits. [26 U.S.C. §871\(a\)\(3\)](#) says that Social Security Benefits constitute "gross income" and therefore are taxable. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) also says you won't ask us to violate any enacted law or help you violate any law, which is what you are asking us to do. We *strongly discourage* all "taxpayers" and  [government "benefit" recipients](#) from becoming members or from using our materials because they are both synonymous and those who fit this category would be unlawfully interfering with the administration of the internal revenue laws by using our materials without satisfying all of the criteria for being a Member. Unless and until you completely disassociate with THE BEAST that has become our de facto lawless government by sending in the [Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee, Form #06.002 document](#) above, we can't and won't help you because you are a "taxpayer", whether you know it or not. Sending in this document is also a mandatory requirement of Section 2.2 of our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). On this subject, the Bible says:

**'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive her plagues.**

*"For her [our [corrupted de facto WHORE government](#)] sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*


*[Rev. 18:1-8, Bible, NKJV]*

We have prepared an entire document to address those who were at one time Members but who subsequently made a decision to reenter the franchise system and become socialists again:

 [Policy Document: Members Who Reenter the Franchise System, Form #08.017](#)

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## QUESTION 1.18:

**Question 1.18:** I sent in the  [Legal Notice of Change in Domicile/Citizenship Records and Divorce from the United States, Form #10.001](#) and the Dept. of State sent me a LAME response or left me hanging. For instance, the Dept. of State said that we cannot relinquish nationality via the mail. We might need help to respond to the letter and also help in following their direction to go to a US consular office in a foreign state to renounce US citizenship. What should I do?

**Answer 1.18:** The only approved method for changing your DOMICILE and resulting citizenship that is available on our website is the following form:

[Legal Notice of Change in Domicile/Citizenship Records and Divorce from the United States, Form #10.001](#)  
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>

That form clearly DOES NOT ask for an abandonment of NATIONALITY or EXPATRIATION. In Section 2, the form specifically warns the recipient, which is the Dept. of State, NOT to address how to abandon nationality or expatriate, but simply to correct records to remove your status as a STATUTORY "U.S. citizen" pursuant to [8 U.S.C. §1401](#). Therefore, the Dept. of State is either not reading your correspondence or refusing to address the issues raised therein because it would be too incriminating. It is your job to ensure that they give you exactly and only what the form itself asks for which is:

1. An  [apostilled](#) original version of the document returned to you.
2. A confirmation that they have updated all government records in their care, custody, and control which reflect your citizenship and domicile. The specific change requested is that you become a non-resident non-person engaged in a "trade or business", a "non-citizen national" pursuant to [8 U.S.C. §1101\(a\)\(21\)](#).

It also appears that you either may not have read the Legal Notice yourself or do not understand what you read. We don't recommend expatriation and the form itself explains why, and yet here you are asking for help expatriating. We can't help or advise you in how to use our materials in OTHER than approved methods, and you are doing the WRONG thing!

If may also be that you did not use the latest version of the form, because older versions are likely to be less effective than newer versions. Therefore, look at the revision date at the top of the first page and compare it with what is currently available on our website so that you used the very latest version.

Please therefore do your homework and thoroughly read, use, and follow the latest version of the form based on the instructions included. If the Dept. of State didn't respond as directed in the form itself and ignored Section 2 of the form, as it appears they did in your case, then resend it to them and DEMAND that they read and follow what is in section 2 and do as directed in the form, instead of giving non-responsive answers. Insist that they give you the two things indicated above and tell them that you aren't interested in policy. They are trying to dodge bullets by sending you a canned response that is completely irrelevant and does not address anything in the letter. Demand that they directly address what you are asking for in the letter. If that doesn't work, call them and ask them what part of the letter they didn't understand. The squeaky wheel will get the grease but they will do as much foot-dragging as they can because they don't want you escaping their jurisdiction, undermining their power and control over you, and becoming sovereign.

Ultimately, if all they come back with is basically policy statements and don't quote any statute, regulation, or caselaw that supports their position, then basically they are not honoring the law because everything they do must be authorized by some law. In a "society of law" such as we have in America, anyone in government who operates exclusively by "policy" and ignores the law has devolved us into a "society of men". Ultimately, all such persons the U.S. Congress identifies as communists, as confirmed by [50 U.S.C. §841](#), which says that anyone who refuses to recognize or abide by the constitutional and statutory legal constraints on their behavior is a communist. The only recourse you have in responding to such communists is to undertake a Constitutional tort action against them personally for denying you your rights. See [42 U.S.C.A. §1483](#) for details on how to do this in federal court. A Bivens Action would be inappropriate because such actions only involve violations of the Fourth Amendment. You do not need anything to have standing in a Constitutional tort action OTHER than a violation of the Constitution because the Bill of Rights is "self -executing" according to the U.S. Supreme Court and needs not supporting statute:

*"The design of the Fourteenth Amendment has proved significant also in maintaining the traditional separation of powers 524\*524 between Congress and the Judiciary. **The first eight Amendments to the Constitution set forth self-executing prohibitions on governmental action, and this Court has had primary authority to interpret those prohibitions.** The Bingham draft, some thought, departed from that tradition by vesting in Congress primary power to interpret and elaborate on the meaning of*



*the new Amendment through legislation. Under it, "Congress, and not the courts, was to judge whether or not any of the privileges or immunities were not secured to citizens in the several States." Flack, supra, at 64. While this separation-of-powers aspect did not occasion the widespread resistance which was caused by the proposal's threat to the federal balance, it nonetheless attracted the attention of various Members. See Cong. Globe, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., at 1064 (statement of Rep. Hale) (noting that Bill of Rights, unlike the Bingham proposal, "provide[s] safeguards to be enforced by the courts, and not to be exercised by the Legislature"); id., at App. 133 (statement of Rep. Rogers) (prior to Bingham proposal it "was left entirely for the courts . . . to enforce the privileges and immunities of the citizens"). As enacted, the Fourteenth Amendment confers substantive rights against the States which, like the provisions of the Bill of Rights, are self-executing. Cf. South Carolina v. Katzenbach, 383 U. S., at 325 (discussing Fifteenth Amendment). The power to interpret the Constitution in a case or controversy remains in the Judiciary.*  
[City of Boerne v. Flores, 521 U.S. 507 (1997)]

If after doing your own homework and writing a response or several responses, you find something that motivates them to do the job you asked them to do, then please forward it to us so everyone can benefit from it. Ultimately, however, we are not staffed to personally help everyone who might have trouble with this procedure, and especially not without compensation. We remind our readers that sovereignty is a "do it yourself" thing that will demand a lifetime of learning and consistent effort to maintain and protect. No one but you personally can make it happen ultimately. Accepting the responsibility for that challenge is the essence of what it means to be a good citizen and a patriotic American.

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### QUESTION 1.19:

**Question 1.19:** I have a loan or debt I want to cancel. Can you point me at the information on your site that addresses how to do this?

**Answer 1.19:** Debt cancellation is an activity prohibited by our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001, Section 5, item 13](#) as well as [Item 13 of the Prohibited Activities section of our About Us page](#). We don't get involved in commercial issues or debt cancellation. We are a religious ministry, not a commercial business. If you contracted a loan, you should pay it. The Bible says in [Deut. 15:1-3](#) that debts should be cancelled by the lenders who are fellow believers every seven years, but it doesn't say that the borrowers can cancel debts.

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### QUESTION 1.20:

**Question 1.20:** The IRS is unlawfully levying my Social Security Benefits. Do you have a remedy that will resolve this problem?

**Answer 1.20:** You have visited this website because you want to hear the Truth. Please don't take any of the answers to your question personally, but they are the Truth and you shouldn't be surprised or offended to hear us speaking the Truth in this, the last bastion of sanity, reason, and righteousness on the planet. Some answers:

1. Social Security levies are UNLAWFUL pursuant to [42 U.S.C. §1717](#). Any amount they levy under the Federal Payment Levy Program (FPLP) is illegal and you have standing in federal court to sue the person who authorized the illegal levy. We hope you're not surprised that your government isn't reading or obeying the law. They never do, which is one of many reasons why you can't apply for or receive or participate in any of their fraudulent "franchises" and still have any so-called "rights" left. They only care about Number One, and we'll give you a hint: You're NOT number one.
2. We can't help or interact with those who are not [Members](#) because we don't want to interfere with the lawful administration of any government function or franchise.
3. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) requires QUITTING social security.
4. If you are drawing Social Security benefits, then you didn't quit and are violating the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#).
5. If you are participating in Social Security, then you are a "taxpayer". [26 U.S.C. §861\(a\)\(8\)](#) says all Social Security benefits constitute "gross income" that is subject to tax. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) prohibits us from helping or dealing with "taxpayers" or "U.S. persons" and you are both if you are participating in Social Security.
6. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) also says that you won't ask us to violate it, which is what you did.
7. Read [Question 1.1 above](#) for additional suggestions we have for "taxpayers".






Sorry, but we can't help you until you disconnect from the Beast as mandated by the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and quit accepting food for yourself that is being stolen from your unwilling neighbor, of which we are a part. Your neighbor wouldn't be

participating if he or she wasn't **forced** to and if he was offered an informed choice to quit. The Bible commands us not to steal ([Exodus 20:15](#)) and not to associate with those who do ([Prov. 1:10-19](#)). On the other hand, we do wish to thank you for hastening the *inevitable* demise of a  [pagan socialist welfare state](#) that is headed for rapid and eventual destruction, thanks to people like you. Keep up the GREAT work. A major financial meltdown is the only way to wake up the complaisant ignorant masses who tolerate and perpetuate the fraud that has become our pagan government and the sooner it happens, the better.

*"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]

*"Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."*  
[[Prov. 27:6](#), Bible, NKJV]


If you want to know all the reasons why you can't and shouldn't participate in Social Security, See:

- [Social Security: Mark of the Beast](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
-  [Policy Document: Members who Reenter the Franchise System. Form #08.017](#)
-  [Socialism: The New American Civil Religion. Form #05.016](#)
-  [Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee. Form #06.002](#)
-  [Why You Aren't Eligible for Social Security. Form #06.001](#)
-  [The Coming Crisis: How Government Dependency Threatens America's Freedom](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-Heritage Foundation, May 8, 2001

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## QUESTION 1.21:

**Question 1.21:** I'm a "bogus taxpayer". Do you have a program or process for me to become a "nontaxpayer" and do you help with that process? Do you help in any other way other than providing you a well put together website of truth for us the non-taxpayer?

**Answer 1.21:** We can't help or advise "[taxpayers](#)", and especially not tax collectors such as yourself! You can't be a statutory "[taxpayer](#)" and use any of our "tax information or services". Even "taxpayers", however, CAN use materials or services OTHER than "tax information and services". Nor can you be a "bogus taxpayer". YOU and ONLY YOU must determine independently that you are a "nontaxpayer" based on studying the enacted law BEFORE you use any of our materials, and we can't and won't help directly with making "[taxpayers](#)" into "nontaxpayers". That is *your* job based on your own reading of the law and the free materials on this website. We have found that most people who have been acting like "taxpayers" got into that position mainly because of ignorance by either filling out forms incorrectly or or passively tolerating ignorant violations of law by third parties and not correcting or prosecuting these violations. They always were "nontaxpayers" but they didn't realize it until they actually read the law for themselves. We emphasize that reading the authoritative sources of belief documented in our  [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability. Form #05.007 pamphlet](#) is the only way to determine your own status, and the only type of evidence upon which you can base a reasonable belief based on what the law and the courts themselves say.

Read our [FAQs. item 5.10](#). That FAQ describes the process we used in our own case to correct government records to correctly reflect our status as a "nontaxpayer". However, whether that process is appropriate for you and your circumstances is entirely and exclusively your choice and responsibility. Our [Member Agreement. Form #01.001](#) specifically prohibits us from making determinations about your legal status or providing legal advice. We aren't even allowed to talk with you until you sign and submit a [Member Agreement. Form #01.001](#). If you want to criticize our approach of refusing to determine your legal or tax status, remember that it is EXACTLY the same approach used by the federal courts AND the IRS. The [Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §2201](#)(a), prohibits federal courts from making declaratory judgments about rights or status on the subject of "taxes".

*Specifically, Rowen seeks a declaratory judgment against the United States of America with respect to "whether or not the plaintiff is a taxpayer pursuant to, and/or under 26 U.S.C. § 7701(a)(14)." (See Compl. at 2.) **This Court lacks jurisdiction to issue a declaratory judgment "with respect to Federal taxes other than actions brought under section 7428 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986," a code section that is not at issue in the instant action. See 28 U.S.C. § 2201; see also Hughes v. United States, 953 F.2d 531, 536-537 (9th Cir. 1991)** (affirming dismissal of claim for declaratory relief under § 2201 where claim concerned question of tax liability). Accordingly, defendant's motion to dismiss is hereby GRANTED, and the instant action is hereby DISMISSED.*  
[[Rowen v. U.S., 05-3766MMC. \(N.D.Cal. 11/02/2005\)](#)]

AFTER you have independently determined that you are a "nontaxpayer" and signed and submitted the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) via fax, then and only then can we help you, and the limit of the help that we can provide is identified in our bookstore offerings. In summary, we can:

1. Provide additional legal and freedom and religious educational materials to help your progress and learning. See our [Ministry Bookstore](#).
2. Prepare [Federal Response Letters](#) or [State Response Letters](#) to ensure the government respects the laws dealing with "nontaxpayers". These are a starting point to help you respond, but you may still need to improve them to fit your case.
3. Help in the preparation of legal pleadings.
4. Do [IMF Decoding](#) to uncover fraud introduced into IRS records relating to your status.
5. Integrate any new research you may uncover into our materials to improve them. We always welcome suggestions on how to make our materials more useful or accurate.

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## QUESTION 1.22:

**Question 1.22:** I would either like to get a tax collection due process hearing or am preparing for an upcoming one. Do you have information to help someone in my circumstance?

**Answer 1.22:** See the following forms on the forms page at:

<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>

The forms are:

1.  [Modified IRS form 12153, Form #03.011](#). Use this form to request the due process hearing.
2. [Handling and getting a collection due process hearing, Form #09.007](#). Simplified procedures for handling the hearing.
3. [Nontaxpayer's Audit Defense Manual, Form #06.011](#). A manual that thoroughly covers all aspects about how to handle the hearing.
4.  [IRS Due Process Meeting Handout, Form #03.008](#). A handout to provide at the hearing that very successfully challenges jurisdiction. Send BEFORE the hearing as well.

You can also find the above list of forms on our [Forms Page, under Section 2.7](#).

Beyond that, we can't give legal advice and we are not equipped to answer your many personal questions. You must earn your sovereignty through committed study.

Our prayers are with you!





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## QUESTION 1.23:

**Question 1.23:** I have been studying sovereignty and would like to ask some questions. Can I call?

**Answer 1.23:** In order for people who contact us to get questions answered, they should do as we suggest in our Contact Us page FIRST:

1. You must FIRST be a Member before we can answer your questions. This means you must have faxed us a signed  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) before contacting us. We cannot talk with anyone who does not unconditionally consent to and comply with our  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). We may also ask you before we talk to you whether you consent to our Member Agreement, Form #01.001 and if you don't, we reserve the right not to speak with you.
2. You should contact us via our [Contact Us](#) page FIRST before attempting a phone call. We only entertain phone contact as a last resort because it is so resource and time intensive and compromise our privacy.
3. If you are calling with a general question, you have first taken the time to scan and hopefully read these Frequently Asked Questions, because chances are your question is already answered here. This area is carefully organized to make finding the answer to your question quick and convenient.
4. You may not violate the  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) or our  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) by asking for legal advice. Therefore, you must follow the protocol for asking questions documented earlier in [FAQ #1.16](#).

5. You may not ask us to do any of the specifically prohibited things in our  [Terms of Use and Service, Form #01.016, Section 4](#) during your contact with us, including ask for assurances or promises about the effectiveness of any of our materials. Answers to all such questions, if they are given in violation of our  [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), should be considered religious beliefs that are nonfactual and non-actionable and not admissible as evidence pursuant to [Federal Rule of Evidence 610](#). This is the only way to interpret such responses consistent with our [Disclaimer](#).
6. If you are calling about an order of one of our bookstore items, you have your order number and other personal information ready to give to us so we can verify your identity and standing to call.
7. If you are calling about a response letter, please also have the letter or notice number ready to give to us so we know what you are asking questions about and can promptly help you.

Some people wonder why we cannot answer technical questions from non-Members. The answer is that if they do not possess enough intellectual capital and self-confidence to read enough of our materials here to determine ***for themselves*** if they are sovereign and "nontaxpayers" and need someone else to make that determination for them, then they do not have the ingredients necessary to be sovereign. Such people are incapable of self-government and need and deserve a huge "nanny government" to protect them from themselves. They should return to their government cage and spend the rest of their lives in economic servitude. Sovereigns don't ask for permission to do or to be anything from anyone. They make their own decisions and trust no one else but God and/or themselves to make decisions that affect them. [Sovereignty begins with taking personal and exclusive responsibility for yourself](#). Sovereigns guard their autonomy jealously and delegate NONE of their God given authority to ANYONE, including us. Sovereignty begins with **SELF GOVERNMENT**.

*"It would be a dangerous delusion were a confidence in the men of our choice to silence our fears for the safety of our rights... Confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism. **Free government is founded in jealousy, and not in confidence. It is jealousy and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions, to bind down those whom we are obliged to trust with power.**... Our Constitution has accordingly fixed the limits to which, and no further, our confidence may go... In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution."*  
[\[Thomas Jefferson: Draft Kentucky Resolutions, 1798. ME 17:388\]](#)

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*"We of this mighty western [Republic](#) have to grapple with the dangers that spring from popular self-government tried on a scale incomparably vaster than ever before in the history of mankind, and from an abounding material prosperity greater also than anything which the world has hitherto seen.*

*As regards the first set of dangers, it behooves us to remember that men can never escape being governed. Either they must govern [and fully support] themselves or they must submit to being governed by others. **If from lawlessness or fickleness, from folly or self-indulgence, they refuse to govern themselves then most assuredly in the end they will have to be governed from the outside [by public "servants"]. They can prevent the need of government from without only by showing they possess the power of government from within. A sovereign cannot make excuses for his failures; a sovereign must accept the responsibility for the exercise of power that inheres in him [by not becoming a permanent burden to others]; and where, as is true in our Republic, the people are sovereign, then the people must show a sober understanding and a sane and steadfast purpose if they are to preserve that orderly liberty upon which as a foundation every republic must rest.***

*[President Theodore Roosevelt; Opening of the Jamestown Exposition; Norfolk, VA, April 26, 1907]*

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## QUESTION 1.24:

**Question 1.24:** I am accessing the information on your website and my system appears to lock up. I am under the gun and need to view the materials on your website. What should I do?

**Answer 1.24:** Chances are that one of the following problems exists.

1. You don't have the free Adobe Acrobat reader installed on your computer. This will cause your computer to not be able to display PDF files that you click on inside the browser, which may make it appear that it has hanged.
2. You are using an old, outdated version of the free Adobe Reader software and need to upgrade to the latest free version by [clicking here](#). That would be version 8.0 currently. If you are using older versions, you may have problems, crashes, etc.
3. You clicked on a large PDF file from within your browser and are using a slow dial-up internet connection. Some files are large, such as our books or the Black's Law dictionary. If you are using a slow dial-up line, the system may appear to lock up when trying to view these

- large files inside your browser. Therefore, you should right click on the item inside your browser and download it to your computer and THEN and only then open it locally rather than from within your browser.
4. Your computer has a virus and you need to fix it. Please install anti-virus software and try again.

As last resort, you can obtain all the materials on our website on a single DVD for quick viewing. That would be our [Sovereignty Research DVD, Form #11.101](#).

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## 2. Ordering, refund, donation, or membership issues:

If your question is not answered in this section, please visit the following area in our forums for additional questions and answers:

[Ordering, refund, donation, or membership issues](#)

### QUESTION 2.01:

**Question 2.01:** I don't have a Mastercard or Visa credit or debit card and I don't want to get one. I don't want my personal information in anyone's database because my privacy is important to me. I'd rather send you a money order or a personal check. Can you accommodate that?

**Answer 2.01:** We provide two payment methods in our bookstore: 1. Credit/Debit Card; 2. Personal check. You can select the "Personal Check" option for payment, follow directions for sending us the check, and then we will email you the item you ordered as an attachment or a link. **However, the we don't accept postal money orders or cashier's checks or phone orders.** Our payment processor does not support these and it would require us to significantly expand our staff and would detract from our main mission of doing research to develop useful and timely educational materials that are helpful and relevant for our many members. Anyone who has either a debit/check card or a credit card that says "Mastercard" or "Visa" or who either has a checking account or knows someone with a checking account and has cash to pay them can make donations to our [Ministry Bookstore](#). Many people also overlook the fact that most American banks issue "check cards", which are actually debit cards that say "Mastercard" or "Visa" on them and which act like credit cards but which do not require either credit or an SSN to have. This is the approach we use and it is quite convenient but also doesn't force us to use or have credit. If you don't have either a credit or debit card or a checking account and don't know anyone who has a checking account, this is the approach that we recommend to our Members.

If you don't have either a Debit or Credit card that says "Mastercard" or "Visa" on them, we suggest one of the following two options:

1. You can use cash to obtain a gift debit card or have someone order one for you online and pay them cash. Gift cards are available in amounts up to \$500 and they are great for anonymous online internet purchases. They are available from most shopping malls at the mall service desk. If you get it at the mall service desk, you hand them cash and they hand you the card. They don't ask for any kind of identifying information so the card isn't tied to a specific person.
2. You can also find a friend or relative who does and have them submit the donation order for you. You can place the order in your name and then enter a completely different name for the credit card information than you had for the order information. The orderer and the person making the donation do not have to be the same person or the same name as long as they are both accurate. Then you can give the person whose debit/credit card you used cash to reimburse them for the charge on their card. For more information, see our "[Bookstore Policies](#)" page. One of the reasons we also don't accept postal money orders is because the checks say on them "Only valid within the United States", and so they cannot be cashed outside the United States or in Canada.

Some users have also expressed concern that the payment records can be summonsed by the IRS from our provider. This is not true, because both our payment provider and the account that the merchant account deposits into are outside of the country.

Some users have also expressed concern that they can't find a gift card as indicated above and therefore would be compelled to accept the Mark of the Beast in order to obtain a credit or debit card to make a donation to our store. We agree that those who use this website should not be having or using SSN's, TINs, or credit, because the Bible forbids using all of them. However, these complaints are simply untrue and unfounded. You still have the second option above of using someone else's card to make the payment and paying them cash, or better yet, Section 8 of the following article describes how to open a non-interest bearing checking account at most banks as a non-resident non-person, which you can then get a Debit card for that has the Mastercard or Visa logo on it. This will allow you do make online payments without a Social Security Number and without using or accepting the Mark of the Beast (SSN or TIN) or using credit and still fully satisfy the requirements of our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#).

[About IRS Form W-8BEN, Form #04.202](#)

If you disregard our clear prohibitions and warnings relating to mail orders, money orders, or cashier's checks and attempt to phone call us

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about "bending the rules" in your special case or if you send us a money order or personal check rather than use our [Ministry Bookstore](#) to make the donation, then we will:

1. NOT return your phone call.
2. Destroy and not cash any checks or money orders you send us via postal mail. Your mail donations WILL NOT be cashed, but simply shredded and destroyed, so please don't waste your time and your money trying to bend the rules that are there for very specific reasons.
3. Think of you as a mole who is trying to compromise and destroy the integrity and privacy and mission of this ministry.

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## **QUESTION 2.02:**

**Question 2.02:** Do you accept postal or money or cash donations or orders?

**Answer 2.02:** We accept only personal checks drawn on a U.S. Bank and submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in our ministry bookstore when you select "Pay by check" as the payment method. Note that we DO NOT accept any of the following either as an electronic image or via postal mail:

1. Money orders.
2. Cashier's checks.
3. Cash.

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## **QUESTION 2.03:**

**Question 2.03:** When I try to donate online using my debit card, the transaction is repeatedly rejected by your website. Why is this?

**Answer 2.03:** Two possible situations are causing this problem:

1. You are using a proxy server with your web browser. Our payment processor has very strict security controls that do not permit proxy server use in order to prevent credit card fraud. We do not have the ability to disable this feature so please do not call us to ask us to disable this feature. Our payment checkout screen warns you of this, so please pay attention to the warning and configure your computer accordingly to work around the problem.
2. You are using a debit or credit card that has a "foreign transaction" block on it. This means, by default, it doesn't work outside the United States. We are in Canada.

To work around problem #1 above, you must do one of the following three things:

1. Disable the proxy server within your browser or
2. Use another browser that doesn't use a proxy server in order to complete a transaction through our payment processor.
3. Use another computer that does not have proxy server enabled.

Problem number 2 happens mainly with gift cards or debit cards, and very infrequently with credit cards. Credit cards are intended for those who travel outside the country, and because they charge high rates of interest, the credit card companies have a big cash reserve of interest payments to handle instances of the fraudulent use of credit cards outside the country, so they are more willing to allow use of the cards outside the country.

Debit cards and gift cards are a different story. Banks don't charge fees to their account holders for the debit cards and there are no interest payment reserves they can draw upon in the case of fraud. Consequently, banks will deliberately limit place a "foreign transaction lock" on the cards, limiting the geographical coverage of the card to keep the instances of fraud lower and thereby decrease their overhead cost to keep it in line with the fees and interest they get from their checking accounts. The most common geographical limitation of most American debit cards is to limit them to the country that they were issued within. American banks that want to cut their costs so that they are more competitive with other rival banks will therefore limit their debit cards so they don't work outside the United States of America (the states). Since we are outside of the states of the Union, then debit cards or gift cards with this "foreign transaction" limitation won't work by default on our website. What complicates this problem is that the banks don't even tell their customers about the geographical or "foreign transaction" limitations on their debit or gift cards, so most users aren't even aware of it until they run up against a roadblock ordering from another country on the Internet.

1. **DEBIT CARD:** If your debit card failed because of a foreign transaction lock:
  - 1.1 Call the bank or issuer of the card to remove the "foreign transaction lock" on the card. Typically removal of the foreign transaction lock this is done for a specific time period or a specific transaction only, and not permanently or generally. So, if your debit card had the foreign transaction lock, call their 800 number and have them lift it temporarily for the day you will be ordering or the specific transaction you need.
  - 1.2 Next, you may try getting an account and a debit card from a different bank that doesn't have the geographical limitations on their debit cards. Below is an article that explains how to open a non-interest bearing account as a non-resident non-person without using an SSN or TIN.  
[About IRS Form W-8BEN, Form #04.202](#)
2. **GIFT CARD:** If you tried to use a Visa or Mastercard gift card that you preloaded with cash and the transaction failed:
  - 2.1 You might want to examine the user agreement that came with the card. Chances are the card had a foreign transaction lock taht **COULD NOT BE REMOVED**, so you can't even call them to remove the foreign transaction lock.
  - 2.2 Therefore, if you buy a gift card with the intent of using it on our site, please ensure that it has no foreign transaction lock by reading the member agreement, or better yet, get an "international gift card" that works across borders.
3. If none of the above steps work, please don't call us to complain, but instead, try using a credit card instead of a debit card that doesn't have such a geographical limit. If you don't like credit cards (like us, because they are based on FRAUD), then try going out and getting a debit card from a bank that doesn't limit its debit cards to just the United States of America. You will save all of us a LOT of headaches answering phones and needlessly dealing with problems that can easily be anticipated and fixed and prevented long before they ever even happen.

When transactions are rejected, our merchant account provider has no way of telling why the transaction was declined by your bank, so we can't tell you either. Users sometimes call us complaining about this problem, saying that their debit card is "good", that there is money in their account, and that there is no reason the transaction shouldn't go through. They then call their bank to find out what happened, and the bank will report that they did not decline any transactions. In fact, the transactions were thrown out by Mastercard/VISA before they ever even got to the bank but after they were transmitted by our merchant account provider because the bank told Mastercard/VISA not to forward any transactions outside the country for approval. We're sure you can see that a lot of "finger-pointing" happens when people try to use debit cards that have this "invisible" geographical or "foreign transaction" limitation in order to make donations to our ministry. The easy way to end the controversy is that if your transactions were repeatedly declined by our website, then please resist the temptation to call us immediately. Instead, use the procedure above.

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## QUESTION 2.04:

**Question 2.04:** How do the conversions work between U.S. and Canadian dollars when I donate to your ministry?

**Answer 2.04:** Our suggested donation amounts are listed in Canadian dollars. The conversion rates are found at:

<http://x-rates.com>

If your debit or credit card is enumerated in U.S. dollars, your bank or credit card company handles the conversion automatically and transparently using the exchange rate in effect at the instant you made the donation. That means that if the item has a suggested donation amount of \$50 Canadian and the exchange rate in effect at the instant you made the donation was 1.25 Canadian dollars for every U.S. dollar, then your U.S. account would be charged \$40 American.

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## QUESTION 2.05:

**Question 2.05:** I hate electronic books and I don't know how to use them or open them or get them printed. I'm terrible with computers and I'm afraid I might screw something up and waste my donation and not end up with something usable. Can you send me a paper copy of your eBook instead through the postal mail?

**Answer 2.05:** Several of our books are offered in printed form by third parties by arrangement with us. Here is how to find them and order them:

1. Our books are available in printed form from the following sources:
  - 1.1 [Amazon.com](#)

1.2 [Makefree.com](#)

2. To find which books are offered in electronic form, go to the [Forms/Pubs page](#) and examine the "Source" column. The printed version of the book will have a link to either "Amazon" or "Makefreedom" in this column.
3. Some books are offered in printed form on [Amazon.com](#). These books will have "Amazon" in the "Source" column of the [Forms/Pubs page](#).
4. You can also order some of our books directly from [Makefreedom.com](#). These books will have "Makefreedom" in the "Source" column of the [Forms/Pubs page](#).

We don't personally or directly offer any books in printed form on this website. All sources are third parties. There are many reasons for this and here are just a few:

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2. Our books are updated quite frequently and if we preprinted them, most of our inventory would be out of date most of the time.
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    - o If you can't email the file, then some companies have a web ordering system that allows you to upload the file. For instance, Kinkos has such a web ordering system at: <http://weborder.kinkos.com> and their web ordering system works with any one of their stores nationwide. This is the next most desirable option.
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## **QUESTION 2.06:**

**Question 2.06:** I obtained an earlier or older version of one of your books or software programs or CDs. Can I have a free upgrade to the new version or do you have a discounted upgrade program for users of older versions of your offerings?

**Answer 2.06:** We don't have a discounted upgrade program for users of older versions of our ministry offerings. The main reason is because this would force us to not only keep records of our members, but to announce that we do so on this website in order to run the upgrade program. Keeping records of our members would make the privacy of our members vulnerable to government intrusion and persecution of our religious ministry and first amendment association because:

1. The government might try to raid us to get records of our ministry members
2. The government might try to subpoena such records. Those who admit they have records are powerless to resist giving them up in a legal action
3. There might be a security breach in our computer systems, which could leak out private information inadvertently

In addition, it would impose an additional burdensome manual administrative process to have to keep records of members and manually give them discounts after manually verifying that they are repeat visitors. Consequently, we think the privacy of our members is more important than giving price breaks to loyal users. Instead, we have chosen to keep the suggested donation amounts for our offerings low so that members can afford to come back periodically and get the new or upgrade version for the same reasonable and low suggested donation amount as new members.

Many Americans would unfortunately sell their soul to the devil to save a stinking nickel and do so without even realizing what they are doing. Like Esau in the Bible, they would sell their birthright to the crafty for a bowl of pottage. We hope you aren't among them. It is precisely this kind of greed that perpetuates the fraudulent and abusive aspects of the tax system to begin with. The tax system is engineered to exploit all of your weaknesses and even you are infected by the weaknesses it exploits, based on your question. The desire to pursue "deductions", for instance, is how they rope you into the "trade or business" franchise. [Click here and read section 13.1 to see how they exploit people's greed to enslave them](#) (OFFSITE LINK). The two most valuable things you can have are the TRUTH and your privacy and we're trying to help you obtain and protect both. All your question does is seek an opportunity to surrender both in exchange for filthy lucre.

**"Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding."**

**[Prov. 23:23, Bible, NKJV]**

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**If you seek her [Wisdom, Truth] as silver,**  
**And search for her as for hidden treasures;**  
**Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,**  
**And find the knowledge of God.**  
**For the LORD gives wisdom;**

*From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;  
He guards the paths of justice,  
And preserves the way of His saints.  
Then you will understand righteousness and justice,  
Equity and every good path.  
When wisdom enters your heart,  
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,*

*Discretion will preserve you;  
Understanding will keep you,  
To deliver you from the way of evil,  
[Prov. 2:4-12, Bible, NKJV]*

Lastly, if you are upgrading one of our software items like the MF Decoder or the Family Legal Assistant (FLA), you can import data you already entered into the program into the new version you got. There is an "Import Data" button on the opening page. This will prevent you from having to reenter the data again in the new version.

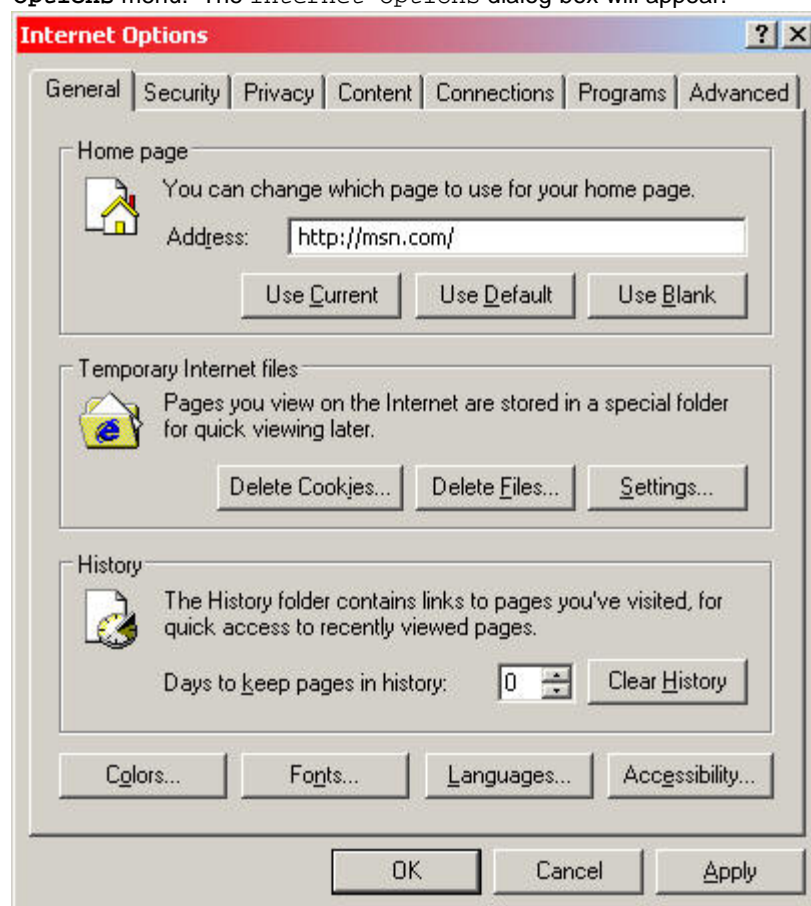
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## QUESTION 2.07:

**Question 2.07:** I can't order anything from the [Ministry Bookstore](#) or make an online donation. Every time I do and go to checkout, the shopping cart shows that it's empty.

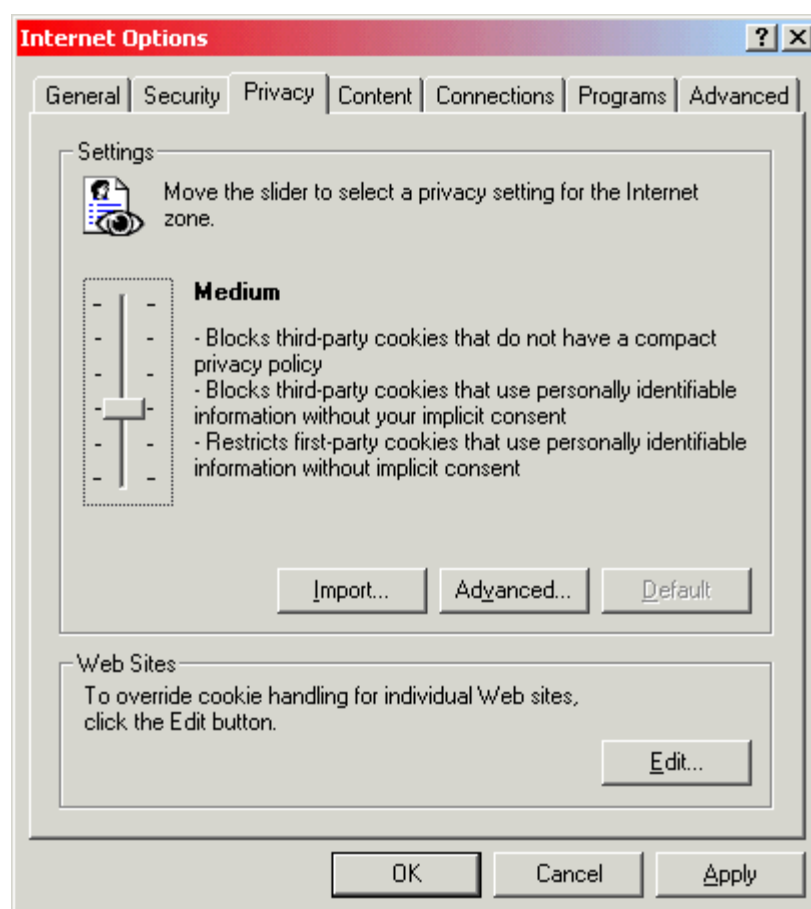
**Answer 2.07:** In order to use our [Ministry Bookstore](#), you MUST have cookies enabled in your browser. Without cookies, the [Ministry Bookstore](#) cannot keep track of you or your orders or allow you to checkout. To enable cookies on your Internet Explorer Browser, do as follows:

1. Select the **Tools->Internet Options** menu. The Internet Options dialog box will appear.



2. In the Internet Options Dialog Box above, click on the **Privacy Tab**.





3. Once the Privacy Tab opens, drag the slider bar so that the security level is no higher than "Low".

4. Click the "OK" button.

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## QUESTION 2.08:

**Question 2.08:** I received a state tax notice or federal letter or notice that I can't find a response for on your website. Is there a way to have you make one for me and how do I initiate that process?

**Answer 2.08:** This is what we call a "New Response Letter". There are two types of "New Response Letters": State and IRS. We have two shopping cart items for each of these two options, which are listed below.

- [State New Response Letter](#)
- [Federal New Response Letter](#)

When you click on the above two items, you will be taken to the shopping cart items, where you can make a donation and obtain a custom response letter for the precise letter you received. Since we are anxious to develop a library of such letters and responses, then we offer a special reduction in the suggested donation for these types of letters. Regular responses are a minimum of \$50 while New Response Letters are discounted, in order to encourage you so submit your letters and help us build our arsenal and response library. After you make your donation, we will contact you and have you fax a copy of the original letter you received, and then we will email you the response within one week of receipt.

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## QUESTION 2.09:

**Question 2.09:** Every time I go to the [Ministry Bookstore](#) to make a donation, it has memorized the information of the other user of my computer. How do I change the information so that it has my information instead of him or her?

**Answer 2.09:** The problem you are having relates to two people trying to get things from the [Ministry Bookstore](#) using the same computer and

the same login. The [Ministry Bookstore](#) uses cookies to keep track of visitors. When your room mate or the other user of your computer got something from our [Ministry Bookstore](#) and entered that information, the [Ministry Bookstore](#) put a cookie on your computer and memorized that information. If you want to eliminate the memorized information so you can enter your own, you can do one of three things:

1. Each user uses a different login on the computer. The computer keeps different sets of cookies for each user login and so the [Ministry Bookstore](#) doesn't get confused when a different user on the same computer uses the [Ministry Bookstore](#).
2. Reenter the information, correcting the memorized information so that it describes you instead of the other person.
3. Delete cookies on your Internet Browser so that all memorized information is cleared. This is accomplished using the procedure as follows:
  - o From the **Tools** menu of your Internet Explorer, select **Internet Options**. The Internet Options dialog box will appear.
  - o On the Internet Options dialog, click on the button that says **Delete Cookies**
  - o Go back to the [Ministry Bookstore](#) and attempt to order again. The memorized information will disappear and you will have to reenter your personal information again.

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## QUESTION 2.10:

**Question 2.10:** How do I buy response letters and pay for them.

**Answer 2.10:** This is a nonprofit ministry and *not* a business. You can't "buy" anything and we don't "sell" anything. You make a donation and in exchange for your donation, you are granted access to the information you want. It's also impossible for you to "[pay](#)" for anything, because we don't have the real kind of money mandated by our Constitution anymore, which is limited to gold and silver under [Article 1, Section 10 of our Constitution](#). The definition of "[money](#)" from Black's Law Dictionary confirms this below, and note that "Federal Reserve Notes" are "notes" under the definition below:

*"**Money**: In usual and ordinary acceptance it means coins and paper currency used as circulating medium of exchange, and **does not embrace notes**, bonds, evidences of debt, or other personal or real estate. Lane v. Railey, 280 Ky. 319, 133 S.W.2d 74, 79, 81."  
[Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, p. 1005]*

Information about response letters is as follows. In the indexes below, click on "get response" if you want educational materials about how to respond to state or federal notices:

- [Frequently asked questions about our response letters](#)
- [Index of Federal Notices and Letters](#)
- [Index of State tax Notices and Letters](#)
- [Support Page: Tax Response Letters](#)

What you do with these materials is entirely up to you, but we only offer them to "[nontaxpayers](#)", so you should make sure that you comply with our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) first before attempting to obtain our strictly educational materials. Thank you for your inquiry.

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## QUESTION 2.11:

**Question 2.11:** Some of your service offerings, such as lien removal, don't have suggested donation amounts listed. How can I find out what the cost is and why can't I add these services to my shopping cart?

**Answer 2.11:** Items that do not have suggested donation amounts underneath them or which do not have "Add to Cart" buttons in the [Ministry Bookstore](#) are *not* currently available. The most likely cause for this is that we have too many clients and are all booked up. When opportunities reopen, we reenable the shopping cart items. You will know they are reenabled because the suggested donation amount and "Add to Cart" buttons will return. At that time, and only at that time, can you order these items. Until then, you will just have to wait. Come back and check periodically. If you want to know the suggested donation amount for an item that does not have one posted, please consult our Ministry Member Catalog link at the top of the opening page at:

<http://sedm.org>

Alternatively, you may [click here](#) for the direct link to the Ministry Member Catalog.

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## QUESTION 2.12:

**Question 2.12:** How come I never got the usual confirmation email from SEDM telling me how to download the electronic book I ordered within a few minutes after placing my order?

**Answer 2.12:** This problem is caused usually by one of two reasons:

1. Our mail server is being filtered. If you want to check whether our mail server is on a spam blocking list, click on the link below and look at the "Sender Base Reputation Score", which will be "Poor" (in red) if we are being blocked. The page also lists who is blocking us.  
[SenderBase](#)  
We don't send out spam, but sometimes we end up in the spam blocking list anyway. If we are being blocked, submit a request to send the download link through our [Contact Us page](#) and we will manually send it to you.
2. You are using Yahoo as an email provider. They automatically filter and throw out ALL our emails without even putting them into your spam queue. We warn users at the bottom of the checkout screen in bold red letters to add our domain to the "permit" list from within Yahoo Mail, but often times they miss this or don't do it. Then they contact us wondering what happened. If you want to fix this problem, you need to follow the directions for adding us to the spam filter permit list for your yahoo mail account described in steps [8.2 and 8.3 of our Support page](#). In the future, please pay MUCH greater attention to and follow all the warnings we give you during the checkout process so that we can more efficiently serve you. Otherwise, we will have to raise our suggested donation amounts because it is time consuming to manually work around all the problems created by people not following directions. Sorry about this problem, but we have no control over the spam filtering policies of third party Internet Service Providers (ISPs).
3. You specified an incorrect email address when you placed the order, and the confirmation email therefore bounced. For instance, you put a "ORG" instead of "COM" at the end of your email address, or vice versa, or you spelled your email address incorrectly. Please be careful when you type in your email address as you are placing orders.
4. You left your SPAM filter on and never received the automated confirmation email because the SPAM filter filtered it out. You MUST ensure that you turn off your spam filter software or it will throw away our automated order confirmation emails. If you are either unable to turn off this software, or don't want to, then you will need to examine your spam filter queue for about a 15 minute period after you place your order so that you can manually register our source address with your spam filter and have it pass on the automated email. The technique for doing this depends on the spam filtering software you are using, so we can't document the process for that here. You have to figure that out yourself.

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## QUESTION 2.13:

**Question 2.13:** I tried downloading and installing one of the [decompression utilities](#) you recommend, but it doesn't successfully decompress the ZIP file that contains my electronic response letter or eBook. What should I do?

**Answer 2.13:** We use the [WINZIP program](#) exclusively to compress our files. That software program is guaranteed to always work. Other software programs may have problems on occasion and results may be unpredictable. However, if you have a newer version of Windows, such as Windows XP, ZIP decompression is built in and will always work. To solve your problem, you can either get the [WINZIP program](#), or you can upgrade your operating system to Windows XP or later.

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## QUESTION 2.14:

**Question 2.14:** I'm uncomfortable about getting a response letter sight unseen. Can you let me "preview" the whole letter before I get it?

**Answer 2.14:** All of our response letters are copyrighted and revealing the content before making a donation would violate the copyright. If we allowed people to preview all the letters before they got them, then we would be helping them steal our work and they would never have a reason to help sustain the great effort needed to write and update them in the first place. We can't allow that because we won't help people steal.

*"You shall not steal."*

*[[Exodus 20:15](#), Bible, NKJV]*

On the other hand, if you can prove you a genuinely needy and disadvantaged, we might help people by giving them a free response letter.

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### **QUESTION 2.15:**

**Question 2.15:** I want to get your [Tax Fraud Prevention Manual, Form #06.008](#) but I have a slow dial-up line. This is information I need desperately but it will take forever to download if I do it online. Can you send me a CD instead?

**Answer 2.15:** Thanks for the inquiry. The [Tax Fraud Prevention Manual, Form #06.008](#) is 20Mbytes. An average 56kbit modem will download 7,000 bytes per second. This means that it will take you 2,857 seconds or 47.9 minutes to download the book. This is a quite reasonable amount of time that you can start before you go to bed or simply start before you begin cooking or eating dinner and come back and it will be finished. There is no reason you should not be able to accommodate this. If 48 minutes of download time is unsatisfactory, then below are some additional options you might consider:

1. Get a higher speed DSL or cable modem connection installed, if available in your area
2. Go to a public library or University or Junior College with a [Flash drive](#) or [Jump drive](#) and use their computer to download it on their high speed connection in just a couple minutes. Most public libraries have high speed internet connections.
3. Go to a Kinkos store with a [Flash drive](#) or [Jump drive](#) and download it on their high speed connection in just a couple minutes.
4. Go to a friend's or relative's house who has a cable modem and download it to a [Flash drive](#) or [Jump drive](#). You will probably spend more time driving there and back than if you just downloaded it on your dial up and waited.
5. Download it from a high speed connection at work and copy onto a [Flash drive](#) or [Jump drive](#).

The choice of which option you choose from above is yours. However, we can't and won't mail you the item because there is simply no reason to. Sorry.

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### **QUESTION 2.16:**

**Question 2.16:** I was double-debited for an item I got from your [Ministry Bookstore](#) or I ordered something from your website and it will not be useful for my situation. Can I get a refund of my donation or a part of it?

**Answer 2.16:** All donations to the ministry are not refundable except under the following circumstances:

1. There was a problem with the payment provider or the store software that caused your donation to be more than it should have been. This happens, for instance, because there was trouble ordering and you were debited twice for the same item.
2. The description of the item was vague or inadequate and therefore did not include enough information for you to be able to determine whether the item was appropriate for your situation or not. The burden of proving this is on you, the moving party. If you ask for a refund because of this situation, your request should include a detailed explanation of why the description of the item in our [Ministry Bookstore](#) was inadequate and what it should have said in order not to confuse you or cause you to make the wrong choice.

If you were overcharged in connection with an item in our [Ministry Bookstore](#), please send us your order number via our [Contact Us Page](#), and describe the extra charge you want deleted and we will gladly refund it. Please address these issues with us FIRST, before calling the credit card company or bank to complain and obtain what is called a "charge-back". We can easily handle this situation at our level without the need to escalate it. We prefer that you send the details via our [Contact Us Page](#) instead of calling us. We will respond with a confirmation email saying that the extra charge has been refunded.

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### **QUESTION 2.17:**

**Question 2.17:** Your website donation amounts are in Canadian Dollars. Where can I find the exchange rate from U.S. dollars to Canadian Dollars?

**Answer 2.17:** You can find information about exchange rates at the web link below. This link is also provided on our order page as well, in

case you didn't notice.

<http://x-rates.com>

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## **QUESTION 2.18:**

**Question 2.18:** After I select the items I want, add to cart, and checkout, I get errors when your site takes me to the payment provider ([Egold](#), etc). What is the matter?

**Answer 2.18:** Most likely you are trying to use our website through a wireless connection, wireless hub, proxy server, or a firewall. Payment system providers are very picky about payments that are coming from these sources and occasionally will have trouble talking through proxy servers. Also, wireless connections tend to be very noisy and unreliable, especially in highly populated areas where a lot of people are using wireless. The easiest way to deal with this problem is to use a computer that has a direct Ethernet, rather than wireless, connection to make your order. In most cases, this fixes the problem. If you are trying to order from a work computer that has a direct Ethernet connection but uses a firewall or proxy server, perhaps the proxy server filters out the payment provider address. It is difficult to find out which addresses are filtered out on work computers. Therefore, you may want to try making the order from your home computer instead of your work computer and see if this fixes the problem as well. These types of problems are very rare but we thought it was important to give you some options for dealing with them.

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## **QUESTION 2.19:**

**Question 2.19:** How do I make a donation to the ministry? I don't see a "donate" button anywhere?

**Answer 2.19:** Thanks for your interest in our ministry and your courage and commitment to the cause of liberty. To make a donation to the ministry in the amount you choose, please do the following:

1. Go to the main page at <http://sedm.org>.
2. In the right area, click on "[Services](#)"
3. Find the shopping cart item that says "[Donation](#)" and click on it.
4. Fill in the number of dollars (Canadian) that you wish to donate into the "Quantity" field.
5. Click on the "Add to cart" button.
6. Click on the "Checkout" button and complete the payment process.

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## **QUESTION 2.20:**

**Question 2.20:** Are any of your [Ministry Bookstore](#) materials offered for free to anyone?

**Answer 2.20:** Information that answers this subject may be found below:


1. Our [Ministry Member Bookstore Catalog](#), Notes #12 and 13.
2. [Frequently Asked Questions About Our Response Letters. Question #27](#)
3. [FAQ #1.08 above](#).
4. [FAQ #6.05 below](#).

The short answer is yes, if you are able to prove genuine financial need with evidence, and your financial misfortune was not your own doing. We are a religious and charitable organization and we are happy to help people who are truly in need. There may also be cases where those who are not totally destitute but financially disadvantaged may obtain materials for less than the suggested donation amount. These situations are handled on a case-by-case basis. Whatever the case, whether you get the item for free or at a reduced donation amount, you MUST be a Member and sign and unconditionally consent to our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) in order to obtain that benefit. This is further clarified at the end of our  [Member Bookstore Catalog](#).

We also emphasize that the vast majority of the materials available on this website are and always will be free to everyone in order to ensure the widest possible distribution. This includes the following:



1. [Sermons](#)
2. [Liberty University](#)
3. [Forms Library](#)
4. [Exhibits Library](#)
5. [Litigation Tools](#)

You should be able to easily employ only our free materials above to accomplish virtually all of your educational goals. Any additional effort required, for instance, to produce a response letter or legal pleading based on that research could be accomplished if you don't mind researching and a little work. The response letters and legal pleadings in our [Ministry Bookstore](#) are only provided as a temporary supplement to those who are temporarily too busy or preoccupied with other matters to do their legal own research, but who eventually intend to be fully self-sustaining without the need for these materials. They are NOT intended as a permanent crutch or substitute for diligent personal legal education to anyone, because ignorance and laziness over the long haul will ALWAYS produce slavery and injustice and dishonor our Lord and Savior. He said so, when He said in  [His Holy Law](#) the following profound words:

*"The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to **forced labor** [slavery!]."*  
[Prov. 12:24, Bible, NKJV]

*"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.  
Because you have rejected knowledge,  
I also will reject you from being priest [sovereign and Ruler] for Me;  
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,  
I also will forget your children"*  
[Hosea 4:6, Bible, NKJV]

*"Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest, how long will you slumber, O sluggard?  
When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep--**so shall your poverty [of knowledge and effort] come on you like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.**"*  
[Prov. 6:11, Bible, NKJV]

We remind our readers that sovereignty and liberty are NOT spectator sports, but goals which take a lifetime of continuous effort to expand, protect, and maintain. President Roosevelt admitted this when he said:

*"We of this mighty western [Republic](#) have to grapple with the dangers that spring from popular self-government tried on a scale incomparably vaster than ever before in the history of mankind, and from an abounding material prosperity greater also than anything which the world has hitherto seen.*

*As regards the first set of dangers, it behooves us to remember that men can never escape being governed. Either they must govern [and fully support] themselves or they must submit to being governed by others. If from lawlessness or fickleness, from folly or self-indulgence, they refuse to govern themselves then most assuredly in the end they will have to be governed from the outside [by public "servants"]. They can prevent the need of government from without only by showing they possess the power of government from within. A [sovereign](#) cannot make excuses for his failures; a sovereign must accept the responsibility for the exercise of power that inheres in him [by not becoming a permanent burden to others]; and where, as is true in our Republic, the people are sovereign, then the people must show a sober understanding and a sane and steadfast purpose if they are to preserve that orderly liberty upon which as a foundation every republic must rest."*  
[President Theodore Roosevelt; Opening of the Jamestown Exposition; Norfolk, VA, April 26, 1907]

The considerable effort needed to create, maintain, and expand this website so as to continually keep it timely, relevant, and useful to our large and growing audience simply cannot be accomplished without some help from our readers. The skills we need are not always available strictly on a volunteer basis and we need some method to recruit and retain talented and passionate servants of our Lord who are not always able or willing to work for free. Your question reveals that you are not one who wishes to help in such an endeavor or who recognizes the value of what we do. The Golden Rule says we should reap what we sow. Since you don't want to provide help, then why should we help you unless you are truly needy and deserving and can prove it with evidence?

If you don't recognize the value of what we do, then may we suggest that you go to another website for your sovereignty education. If there was a better or even comparable sovereignty education website, we wouldn't have spent the greater part of a decade creating this one. Good luck in your search.

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## QUESTION 2.21:

**Question 2.21:** I ordered an older version of one of your software programs, such as the [MF Decoder](#). How do I upgrade this without getting a whole new version?

**Answer 2.21:** You can obtain the upgraded version of the program and the user manual by getting the [MF Decoder](#) Standard Edition instead of the Professional Edition. This will not upgrade the rest of the Professional Edition CD or the decode Rebuttal Letter, but it will upgrade only the program. Click on the link below to go directly to the STANDARD edition of the MF Decoder:

<http://sedm.org/product/master-file-mf-decoder-standard-edition/>

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## **QUESTION 2.22:**

**Question 2.22:** I ordered a version of a book or item that is no longer available on this website. What is my upgrade path to the latest version of these materials?

**Answer 2.22:** We usually get this question in relation to the following items that are no longer available on this website. A description of what happened to these items is also included so that you know where to find updated versions of the information that was included in the now discontinued item:

1. ***Tax Freedom Solutions Manual:***

Discontinued on 2/21/2006 and replaced by TWO books:

- [Tax Fraud Prevention Manual, Form #06.008](#). All chapters other than 3 and 10 of the *Tax Freedom Solutions Manual* became the [Tax Fraud Prevention Manual, Form #06.008](#) and the new book was rewritten to address different goals. This new manual focuses on a different goal of preventing tax fraud.
- [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Manual, Form #10.005](#). Chapters 3 and 10 of the *Tax Freedom Solutions Manual* became Chapters 2 and 3 respectively of the [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Manual, Form #10.005](#) and the content was considerably updated and improved to address different goals. Please don't call or contact us to ask questions about the [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Manual, Form #10.005](#) because we are not responsible for this new manual offered by third parties.

2. ***Tax Audit Defense Manual:***

Discontinued on 2/22/2006 and replaced by the [Nontaxpayer's Audit Defense Manual, Form #06.011](#). The new [Nontaxpayer's Audit Defense Manual, Form #06.011](#) has been considerably improved and updated since it was introduced on 2/22/2006 and covers not only the information in the original *Tax Audit Defense Manual*, but important new information as well. The audience for the [Nontaxpayer's Audit Defense Manual, Form #06.011](#) is more clearly targeted and carefully restricted ONLY to person who are "nontaxpayers" not subject to any provision of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you want the latest version of the above, you can obtain them from our [Ministry Bookstore](#). Unfortunately, we can't and don't offer reduced suggested donation amounts for the materials in our bookstore for those who obtained previous versions. The reasons for this are discussed in detail in [FAQ 2.06 earlier](#). We hope the above helps prevent you from feeling like you became an orphan and directs you to a place where you can find the latest information that you seek.

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## **3. Shipping issues:**

If your question is not answered in this section, please visit the following area in our forums for additional questions and answers:

[Shipping issues](#)

## **QUESTION 3.01:**

**Question 3.01:** I ordered something a long time ago and have not yet received it. When is it going to ship?

**Answer 3.01:** In all cases, we get this question in respect to a downloadable item, such as an electronic book or program. Most frequently, the item is either the [Tax Fraud Prevention Manual, Form #06.008](#) or the [Master File Decoder](#). In all cases, this question is caused by one of two problems, both of which are due to the member being negligent or not exercising due diligence:

1. The member ordered a downloadable item and did not realize it was a downloadable item. Instead, they in most cases did not

completely read the shopping cart description of the item and did not realize that it was only available in downloadable electronic form. They therefore assumed it was going to be shipped to them as a physical item and did not pay attention to the notification email they were sent telling them that they needed to download the item and giving them the link to download with. These notification emails tell the users that they have 48 hours to download the item or they will LOSE the opportunity. We are not responsible for users who do not exercise due diligence and read everything we send them.

2. The member was aware that it was a downloadable item and instead was using anti-spam or spam filtering software that threw away the notification email we sent them after they obtained the item. Our [Ministry Bookstore](#) warns all users after each donation is made that they should either turn off their spam filtering software or continue checking their spam filter queue immediately after they obtain an item so they can see and receive the notification email. We are not responsible if they do not follow directions given to them during the donation process to turn off their spam filter and as a result, do not receive the notification email and never have a chance to download the item they obtained.

Folks, this problem is happening way too often. Please take the time when you get something from SEDM to ensure that:

- You turn off your spam filter when you are ordering or you check your spam queue after you order until the email arrives so that you don't miss the notification email.
- You pay attention to the shopping cart description of each item so that you are aware which items are physical items and which are downloadable.

Thanks for being proactive and thereby not creating extra work for us in trying to provide the best quality educational materials to you.

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### **QUESTION 3.02:**

**Question 3.02:** I ordered my CD or DVD 8 days ago and still haven't received it. Did you forget about me? I'm anxious to receive the information you sent.

**Answer 3.02:** All items are shipped using Canada Post. Regular Canada Post to the US normally takes anywhere from 7 to 10 business days, occasionally longer depending on the heightened scrutiny that takes place at border crossings. Regular post doesn't offer a means of tracking, so there is no way of determining its progress or if items have indeed reached their intended recipient.

According to Canadian postal standards, there are a few factors that may affect delivery times: Customers are expected to supply their complete and correct address, it is impossible determine here if a suite or apartment number had been inadvertently omitted. Customer addresses should be entered with proper punctuation, i.e. street and municipal names and their designations must have their first letter capitalized. Many orders are submitted in all lower case, where we have to manually retype their address.

If you want to speed up delivery, then please type in the addresses using proper English, so they are not all lower case and use the correct state abbreviations instead of spelling out the state name. Otherwise, you will need to be patient and wait the maximum ten day period required to ship the item to you from Canada.

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### **QUESTION 3.03:**

**Question 3.03:** I just received my order in the mail, but some things are missing. Are they on back order or will they be shipped separately?

**Answer 3.03:** SEDM orders are routinely fulfilled from several places. Physical items are not shipped together. If it takes more than three weeks to get all of the physical items you ordered, then you should contact us via our [Contact Us Page](#) or phone so we can do some follow-up. You can download the electronic items immediately once you receive your order confirmation email. If you never received your order confirmation email, then consult [FAQ #2.10](#).

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### **QUESTION 3.04:**

**Question 3.04:** How can I check the status of the shipping for my order online? Where do I go on your website to do that?

**Answer 3.04:** We do not update the status of downloadable items like response letter. They are considered "delivered" at the time you get them. The procedure for reviewing the shipping status for physical items that get shipped to you is listed below:

1. Go to the opening page of the SEDM website at:

<http://sedm.org>

2. Next, click on "[Member Accounts](#)" on the right hand side. Type in your email address and password to login.

3. Review/update your customer data and click the "Submit" button.

4. The list of orders you have placed will be listed. Click on the Order Number to check the status of past orders.

Generally, we update the status of our orders daily for the online order status system. It is a good idea to check the status online and to minimize your phone and email interaction with us. This will help us to keep our costs down and have more time to develop new offerings and enhance the ones we already offer. Note, however, that you don't need to have a customer account in order to order from our [Ministry Bookstore](#). The Customer account is only required for those who want to track their shipments.

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## **4. Downloading, faxing, or usability issues:**

If your question is not answered in this section, please visit the following area in our forums for additional questions and answers:

[Downloading, faxing, or usability issues](#)

### **QUESTION 4.01:**

**Question 4.01:** I don't have \$29.95 to buy [WINZIP](#). Is there another program I can use to unzip your electronic books and response letters that is free?

**Answer 4.01:** [WINZIP](#) is not the only program you can use to unzip our electronic books. If you have Windows XP, the Windows Explorer built into it has decompression utilities built in. [Click here](#) to read the procedures for using them. If you don't have Windows XP or later, then there are many other software programs that do decompression, including free ones, that will do a fine job of unzipping. You can even use [WINZIP](#) without buying or registering it, which is what we do. Below is a list of the more common software programs that will unzip/uncompress our offerings:

<i><b>Program name</b></i>	<i><b>URL</b></i>	<i><b>Price</b></i>
7-Zip	<a href="http://www.7-zip.org/">http://www.7-zip.org/</a>	Free
CoffeeCup Free Zip Wizard	<a href="http://www.coffeecup.com/zip-wizard/">http://www.coffeecup.com/zip-wizard/</a>	Free
PKZIP	<a href="http://pkzip.com/reader/index.html">http://pkzip.com/reader/index.html</a>	Free
WINZIP	<a href="http://winzip.com/">http://winzip.com/</a>	\$29.95

[Click here](#) for a link to Download.com for a list of several additional freeware unzip programs.

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### **QUESTION 4.02:**

**Question 4.02:** I obtained an [Federal Response Letter](#) from SEDM in the Microsoft Word doc format and I need the password to edit my final copy. Can you please email it to me?

**Answer 4.02:** As we say in the response letter cover sheet, and the shopping cart description for each letter, the content of the response letters is *copyrighted* and copy protected, and this is deliberate. If there is a grammar or spelling error, then we will be glad to *promptly* fix that at no charge and send the revised version to you. Contact tech support at the email address provided in the confirmation email you received if you require this type of assistance. However, if there are no errors, we are not allowed to provide editable copy of the letter because this violates the copyright.

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### **QUESTION 4.03:**

**Question 4.03:** I obtained one of your downloadable books or other offerings and I can't download it successfully. What should I do?

**Answer 4.03:** Chances are that you are using either Netscape or Netzero or you have a slow dial-up line or are being impatient and terminating the download before it is complete. Below are some alternatives that will help you:

1. First, try the download with Microsoft Internet Explorer instead of Netscape. Our users have more luck with this method.
2. If you can't switch to Microsoft Internet Explorer, then give the download more time to finish.
3. If you are using firewall or security software on your computer, then disable it completely and then try again.
4. The facility you are at may have a firewall that is blocking access to our website. In that case, you may need to either tell the administrator to unblock our website or go to a different location where they don't filter our website.
5. As a last resort, you can buy a USB flashdisk and visit a public library or a Kinkos store that has high speed access. You can then plug in the USB flashdisk into that computer and very quickly finish the download.

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### **QUESTION 4.04:**

**Question 4.04:** (1) I am responding to the Federal letter 2566. In filling out the response, there is a field for IRS Service Center Employee ID (from 2566 letter). I have looked and relooked at this letter for the employee number and I can not find it anywhere. What are some options for handling this if you were making a response for yourself? (2) The 2566 letter was signed by the Compliance Services Field Director, and it states a contact person at the top of the letter. Could the responder send the letter to the Compliance Services Field Director? (I believe this is yes, but I wanted to verify this). (3) Two separate 2566 letters were received. One for 2000 and one for 2001. Should two separate replies be sent, or one that references both letters?

**Answer 4.04:** The more specific the response letter is, the more attention the response will get, usually. One way to get specific information is to call the IRS 800 line and ask for the name of the person with the title on your letter at the service center you are responding to. For those who would rather not spend any time finding out who to send the letter to at the service center by calling the 800 number, then we usually address it to the title of the person who sent it on the letter. If the title isn't listed on the letter because it came from the Automated Collection System (ACS), then we just address it to "Dear ACS" or "Dear Revenue Agent". Where multiple letters of the same kind are received, what we do in our case only is send only one response letter and attach the original letters with it.

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### **QUESTION 4.05:**

**Question 4.05:** The DVD movie disc I received works fine up to a point and then it freezes. I'd like to be able to watch the whole movie. I think my disc might be defective. What should I do? Can I get a replacement disc?

**Answer 4.05:** Our "How to Keep 100% of Your Earnings" DVD movie is delivered in DVD-R format. You must have a DVD player that can play DVD-R. Some stand-alone DVD players have trouble reading DVD-R movies. This is especially true of older players. The only way around this problem is to upgrade your player to a later model, or to try playing it on your PC instead of your standalone DVD player. This same problem may affect you when you try to play the movie on your PC. The DVD drive you have in your computer may not be able to properly read a newer DVD disc. Once again, you may need to upgrade your PC DVD drive in order to read the newer DVD-R movie format. One way to tell if it is a problem with the player rather than the disc is to take the disc to the computer store and try it on a few of the demo DVD player models or try it on the demo computer models. If it doesn't work on ANYTHING, then it's the disc. If you can get it to work on most of the things there, then you have an older DVD player that will need to be upgraded.

One way to correct this problem for everyone would be for us to offer the movie not in a DVD-R format, but in a regular DVD format. However, when this is done, very large volumes of the movie have to be ordered. Usually, the minimum lot size is 1,000 at a time, and we don't currently have enough volume to justify such an expense. When the volume picks up, we will take this route. In the meantime, your patience is appreciated and the situation we have now is at best a compromise.

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### **QUESTION 4.06:**



**Question 4.06:** I received my CD of the Family Guardian website today and it will not open. Is there something special that I may be overlooking?

**Answer 4.06:** The Family Guardian disk is a **DVD** and not a CD. As we say in the shopping cart description for the item, you will need a newer drive that can read DVD-R. A CD or CD-RW drive will NOT read the disk. Even if you have the proper type of drive, if you have an older PC that is running Windows 95 or Windows 98, then the disk will not autoboot and you therefore need to double-click on the "index.htm" file in the root directory to open it in your web browser. Only Windows 2000, Windows XP, and later will be able to autoboot the disk and start up your browser when the disk is put into the drive.

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### **QUESTION 4.07:**

**Question 4.07:** I lost or can't find one of the downloadable items I obtained from your website or my computer crashed and I don't have it anymore. Can you copy it back up to your website and reactivate the link so I can download it again?

**Answer 4.07:** If you didn't bother to back up what you downloaded before you decided to begin using it, then we can't help you. It is very inconvenient and time consuming to respond to such requests and we just have to say you are out of luck. Our downloadable items are updated frequently and chances are you are probably overdue to get a newer version anyway. It's dangerous and not advisable to use older versions. If you don't care enough to backup your data and your computer on a regular basis, then why should that become our problem and responsibility? Only the educated and the vigilant have even a hope or prayer of being free. Sorry.

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### **QUESTION 4.08:**

**Question 4.08:** I got one of your response letters and followed the directions, but it will not fill in the worksheet information into the letters when I hit the "Preview" button nor will the "Print" button work. What am I doing wrong?

**Answer 4.08:** All of our response letters require Microsoft Word 2000 or later, and also require that you turn Macro Security to LOW in accordance with the instructions at the beginning of the letter. If you do not set Macro Security to low, exit the Microsoft Word application, and then restart it and reopen the response letter, then the fields in the letter will not fill in and the "Print" button will not work. Please follow the directions at the beginning of the response letter to fix this problem. If you can't set Macro security to Low, then and only then should you call us to ask for help. Also note that the "Macro" entry on the "Tools" menu of your Microsoft Word WILL NOT show up by default. You have to expand the Tools menu to see it the first time you use it. If you don't know this, you might miss that menu item. This subject is also covered in the following resources:

1. [Support Area, section 3.3.](#)
2. Response Letter Frequently Asked Questions page at:  
<http://sedm.org/SampleLetters/RespLtrFAQ.htm>

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### **QUESTION 4.09:**

**Question 4.09:** I'm having trouble viewing the Acrobat PDF documents on your website or in the response letter I got from you. What version did you use and can I get a free reader somewhere on the Internet?

**Answer 4.09:** All content on this website is produced using Adobe Acrobat 6.0. We put it in Acrobat 5.0 compatibility mode, so you will need to have Acrobat 5.0 reader or later installed. You can download the latest FREE Acrobat reader on the Internet from:

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

If you don't upgrade to the latest free version of Adobe Acrobat and try to open our files, you are likely to get very strange errors and warnings from an older version of Acrobat when you try to open or view our offerings. This happens frequently with Acrobat 4.0, for instance, and is an endless source of frustration because users ignore the directions and try to open the file without taking a closer look at their Acrobat reader first. This leads to needless trouble calls and emails that could have been avoided.

It may also be that you are using a less expensive third party non-Adobe acrobat viewer such as PDF Converter Pro (Nuance), NitroPDF, etc. Some third party programs also install substitute PDF viewer plug-ins on your browser. Chances are, the third party PDF viewer is incompatible with some aspect of the PDF file from our site, usually because it is an old version. Like the Acrobat viewer, you should make sure that you have the very latest version of this third party program. If all else fails, uninstall the third party PDF viewer program, install the free Adobe Acrobat reader and see if this fixes the problem. If it does, you need to discontinue using the third party PDF viewer program and go out and spend the money to get the more reliable Adobe Acrobat program.

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### **QUESTION 4.10:**

**Question 4.10:** I got one of your response letters and after I fill in the worksheet and hit the "Print Preview" button, it asks me for a "Project Password"? What am I doing wrong and how can I fix this problem?

**Answer 4.10:** You aren't reading and following the "Response Letter Instructions" at the beginning of the letter. Those instructions tell you to set your Microsoft Word macro security level to "Low" BEFORE you print or preview the letter. Failure to do this will cause a macro error in the code. Since the code is protected with a password and is locked from viewing, then you can't see the error but now you know its cause. Please follow the directions. For additional frequently asked questions of this kind relating to response letters, follow the links below:

1. Response Letter Frequently Asked Questions, Question #19:  
<http://sedm.org/SampleLetters/RespLtrFAQ.htm>
2. [Support page](#), Item #3.3:  
<http://sedm.org/Support/Support.htm>

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### **QUESTION 4.11:**

**Question 4.11:** I just received the [MF Decoder](#) CD in the mail that I requested. I don't know what to do with the CD, or nothing happens when I insert it into my CD/DVD drive. How do I use it?

**Answer 4.11:** The CD is supposed to autoboot and display the opening page of the browsable CD in Internet Explorer when you insert it into your CD/DVD drive. What is most likely happening is that the autoboot function is not working in your case. This happens most often if you are running security software that disables autobooting, such as ZoneAlarm Pro or Norton Antivirus. The way around this problem so that you can display the opening page in your Internet Explorer browser is to:

1. Insert the CD into your CD/DVD drive.
2. RIGHT-click on the "START" button in the lower left corner of your screen. A properties menu will appear.
3. Left-click on "Explore" to start up the "Windows Explorer"
4. Find your CD drive in the tree on the left. This will usually be displayed as something like "DVD-RW Drive (E:)" or something like that. Click on this item to display the contents of the [MF Decoder](#) CD on the right.
5. Go to the right side of the screen in the "Windows Explorer" and double-click on the "index.htm" file in the root directory. This will open up the opening page of the MF Decoder CD in the Internet Explorer. The CD is browsable via Internet Explorer from that point on.

Another way to avoid having to do the above steps every time you want to view the CD contents in your browser, is to disable the feature of your computer security software that is preventing the autoboot function from working. The procedure for doing that depends on your security software and is beyond the scope of this article.

If you want to use the Automated Rebuttal Letter template on the CD, for instance, it is listed in the second table from the top of the opening browser page of the CD as "Automated IMF Decoding Rebuttal Letter Template". Right click on this link, select "Save As", and save to your local hard drive. Then open it in MS Word, fill in the worksheet, and then customize it according to the instructions found at in Chapter 5 of the [MF Decoder](#) User Manual. The  [MF Decoder User Manual](#) is on the same browsable CD web page as the rebuttal letter. Next, you will need to request your IMF files FOIA process in order to have data to enter into the [MF Decoder](#). Then when you get the FOIA responses back, you must enter the data into [MF Decoder](#) and let the program find the illegal activities. All this is documented in the  [MF Decoder User Manual](#), which you should read thoroughly. The process of writing rebuttal letters is also covered in Chapter 5 of the  [MF Decoder User Manual](#). Please be a good citizen by resisting the temptation to contact us and force us to hold your hand and walk you through all the steps, because we are simply

not equipped with the resources for providing large-scale technical support and it will significantly interfere with our ability to improve and expand the information and tools available on this website to everyone. GOOD LUCK!

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### QUESTION 4.12:

**Question 4.12:** I am having trouble with the [MF Decoder](#) Import function and the Automated Rebuttal Letter. Both are asking me for a password and there is no place to type them in.

**Answer 4.12:** You are not following the directions in the [MF Decoder](#) User Manual or on the Rebuttal Letter:

1. **MF Decoder:** The [MF Decoder User Manual](#), section 2.2.4 says you MUST create a shortcut to start the program and start it from the shortcut instead of clicking directly on the file in the Windows Explorer. It even warns you that the Import function will not work if you don't do this, which is exactly the problem you are having. Obviously, you aren't reading the manual. Please read chapter 2 completely and follow the installation instructions there and this problem will go away.
2. **Rebuttal Letter:** The first step in the Automated Rebuttal Letter instructions at the beginning says that you must set Microsoft Word Macro Security level to "LOW". The problems you are having is a symptom that you didn't do this. See our [Support Page](#), Item #3.3.


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### QUESTION 4.13:

**Question 4.13:** I am having serious trouble faxing to your fax machine. Your fax machine drops everything after page 10, or doesn't receive all the pages I sent.

**Answer 4.13:** One of the following problems is the cause:

1. You are not following the procedures for faxing New Response Letter requests to us. This procedure requires that you use our  [Fax Cover Sheet](#) and follow the instructions for faxing on that sheet. These procedures indicate that you must break your fax into sequential groups of no more than 10 pages and fax each separately. They also require that you fax in high resolution mode. You are trying to send more than 10 pages at a time and our fax machine throws away everything after page 10. Please follow the directions.
2. If the above doesn't fix your problem, then it is likely that you have an older fax machine that is not compatible with the newer fax protocols used on our fax machine. You can solve this problem by:
  - 2.1 Trying a different resolution mode, preferably high resolution mode, and resend the document in sequential groups of no more than ten pages at a time.
  - 2.2 Trying a different fax machine of a friend or business associate or going to Kinkos and faxing from there.
3. Your call waiting may be interrupting the fax transmission and garbling it. For instance, you may be faxing on a phone line that has call waiting and in which someone tried to call you while you were faxing this. When this happens, the "click" or "beep" that happens on your phone line interrupts the fax and causes pages to be dropped and garbled. Please make sure that you turn off call waiting BEFORE you begin your fax transmission so the transmission doesn't get interrupted or garbled by an incoming call.
4. You may have a noisy phone line that is corrupting your fax transmission. This happens frequently, for instance, in isolated rural areas where the phone lines are long. The only way around this problem is to fax from a phone line closer to the Central Office (CO) of the telephone company. You can do this by trying a different fax machine of a friend or relative or business associate, or by faxing from a Kinkos store.
5. If none of the above fixes work, the last resort to get us the document you want to send is to use your scanner and PDF software to scan in the document and make it into a PDF. Make sure you use the Black and White, 300dpi mode so that the size is minimal but resolution is decent. Then you can email us the PDF as an attachment. This is the preferred method, actually, for sending us documents. Our favorite PDF software is [Adobe Acrobat](#) Standard edition, which is about \$200.

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### QUESTION 4.14:

**Question 4.14:** Are the forms available on your [Forms Page](#) usable in a legal proceeding and are they admissible as evidence? Your [Disclaimer](#) says they are only usable by the authors themselves and not other readers and that they are religious beliefs that are not admissible as evidence.

**Answer 4.14:** Any information signed under penalty of perjury as either a "Declaration" or which is also notarized and therefore constitutes an "Affidavit" is admissible as evidence in a legal proceeding. What makes them admissible is that they are signed by an authenticated person under penalty of perjury. Whether it actually gets admitted is at the discretion of the judge. Since our forms and other materials do not come with such a signature included, then they are not admissible as evidence UNTIL you, the user, sign them under penalty of perjury and/or notarize them and submit them to the court. At that point, they change character from religious beliefs that are NOT admissible as evidence under [F.R.E. 610](#) to a *legally actionable fact* that **IS** admissible. Your signature under penalty of perjury is what makes them admissible. Since only you can provide the signature, then only you can make them admissible. This is emphasized in the [SEDM Disclaimer](#) itself, which says:

*"Because everything on this website and all communications associated with it are religious speech and beliefs, none of it is admissible in any court of law pursuant to [F.R.E. 610](#) unless accompanied by an affidavit from a specific person attesting to its truthfulness and accuracy."*

The authors prepared these [forms](#) only for their own personal use. Any other other use is at the discretion of the reader, and it is the exclusive choice and responsibility of the reader as to whether they are appropriate for use by persons other than the original authors. However, the authors have used all of these materials in legal proceedings and as legal evidence at one point or another by adding their own signature to the forms. The determination of whether they are appropriate in your own case is ascertainable from the form itself, which contains hyperlinks to all the statutes and regulations indicated on the form itself so that you can verify the applicability of the appropriate statutes and regulations to your own situation. Since we don't give legal advice, then we can't advise you whether the form is appropriate for your own use so please don't contact us to ask.

We hope this clarifies your confusion and answers your question.

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## QUESTION 4.15:

**Question 4.15:** The PDF documents and forms on your website are password locked and copy protected so that they cannot be edited or changed. Can you give me the password so I can either edit it or make it into an editable Microsoft Word file?

**Answer 4.15:** Nearly all of the PDF files and forms available on this website are deliberately password locked and copy protected. We do this for a number of reasons:

1. We don't want third parties stealing or hijacking our intellectual property and putting their name on it or taking credit for it.
2. We don't want people to change our documents and introduce flawed arguments into them that will discredit us by connecting us with any of the following flawed arguments.



[Flawed Tax Arguments to Avoid, Form #08.003](#)

3. If the changes you want to make are positive, by doing them on your own and not sharing your discoveries with us, you deprive others on this website of the benefit of those discoveries. This ministry is based on collaboration and sharing and helping and loving your neighbor, not selfishly only thinking about or helping yourself.

If you see a typographical or grammar error on one of our documents or want to make suggestions about how to improve any one of our documents, you can do one of the following and your feedback will be taken seriously, researched, and quickly added to the document as time permits:

1. Send us a message on the [Contact Us](#) page with your suggestions.
2. Post your suggestion on our [Ministry Forums](#). Note, however, that you will need to become a Member and consent unconditionally to our Member Agreement, Form #01.001 in order to post to our Member Forums or to read most of the information that is available there.

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## QUESTION 4.16:

**Question 4.16:** Sometimes when I click on a link that take me to a page within your bookstore, I get the following error message. Is there a problem with your server and can you fix it?

*Internal Server Error*

*The server encountered an internal error or misconfiguration and was unable to complete your request.*

*Please contact the server administrator, [xxxxxx@sedm.org](mailto:xxxxxx@sedm.org) and inform them of the time the error occurred, and anything you might have done that may have caused the error.*

*More information about this error may be available in the server error log.*

*Apache/2.0.50 (Fedora) Server at [www.sedm.org](http://www.sedm.org) Port 80*

**Answer 4.16:** This problem is due to defects in the server software hosting our account. These problems happen very infrequently and we have no way to eliminate them because we don't have any control over our ISP. If you have this problem, simply refresh your screen reload the page again and the page you tried to display will come up correctly. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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## QUESTION 4.17:

**Question 4.17:** I went to a copy or duplication center (such as Fedex/Kinkos) to print your materials for my reading enjoyment. They said that they cannot print or duplicate your materials without your explicit written permission because otherwise, it might violate the copyright. Where can I find that permission on your website?

**Answer 4.17:** Our [Digital Millenium Copyright Act/Copyright Page, Section 9](#) addresses this issue. This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) also constitutes our written consent for you to print or copy any of the free materials available on this website, so long as they are not being sold for profit. Your word to the copy center that the item you intend to print is *not* from our [Bookstore](#) and that you are not selling them for profit constitutes our permission for them to print or copy any of the free materials on this website *without* contacting us to obtain permission to print it. Below are some helpful tips for getting the cooperation of the copy center and avoiding conflict over whether you are violating the copyright:

1. Print out the following and take them with you before you go to the copy center to print:
  - 1.1 This FAQ.
  - 1.2 If you are printing a [Bookstore](#) item, you should also print out the Order Confirmation Email you obtained when you ordered the item from our Bookstore.
2. When you get to the copy center, show them the above items and explain that you are printing an electronic item that is either free off our website or was obtained from our [Bookstore](#) for the suggested donation indicated.
3. If the copy center has concerns or questions, please show them the web address usually in the footer of the document pointing to our website (<http://sedm.org>) and then direct them to this Frequently Asked Question page to read this FAQ on our website.
4. Please *do not* call us or allow the copy center to call us to obtain permission to print or copy our free materials, because you already have it with this FAQ.
5. For the purposes of this FAQ, "free materials" include anything that is NOT available through our [Bookstore](#), such as anything appearing on any of the following pages of this website:
  - 5.1 [Sermons page](#).
  - 5.2 [Liberty University](#)
  - 5.3 [Forms/Pubs page](#): Anything **not** marked "[Bookstore](#)" or "[Member Subscriptions](#)" in the Source column.
  - 5.4 [Litigation Tools page](#): Anything **not** marked "[Bookstore](#)" or "[Member Subscriptions](#)" in the Source column.
  - 5.5 [Exhibits page](#).
6. Some of the information contained on the [Forms page](#) or the [Litigation Tools](#) page directs you to [Bookstore](#) items. If this is the case, they are NOT "free materials" as defined in this FAQ.
7. In the case of items available through our [Bookstore](#) that do not qualify as "free materials", you need only show a copy of your Order Confirmation Email to the clerk received via email from SEDM in order to print or copy the materials.

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## QUESTION 4.18:

**Question 4.18:** I faxed my [Membership Agreement](#) in recently. Why didn't you email me the password to the [Member Subscriptions](#) area yet?

**Answer 4.18:** You are confused about the differences between being a [Member](#), and participating in [Member Subscriptions](#). These two things are entirely and completely separate. Being a Member is free and only requires you to fax in your signed [Membership Agreement](#). The [Member Subscriptions Area](#), on the other hand:

1. Is a fee based service available only to those who make a suggested donation to our [Bookstore](#).



2. Is only available to those who sign, fax, and consent unconditionally to our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) *prior* to making the suggested donation to join the subscriptions are.
3. Can be joined by following the directions below:  
[Member Subscriptions](#)

You do not get a free password to the [Member Subscriptions Area](#) simply by faxing your signed [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). We also warn you of this at the bottom of our [Member Agreement](#) with the following language:

*Submitting this Member Agreement does not in itself obtain access to our [Member Subscriptions Area](#). You must follow the procedures on our Member Subscriptions Page (<http://sedm.org/Subscriptions.htm>) in order to gain access.*

In the future, please pay more attention to the Member Agreement and these FAQs and try to find your question in the FAQs table of contents at the beginning before you ask a question that has already been answered.

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## **QUESTION 4.19:**

**Question 4.19:** When I click on a link on one of the pages such as the Forms Page, I get a username and password prompt. Am I doing something wrong?

**Answer 4.19:** You aren't doing anything wrong. You tried to access premium content on our website that is reserved only for those participating in our [Member Subscriptions](#) and didn't notice that you had. On the Forms page, the second column indicates the "Source", which means the location of the file you clicked on. If that column indicates "[Member Subscriptions](#)", it means you need to sign up for the [Member Subscriptions](#) and obtain a username and password to access the item. After you obtain the username and password, type it in once during any session, and indicate that you want the browser to memorize the username and password, that warning message will go away until you exit and then restart your browser again. Simply being a Member and faxing in your Member Agreement, Form #01.001 doesn't guarantee access to our Member Subscriptions area. This is a premium service available only to those who follow the directions on our [Member Subscriptions page](#).

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## **5. Informational Questions:**



If your question is not answered in this section, please visit the following area in our forums for additional questions and answers:

[Informational Questions](#)

## **QUESTION 5.01:**

**Question 5.01:** What does it take to go into business decoding IMF's for other people? Do you have a training or mentorship program?

**Answer 5.01:** We do not have a formal training or mentorship program to get people up to speed so they can decode IMF's for others. Here is a course of action we suggest for those who want to take this route, in the sequence that is recommended. Whether this will satisfy your requirements is for you to decide:

1. Read and understand at least chapters 3 through 6 of the [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#). Read more if you have time.
2. Read and understand the [Tax Fraud Prevention Manual, Form #06.008](#) in its entirety.
3. Read and study all the materials in our [Liberty University](#).
4. Learn how to look up statutes, regulations, Supreme Court, and Federal District Court cases online. Practice until you are good at it. Use this page as a starting point to find reference websites to lookup. You might want to start with a section in chapter 5 of the [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#) and look up all the information in the section to convince yourself that you can do it. [Click here](#) (OFFSITE LINK) for a reference tool you can use to look up statutes and regulations.
5. Obtain our [MF Decoder Professional Edition CD](#).
6. Read the entire  [MF Decoder manual](#).
7. Order your own IMF and decode it yourself using the program. Then print out an  [MF Decoder report](#) showing the results.
8. Manually look up all the codes listed in your IMF using the [MF Decoder](#) report glossary at the end of the report as a guide along with all the electronic books on the CD-ROM.

9. Write your own rebuttal letter correcting what you think is wrong and then send it in to the IRS. Watch what comes back.
10. Find someone who is already doing it and volunteer to work for them for three months. Don't poach their customers, but offer free services to help you come up to speed.
11. Find a network of freedom-minded people who need help. Offer to do it for a very low price. As you get better at it, raise your price. If you do a good job, referrals will start coming in.

At this point, you are as ready as you can be.


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### QUESTION 5.02:

**Question 5.02:** Section 8 of the [About Us](#) page of your website says you don't prepare or assist in the preparation of tax returns for anyone. Are there any educational materials on other free websites which might help me to submit tax returns that won't jeopardize my status as a "nontaxpayer" and a "non-resident non-person" under federal law?

**Answer 5.02:** The best resources we know of are the following. Note that ALL of these resources are FREE and are NOT "factual speech" and therefore are not subject to censorship and may not lawfully become the subject of any lawsuit dealing with the "promotion" (selling) of factual speech relating to "[tax shelters](#)":

1. [SEDM Website](#): See the [SEDM Forms page](#) and look at the following forms:
  - 1.1  [Federal Nonresident Nonstatutory Claim for Return of Funds Unlawfully Paid to the Government, Form #15.001](#): Use to respond to federal tax collection notices or to get a refund of unlawfully withheld earnings.
2. [Family Guardian website](#): Under the [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004](#) area, [Forms section](#). There are three different templates available that might be helpful and relevant:
  - 2.1 [Instructions 4.12: Request Income Tax Refunds for Current Year and Past Two Years](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-background on requesting refund of monies wrongfully and involuntarily withheld
  - 2.2 [Form 7.1: Request for Refund Affidavit](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-for people who had monies involuntarily withheld by their private employers and who want to get the money back that was wrongfully withheld without becoming a "taxpayer" for their remaining earnings.
  - 2.3 [Form 7.16: Tax Statement in Lieu of Return](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-for people who did not have anything withheld, don't want anything back from the government, and simply want to minimize the risk of a wrongful prosecution for Willful Failure to File under [26 U.S.C. §7203](#).

Note that we aren't giving legal advice, and that whether the above forms are appropriate in your specific case is entirely at your discretion. We assume no responsibility for the consequences of your decision to use or not use these forms. However, we caution you that if you put anything but zero for the tax or liability owing or for "gross income" on any of the above tax forms, then you:

1. Are a "[taxpayer](#)".
2. Are abusing our materials as a "[taxpayer](#)".
3. Are violating the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and become a "Member in Bad Standing".
4. Are cautioned that you may NOT avail yourself of any of the materials on this website for whatever reporting period you wish to do this for.
5. May be unlawfully interfering with the proper administration of the revenue laws in violation of [26 U.S.C. §7212](#)



There are no exceptions to our policy of not allowing "[taxpayers](#)" to use or read our materials.

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### QUESTION 5.03:

**Question 5.03:** Do you have any info for setting up a corporation sole or any types of trusts? I could not find anything directly. If not, where would you recommend possibly looking?

**Answer 5.03:** We don't create, assist in the creation of, or administer any kind of asset protection vehicles, including trusts or corporation soles. We also don't get involved in any kind of commercial activity that is privileged or subject to government regulation. Doing so is forbidden by section 3.6 of the  [SEDM Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) and also by our [About Us page](#), section 8, items 12, 15, 17, and 20. The focus of this website is *not* money, commerce, or asset protection, but honoring and serving the Lord, putting him FIRST and above the government, and obeying  [His sacred laws](#). Eventually, we may offer educational materials on the subject, but not at this

time. We think that corporation soles and corporations are a bad idea. [Click here](#) for an article on this subject and examine the upper left corner menu item entitled "Corporation Soles". We also can't make recommendations about who you can or should entertain to do asset protection for you. Good luck!


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### **QUESTION 5.04:**

**Question 5.04:** I'm a busy businessperson and/or family person. I don't have time to read ALL of your voluminous materials. Can you boil it down to a few select important things so I can get the gist of your website?

**Answer 5.04:** The basics, the kernel of what you need to know is summarized in the following sources:

1.  [Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#). Accomplishing the basic steps in section 2 up to step 14 is mandatory if you intend to use our materials, which we define as sending to any third party in the government, the courts, or the legal profession.
2. Our [Liberty University](#), which summarizes important information about law, government, freedom, and taxes. Read as much of the materials here as you can. If you want a basic introduction, read the powerpoint slides that begin each section, which condense thousands of pages of research into a few simple slides.


If you can master the above two items, then you will know most of what you need to know to feel effective on our website. The more you can read, the better off you will be, because there is a lot of "deprogramming" that must be done to negate all the lies and propaganda the government and the public schools have fed you throughout your lifetime.


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### **QUESTION 5.05:**

**Question 5.05:** Can you help people stop withholding or deal with their employers on their behalf?

**Answer 5.05:** We are sorry, but our  [Ministry Articles section 3.8](#) and our [About Us page section 8](#) both say that we are not allowed to involve ourselves in directly assisting or advising others in the performance of anything directly related to tax returns or withholding or providing legal advice. We are mainly a religious and educational ministry and we try hard not to get directly involved in commerce or business activities, including withholding. We want people making their own choices based on their own reading of the law and to take full responsibility for those choices. To do otherwise would make us into the equivalent of an insurance company for others, which is the last thing we want.


Free information is available elsewhere which deals very specifically with employment withholding. May we recommend the free pamphlet entitled  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers, Form #09.001](#). It has procedures, several very useful forms, and is jam packed with useful free information. Because it is free, it will never be censored or attacked by the government. This is a very popular publication that is used by thousands of new people every month to handle their often difficult withholding situation as "[nontaxpayers](#)" and "[nonresident aliens](#)".

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### **QUESTION 5.06:**

**Question 5.06:** What can those do who live in the District of Columbia regarding federal tax liability? What is their recourse since the United States is domiciled within the District of Columbia-- ten square mile.

**Answer 5.06:** First of all, neither our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) nor our  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) allow us to assist "citizens", or "residents" of the United States, who are "U.S. persons" and most of whom are domiciled where you claim to be. Therefore, we can't answer the question directly in the context of the District of Columbia. Consequently, we will answer it in generic terms in the context of let's say "Timbuktu", because the same concept applies everywhere in the world. We also can't give legal advice, and we aren't suggesting any course of action. All we can do is point you to the relevant sources of positive law and let you reach your own independent conclusion based on the evidence. The article entitled "Why 'domicile' and income taxes are voluntary" clearly shows that it is entirely voluntary:

 <http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/Domicile.pdf>

Because domicile is voluntary, a person can physically be present in Timbuktu or anywhere for that matter as a "transient foreigner" and not have a domicile there, because they have a domicile elsewhere. That other place could be another state, country, or even no place on earth like Heaven. According to the article, those who are physically there but are domiciled elsewhere cannot be either a "[resident](#)" under [26 U.S.C. §7701\(b\)\(1\)\(A\)](#) or a "[U.S. citizen](#)" under [8 U.S.C. §1401](#), because both of these entities have in common a domicile in the federal zone. Therefore, if they still have not forfeited their American nationality under [8 U.S.C. §1101\(a\)\(21\)](#), then they become "nationals" but not "citizens", "[nonresident aliens](#)" under [26 U.S.C. §7701\(b\)\(1\)\(B\)](#), and "transient foreigners" with respect to the I.R.C and federal jurisdiction. Provided that they do not engage in any taxable activities or commerce or contract with the government by filling out any government form, then they would then come under [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(31\)](#) and be considered a "foreign estate" and a "nontaxpayer". They would also be a foreign sovereign immune from federal jurisdiction under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act. See also the pamphlet  [Why you are a 'national' or 'state national' and not a 'U.S. citizen', Form #05.006](#) for further details on domicile and the affect it has on one's citizenship. Lastly, we emphasize that it is morally wrong to try to demand services from any government that you are not willing to pay for through taxation, and so we discourage you from using what you learn here to "free load".


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## **QUESTION 5.07:**

**Question 5.07:** I have several questions about the concept of sovereignty. Can you answer them? I have listed them below:

1. How does one earn their living while also being free if all the land and etc is controlled or 'owned' by them? Move to the middle of nowhere literally, live off the land, and hope no one bothers me? This doesn't seem like the only solution, although it's appearing more like it every day. :( (IF I can afford to even GET TO the middle of nowhere, wherever that may be, and which will probably be barely habitable)
2. What about education? The state of Nazifornia [California] is bugging me to put my 6 year old in school, and I refuse, and I also refuse to homeschool him with THEIR approved curriculum. I teach him what I want, not what they want. Can you point me to some information about telling them NO or anything that might be useful in cases involving education.
3. When one is done completing the process of returning to sovereignty, instead of being a slave, how can you travel freely throughout the world without their nonsense passports and etc? Do other countries recognize sovereignty in men?
4. If one got caught up in their system from an early age, and is stuck in it now, like someone on disability as their only source of income and livelihood, with no job skills or training to work for others, how does one move from a state of slavery into one of sovereignty? (See 1 above)
5. Are there places one can move to start a new life sovereign, to live free without all the nonsense? If so, can you point me to where I can find out more about them?
6. How does one become sovereign literally, worldwide, and not just in the USA? Are sovereigns recognized or denied by most countries?

**Answer 5.07:** Below are our answers, organized using the same numbers as those above:

1. You must select a trade and go into business for yourself. If the people you work with or offer your services to try to fill out information returns on you, then you must promptly correct them so as not to become privileged or commercially connected to "the Beast" (government).  [Click here](#) for details on information returns and how to correct them. If you need to own land, then you should consider putting it into a land trust instead of having it in your name.
2. The [Family Guardian Education page](#) (OFFSITE LINK) has a lot of information about home schooling. See "Home Schooling" green subheading on the left. You may wish to consult the [Home School Legal Defense Association](#).
3. You can get either a "World Passport" issued by an independent organization, or you can start your own "state" and issue your own. [Click here](#) for details. Click here for the [World Service Authority](#) to get a "World Passport".
4. As a sovereign, your new emphasis has to be church, friends, and family, because all of the things you depend on government for will have to be replaced by these "support network" sources. If you were mean to any of these groups, then you better go back and sincerely repent. If you don't want to apologize and work hard to develop lasting relationships with real people instead of perpetually sucking on the government tit and paying your bills using stolen money and the proceeds of extortion, then prepare yourself for a contented and dignified and sovereign life of poverty. The only legitimate reason you would find this lifestyle objectionable is because you are a prisoner and a slave to your own unrealistic and covetous expectations.

*"Better is a little with righteousness, than vast revenues without justice."*  
[[Prov. 16:8](#), Bible, NKVJ]

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin."*  
[[John 8:34](#), Bible, NKJV]

If Jesus can walk around his whole life with nothing but sandals and the clothes on his back, then you ought to be just as willing to do the same if the only other alternative is idolatry towards government. You may also wish to convince these sources of support that they shouldn't support the government with their Social Security and tax "tithes" to the state-sponsored church and that they should temporarily divert some of these squandered resources to a noble cause of a relative to free him or herself. See answer to question #1 above.

5. See the [Escape Artist website](#).

6. Some answers:

6.1 A sovereign is an educated person who is "stateless" and who is described in [this article](#).

6.2 Procedures for restoring sovereignty are described in:



[Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#) - basic initial baby steps

[Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Manual, Form #10.005](#) (OFFSITE LINK)

[Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004](#) (OFFSITE LINK)

[Sovereignty and Freedom page](#) (OFFSITE LINK)

In addition to the above answers, you can also form your own government and state and issue your own passports and drivers licenses. Instructions and tools for starting your own de jure constitutional government are indicated below:



[Self Government Federation: Articles of Confederation, Form #13.002](#)















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## QUESTION 5.08:

**Question 5.08:** How do your offerings compare with \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Answer 5.08:** We have taken the time to compare the philosophies of various freedom personalities with ours in our the Policy Documents contained in [Section 1.8 of our Forms page](#). Some of the documents appearing there also derive from third party sources and we are not responsible for these sources but agree with their analysis. Among these document that may interest you, include:

1.  [Policy Document: UCC Redemption, Form #08.002](#)
2.  [Policy Document: Pete Hendrickson "Trade or Business" Approach, Form #08.003](#)
3.  [Flawed Tax Arguments to Avoid, Form #08.004](#) -addresses government's view of this website and flawed arguments of both the government and the freedom community
4.  [Rebutted Version of the IRS "The Truth About Frivolous Tax Arguments". Form #08.005](#)
5.  [Rebutted Version of the Congressional Research Service Report 97-59A: Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Federal Income Tax, Form #08.006](#)
6.  [Rebutted Version of "Tax Resister Frequently Asked Questions" by Dan Evans, Form #08.007](#)
7. [Rebutted Version of "Tax Resister Frequently Asked Questions". Form #08.007](#)
8.  [Who's Who in the Freedom Community, Form #08.009](#)
9.  [Policy Document: Peter Kershaw's Tax Approach, Form #08.010](#) -how our offerings compare with Peter Kershaw.
10.  [Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments Against This Website, Form #08.011](#) - rebutted arguments against our website made by mostly ignorant and bigoted criminal public servants
11.  [Policy Document: Corruption Within Modern Christianity, Form #08.012](#) -how our view of christianity differs from mainstream american christian churches.
12.  [Policy Document: Paperwork Reduction Act \(PRA\) Violations By the IRS, Form #08.014](#) - how our offerings compare with Lindsey Springer.
13.  [Why the Fourteenth Amendment is Not a Threat to Your Freedom, Form #08.015](#) - how our offerings compare with what we call "Fourteenth Amendment Conspiracy Theorists".
14.  [Policy Document: Unlawful Ways of Protecting Your Rights that Should Be Avoided, Form #08.016](#) - unlawful activities engaged in by many misguided freedom advocates who discredit the freedom community with their legal ignorance
15.  [Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#), Section 7.2-identifies where to find comparisons of philosophies of other freedom advocates not listed above.

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## QUESTION 5.09:

**Question 5.09:** I'm a foreigner who has been in this country for over \_\_\_ years. Can I become a "national" and a "non-resident non-person"?

**Answer 5.09:** A person born in another country is a foreign national, not a domestic national. Only domestic nationals may be "nationals" as defined in [8 U.S.C. §1101\(a\)\(21\)](#). The only way you can become a domestic "national" is to either be born in one of the 50 states or the federal zone or being naturalized by the Dept. of State. However:

1. You can be a "permanent resident" with a green card without being a "resident" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code at [26 U.S.C. §7701\(b\)\(1\)\(A\)](#).
2. You do not need to be naturalized in order to be a "non-resident non-person" or a "nonresident alien" as defined in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(b\)\(1\)\(B\)](#). A human being who maintains a domicile in any state of the Union or other than federal territory is a non-resident non-person if not engaged in a public office but not an alien or statutory "individual", whether they started out as a foreign national or a domestic national. States of the Union are on an equal footing to foreign countries for the purposes of I.R.C. Subtitle A income taxes. Like foreign countries, they are "foreign states" with respect to federal jurisdiction.
3. A person with a green card is called a "permanent resident" by the Dept. of State, but that person is NOT a "resident alien" for the purposes of the I.R.C. Subtitle A income tax unless his domicile is on federal territory.

Your questions are more thoroughly covered in our  [Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020](#) memorandum of law. In particular, section 23.1.2 talks about deception in IRS publications intended to confuse you about the truth found in item 3 above.

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## QUESTION 5.10:


**Question 5.10:** I am almost through reading the [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#) and I am not clear on how to approach getting my sovereignty back. I am in a bit of a mental meltdown. I am a licensed real estate broker in the state of \_\_\_\_\_. In \_\_\_\_\_ you have to have a license to sell real estate, I have been doing this for almost \_\_\_\_ years now will soon be eligible to be a sole practitioner, (no principal broker to supervise me, one must be under a principal for 3 years before you can go on your own which). I set up a LLC about a year ago and got the dreaded TIN# (not knowing what I now know, wish I had not done that!) anyway my question is in your opinion, knowing that it is not legal advice, would it be better for me to dissolve the LLC and can I get rid of the TIN# and just use my name for my business or can I keep the LLC and get rid of the TIN#. As I see it being a nontaxpayer consists in not partaking of any privilege, not having a domicile in the federal zone, and not being a statutory "US citizen" working for the government. I now know I am a "nontaxpayer", but I've been misled and misinformed in the past by the Real Estate agency and they require a SS#, so how do I extricate myself from this mess and in what order should I do this as far as filing the right paperwork with the right agencies. Will this prevent me from doing my job? I am working on my IMF decoder program but have not decoded my file yet. Tax time is just around the corner and I want to file the 1040NR as that is what I understand I should do. Do I need to correct the MF first and correct my domicile and divorce the US gov before I file the 1040NR? Will my correcting my citizenship status affect my state real estate license? How can I work around this problem, I just want to get this right the first time. Any insight and clarification will be greatly appreciated, thank you and blessing on you all!

**Answer 5.10:** First of all, if you or any business entity you have has a government issued number or license, then you are a "[taxpayer](#)" in the context of that numbered or licensed entity, you may NOT use or apply our materials in the context of that entity until the license or number or application that caused the issue of the license or number is rescinded. We remind our readers that "[taxpayers](#)" may be Members, but they are NOT AUTHORIZED to "use", meaning send our materials to any third party in the legal profession or the government in connection with their activities, until they follow our [Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#) and restore their status as "nontaxpayers".

**"And here a thought suggests itself. As the Meadors, subsequently to the passage of this act of July 20, 1868, applied for and obtained from the government a license or permit to deal in manufactured tobacco, snuff and cigars, I am inclined to be of the opinion that they are, by this their own voluntary act, precluded from assailing the constitutionality of this law, or otherwise controverting it. For the granting of a license or permit-the yielding of a particular privilege-and its acceptance by the Meadors, was a contract, in which it was implied that the provisions of the statute which governed, or in any way affected their business, and all other statutes previously passed, which were in pari materia with those provisions, should be recognized and obeyed by them. When the Meadors sought and accepted the privilege, the law was before them. And can they now impugn its constitutionality or refuse to obey its provisions and stipulations, and so exempt themselves from the consequences of their own acts?"**


*These internal revenue or tax laws were characterized as being not only repugnant to the constitution, but also unreasonably burdensome. With the most minute attention I examined those portions of the acts of July 13, 1866, and July 20, 1868, presented for my consideration; and carefully sought to ascertain \*1300 whether they were in*


*conflict with any of the provisions of the constitution. My conclusion on that question has been expressed. I do not concur with counsel, that these laws are unreasonably burdensome. But even if they are, nay, even if they are oppressive, and unjust modes are employed for their enforcement, the remedy lies with congress, and not with the judiciary. By enacting these laws congress has exercised the constitutional power of taxation, and the courts have no power to interfere. [Providence Bank v. Billings, 4 Pet. \[29 U. S.\] 514](#); [Extension of Hancock Street, 18 Pa. St. 26](#); [Kirby v. Shaw, 19 Pa. St. 258](#); [Livingston v. Mayor, etc., of New York, 8 Wend. 85](#); [In re Opening Furman Street, 17 Wend. 649](#); [Herrick v. Randolph, 13 Vt. 525](#). In [McCulloch v. State of Maryland, 4 Wheat. \[17 U. S.\] 316, 430](#). Chief Justice Marshall said, that it was unfit for the judicial department to 'inquire what degree of taxation is the legitimate use, and what degree may amount to the abuse of the power.'*

 [In re Meador, 1 Abb.U.S. 317, 16 F.Cas. 1294, D.C.Ga. \(1869\)\]](#)

Second, please don't send us any questions about anything on [Family Guardian](#) such as the [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#), because we are not responsible for their offerings and are a separate religious ministry.




Third, you AREN'T a "[nontaxpayer](#)" until you ACT like a "[nontaxpayer](#)"! How you ACT is what determines what you are, not what you may mistakenly THINK or CLAIM that you are. As long as you are partaking of any government privilege, license, or identifying number and the government has evidence you signed showing that you are CONSENSUALLY partaking of said privileges, you are a "[taxpayer](#)" rather than a "[nontaxpayer](#)". If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and swims like a duck, then its a DUCK. If you walk into a court under those circumstances, declare yourself a "nontaxpayer", and demand your "rights", they will laugh you out of the courtroom and railroad you! Talk is cheap, but DOING all the things it takes to have all the evidence you need to PROVE that you are a "[nontaxpayer](#)" and don't fit any of the circumstances of a "taxpayer" is where the rubber REALLY meets the road. Achieving that point can only come by concerted effort at education and we can't help you achieve that point because until you do achieve that point, you can't become a [Member](#) in good standing worthy of our help.

As far as your circumstances, we can't and won't give legal advice, and especially in the case of a "[taxpayer](#)" such as yourself. That appears to be what you are asking for and our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) specifically prohibit the giving of legal advice. Therefore, we can only describe what we and others have done under similar circumstances and leave it up to you to decide whether that is appropriate for you or fits your circumstances. The procedure we used to become sovereign is exhaustively documented in the following:

-  [Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#) - basic initial baby steps
- [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Online, Form #10.004](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
- [Sovereignty Forms and Instructions Manual, Form #10.005](#)

We can't suggest a specific course of action for you, but that process worked for us. For details on professional licensing, see [Question #1.15](#) above:


In our experience, it takes a lot of work to "reinvent" oneself to function without any government numbers, privileges, assistance, or licenses. It takes a lot of creative work and we simply don't have all the answers. The basic steps in our own case have been:

1. Spent at least a year reading and learning extensively BEFORE we took our first step. Education is key to escaping Ignorance Related Slavery (IRS). This also prevents mistakes early on that might make us easy targets. We read all the following:
  - 1.1 We read chapters 3 through 5 of the FREE [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#) (OFFSITE LINK).
  - 1.2 We went through all the materials in the [SEDM Liberty University](#).
  - 1.3 We read the FREE  [Federal and State Tax Withholding Options for Private Employers, Form #09.001](#) book.
  - 1.4 We got an account on an online legal research source and taught ourself how to look up federal and state statutes, regulations, and caselaw. [VersusLaw](#) is good for this because it is only \$19.95/month, if you are on a budget. [Click here](#) (OFFSITE LINK) to start your own journey into doing legal research.
2. Quit social security using the  [Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee Document, Form 06.002](#).
3. Sent in the  [Legal Notice of Change in Citizenship/Domicile Records and Divorce from the United States, Form 10.001](#).
4. Closed all financial accounts and reopened them all without numbers using the W-8BEN or an affidavit. [Click here](#) for details.
5. Dissolved all entities that have numbers identified with them and recreate them without numbers using accounts that aren't numbered.
6. Paid off and cancel all credit cards.
7. Paid off all debts as much as humanly possible.
8. Contact any remaining creditors you associate with and notify them that you terminated social security participation and to remove any identifying numbers from your credit accounts. Warn them to stop filing all information returns against you because they will be false since you are not engaged in a "trade or business". [Click here](#) for an article on this subject.
9. Correct all information returns in the past but don't ask for refunds for those years. It's a gift. See: [Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001](#)  
[Correcting Erroneous IRS Form 1042's, Form #04.003](#)


[Correcting Erroneous IRS Form 1098's, Form #04.004](#)

[Correcting Erroneous IRS Form 1099's, Form #04.005](#)

[Correcting Erroneous IRS Form W-2's, Form #04.006](#)

10. Sent in either a [Tax Statement](#) or 1040NR with corrected information returns attached to change one's status to a non-resident non-person not engaged in a " [trade or business](#)".
11. Revoked all licenses that attach oneself to a government number. All these licenses only apply to activities on federal territory. They don't apply outside the government. All privileges, numbers, and government benefits are only available to people who work for the government as "public officials". Nearly all law except the criminal law is law for government. [Click here](#) and read section 2 for details.

The only reason you have to work for a broker is because he has access to the client base generated by the MLS. There is nothing stopping you from making your own competing unprivileged MLS service or working with private clients, or advertising in the newspaper, or approaching persons who are selling on their own and giving them a great deal. Being free requires you to be more creative to survive, but it's not impossible. Old fashioned capitalism works. If you can sell a house for half of the 6% commission that most realtors charge or less, then you will get more business if you are creative in how you promote it. Professional licensing does nothing but create government-sanctioned monopolies and a government welfare state for lazy people who don't want to compete. You are going to have to stop thinking inside the same box that all the other lemmings in your privileged profession live in.












Whether the approach we used for ourself is appropriate for you is for you to decide. Our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and  [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) both prohibit us from engaging in factual speech or making any promises or guarantees. What we have just told you is therefore a belief, not a fact, and it is inadmissible as evidence pursuant to [F.R.E. 610](#). It only becomes a fact after you have studied and read the law for yourself and have a personal knowledge that it is true. If you want to be sovereign, you will have to make ALL your own decisions based on reading the law with your own two eyes. If you don't feel equipped to do that, then learn to bend over and be a good taxpayer and government whore. Unfortunately, we are not equipped to provide individualized assistance. If you want to be sovereign, it is going to take a lifetime of education and learning and only YOU can do it. You can't pay anyone else to do it because no licensed professional is going to destroy his livelihood by showing you how to make his services and his government-issued licenses and franchises essentially "irrelevant and unnecessary".

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## **QUESTION 5.11:**

**Question 5.11:** How do I open a checking account or bank account without a "Taxpayer Identification Number"?

**Answer 5.11:** The following procedure is ONLY intended for persons who meet ALL of the requirements of our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). If you do NOT meet all of the requirements, this procedure is not recommended and in many cases will NOT work:

1. Complete all the requirements of becoming a Member:
  - 1.1 Submit the  [Resignation of Compelled Social Security Trustee, Form #06.002](#).
  - 1.2 Submit the  [Legal Notice of Change in Domicile/Citizenship Records and Divorce from the United States, Form #10.001](#).
  - 1.3 Apply for a passport as a "non-citizen national" and a "nonresident alien" and WITHOUT an government identifying number. You should use NOTHING for ID that will link you to a government number AFTER you terminate Social Security Participation. <https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Taxes/Citizenship/ApplyingForAPassport.htm> (OFFSITE LINK)If you want to understand why the above three steps are necessary, read:  
 [Developing Evidence of Citizenship and Sovereignty, Form #12.002](#)  
 [Why You Are a "national" or a "state national" and not a "U.S. citizen", Form #05.006](#)  
 [Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020](#)
2. Read and thoroughly understand either one of the following two articles:
  - 2.1 [About SSNs and TINs on Government Correspondence, Form #07.004](#)
  - 2.2  [About SSNs and TINs on Government Correspondence, Form #05.012](#)
3. Complete and submit the  [Affidavit of Citizenship, Domicile, and Tax Status, Form #02.001](#) to the institution and explain that it satisfies the requirements found in 26 C.F.R. §1.1441-6(c)(1) and constitutes a "certificate of residence" in lieu of a W-8BEN form, which is only for use by "taxpayers" and "beneficial owners" and you are neither.
4. If they do not accept the above, use the  [AMENDED IRS Form W-8BEN](#) with the  [Affidavit of Citizenship, Domicile and Tax Status, Form #02.001](#).
5. If the Above does not work, use the  [STANDARD IRS form W-8BEN](#) prepared according to the instructions in our article [About IRS Form W-8BEN, Form #04.202](#) and attach the  [Tax Form Attachment, Form 04.201](#)

The above has consistently worked for many of our readers. Make sure you follow the [About IRS Form W-8BEN, Form #04.202, Section 8](#) faithfully and read this article several times and thoroughly understand *everything* it says so you can think on your feet and forcefully defend what the law requires in front of the sharpest bank clerk or bank manager. If you don't do your homework and are not able to quickly respond to any questions or concerns they have by showing them the law that authorizes what you are doing, then the legal ignorance of the average bank teller or financial institution may cause them to falsely suspect you are a tax evader and they may decide later to refuse to do business with you, even though you are doing nothing wrong or unlawful. **THE LAW IS YOUR FRIEND. KNOW IT, FOLLOW IT, AND USE IT IN YOUR DEFENSE OR LOSE YOUR LIBERTY.**




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## QUESTION 5.12:

**Question 5.12:** Is it possible to quit Social Security and still be a "taxpayer"?

**Answer 5.12:** Social Security insurance premiums are deducted separately from income taxes and therefore they are separate, as far as we understand. A person who does not participate in Social Security but who still has a federal identifying number such as a TIN which they applied for using an IRS form W-9 can be a "taxpayer" and still not have an SSN or participate in Social Security. However, the only way they can lawfully qualify for a TIN is to be an alien with a domicile or residence in the "United States" (District of Columbia) or to lawfully represent a public office that has such a domicile pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 17(b). In addition, they must make the necessary "elections" even with a TIN in order to have "gross income" or taxable income. These voluntary "elections" include but are not limited to:

1. They must elect to treat their earnings as "effectively connected with a trade or business". This is done by filling out a 1040 and associating the earnings with "wages, tips, and other compensation" on the form itself.  [Click here](#) for details.
2. They must fail to rebut the usually false information returns filed against them by ignorant others.  [Click here](#) for details.
3. They must fill out an IRS form W-4, which is the wrong form for people who are not "public officers" of the U.S. government and do not want to be.  [Click here](#) (OFFSITE LINK) for details.
4. They must complete and submit an income tax return and falsely impute "trade or business" earnings to themselves even though they do not have any in most cases.

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## QUESTION 5.13:

**Question 5.13:** I'm a pastor who mistakenly and without knowledge applied for [I.R.C. 501\(c\)\(3\)](#) status. Can this be undone? Thank you for being the light.

**Answer 5.13:** [I.R.C. 501\(c\)\(3\)](#) status can be undone. We are not experts in this and refer you to the following organization for help:

*Heal Our Land Ministry*, Peter Kershaw  
<http://hushmoney.org/>

If you are able to perfect the process for removing [I.R.C. 501\(c\)\(3\)](#) status either by contacting the organization above or by investigating it on your own, we would like to ask that you send it to our [Contact Us page](#) so that we may share it with others.

We also strongly suggest that you view the following training materials for Pastors and clergy if you haven't already:

1.  [What Pastors and Clergy Need to Know About Government and Taxation, Form #12.007](#)
2.  [Policy Document: Corruption Within Modern Christianity, Form #08.012](#)

God bless you for your courage and for recognizing the influence of the Holy Spirit upon this ministry.

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## QUESTION 5.14:

**Question 5.14:** How did you learn these Sovereignty things? Did someone teach you in a class setting? How much does it cost to learn? Are there schools that teach the things you offer? If so, who and where are they?

**Answer 5.14:** There are no classes or schools we have found other than our [Liberty University](#). You cannot learn about it in either public


school or law school. Sovereignty is a subject that neither the government nor the legal profession wants you to know about because it destroys their power, control, and importance. The government doesn't want the bible or sovereignty discussed in public schools or law schools because of the following scriptures about the relationship between government and God:

*"All nations before Him are as **nothing**, and they are counted by Him **less than nothing and worthless**."*  
[Isaiah 40:17, Bible, NKJV]

*"He [God] brings the princes to nothing; **He makes the judges of the earth useless**."*  
[Isaiah 40:23, Bible, NKJV]

*"Indeed **they [all governments] are all worthless; their works are nothing**; their molded images are wind and confusion."*  
[Isaiah 41:29, Bible, NKJV]

*"Behold, the nations are as a drop in the bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales."*  
[Isaiah 40:15, Bible, NKJV]

The very existence of this website is an attempt to fill the vacuum of information deliberately created by the government about Sovereignty. We had to start from scratch in developing and building this website. We are self-taught based entirely on reading the law, legal industry publications, the Bible, and examining the works of  [others in the freedom community](#). We are aware of only one organization that even came close to what we do on this website, but that organization is now defunct, leaving us as the only source of information on this subject that we are aware of. We are not aware of any in-person schools or classes, but the content of our [Liberty University](#) completely covers all the subjects you need to know and learn in the area of Sovereignty. Stick to studying there and you will be way ahead of even the most seasoned judges on the subject of law and sovereignty and taxes: <http://sedm.org/LibertyU/LibertyU.htm>

Lastly, because the government doesn't want this kind of information in the hands of the people, this question may have come from them as a way to identify those few remaining organizations that they can go after and close down. Consequently, even if we knew of another similar source of the information, we could not tell you what it is so that it doesn't become a target of government persecution. However, if there was such an organization, we would tell you, and we don't know of one.


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## QUESTION 5.15:

**Question 5.15:** Your information and tools seem to be geared towards Americans who are born within and domiciled within states of the Union. What differences occur in the case of foreign nationals who are visiting or resident here?

**Answer 5.15:** The differences between domestic nationals and foreign nationals, both of whom are [domiciled](#) within states of the Union on other than [federal territory](#) are summarized below:

1. Foreign nationals are "[aliens](#)" as defined in [8 U.S.C. §1101](#)(a)(3). Domestic nationals are "non-citizen nationals" as defined in [8 U.S.C. §1101](#)(a)(21).
2. Both domestic nationals and foreign nationals who are domiciled within any state of the Union are considered 'non-resident non-persons' if not engaged in a public office and "nonresident aliens" as defined in [26 U.S.C. §7701](#)(b)(1)(B) if engaged in a public office for the purposes of federal taxes.
3. If an alien elects to become a "permanent resident" under [Title 8: Aliens and Nationality](#), then they are considered "resident" within the "United States of America" (the 50 states) but NOT the "[United States](#)" federal government or the "[United States](#)" as defined in [Internal Revenue Code Subtitle A](#), which is the federal zone per [26 U.S.C. §7701](#)(a)(9) and (a)(10).
4. The term "[United States](#)" means the 50 states for the purpose of being a "permanent resident" as an alien, whereas it means the federal zone and excludes states of the Union for the purposes of the [Internal Revenue Code Subtitle A](#). This is clarified in section 17.1.2 of the following memorandum of law on our website:  
 [Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020](#)
5. "[aliens](#)" defined in [8 U.S.C. §1101](#)(a)(3) are NOT the same thing as "[nonresident aliens](#)", which are defined in [26 U.S.C. §7701](#)(b)(1)(B).
6. Neither "[nationals](#)" as defined in [8 U.S.C. §1101](#)(a)(21) nor "nationals of the United States\*" as defined in [8 U.S.C. §1101](#)(a)(22) are "[aliens](#)" nor a subset of "[aliens](#)". Instead, they are "non-resident non-persons" if not engaged in a public office and "nonresident aliens" if engaged in a public office.
7. An "[alien](#)" may make an "election" to be treated as a "[resident](#)" under the Internal Revenue Code by doing any of the following:
  - 7.1 Filing [IRS form 1078: Certificate of Alien Claiming Residence in the United States](#)
  - 7.2 Filing IRS form 1040 and assessing themselves with a tax liability. This form is ONLY for use by "[U.S. persons](#)", which are people




with a domicile within the "United States"/federal zone and not within any state of the Union.

7.3 Opening a bank account without using the [IRS form W-8BEN](#) or a suitable substitute such as our

 [Affidavit of Citizenship, Domicile, and Tax Status, Form #02.001.](#)

7.4 Making an election pursuant to [26 U.S.C. §6013](#)(g) or (h) to be treated as a "[resident](#)" by being listed on the tax return of a spouse who files an IRS form 1040.

8. The various methods by which non-resident non-persons" are tricked into becoming residents are summarized in section 12 of the following memorandum of law on our website:

 [Non-Resident Non-Person Position, Form #05.020](#)

9. The rules for citizenship and how to transition between the various types of citizenship and tax status are summarized in section 2 of the above pamphlet as well as the the following form:

 [Citizenship, Domicile, and Tax Status Options Summary, Form #10.003](#)

The following page summarizes one's citizenship status v. their tax status:

[Citizenship Status v. Tax Status, Form #10.011](#)

The interaction between one's citizenship status and their legal domicile are described in the following excellent article:

 [Why Domicile and Becoming a "Taxpayer" Require Your Consent, Form #05.002](#)

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## QUESTION 5.16:

**Question 5.16:** Why do you bother quoting the corrupt federal courts in your materials? They are irrelevant because [they aren't Article III courts](#). In your materials you indicate that to back a point or theory that it needs to be backed by Court cases. How can you use the same corrupt system you are trying to overcome to be your defense?

Is it that using the Court Cases forces them in a box in which they cannot let the Genie out of the bottle (that everything is under Admiralty Law, there is no Bill of Rights, that they are a bunch of crooked thieves) therefore they would have to dismiss the case or lose it? Kind of like using their own words / fraud against them?

I have been in a position where even if you point out how flatly wrong they are...you are still ignored and railroaded. It's their words, their court cases and their proceedings. Therefore...they own it all. Yet we're trying to use their property (court decisions / cases) to our defense. While I don't know what other items you might use for a defense...it just seems strange to use the very system's information you are trying to defeat as the back up to a defense. Please comment and/or provide a link that may clear up my confusion.

I have always wondered "What is the Law". What book is it in??? I understand  [the Bible is the ultimate source of Law](#) & Jesus said the Law could be summed up in 2 commands "Love God with all your heart, mind, etc." and "Love thy Neighbor as Yourself". Then I believe there are really only 2 LAW's in America.....

1. "You cannot infringe upon any one else's right to Life, Liberty, Property and Right to Happiness" and
2. "Honor all Contracts".

It is probably this second LAW in which all the fraud is committed. I am just wondering what is the pecking order of LAW (not Codes, Rules or Regulations)?

**Answer 5.16:** Thanks for your very insightful question. The precedence, or "pecking order" as you call it, of law is documented in these resources on this website and elsewhere:

1. [Legal Research Sources](#)  
<https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/LegalRef/LegalResrchSrc.htm>
2. [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability](#), Form #05.007  
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
3. [Precedence of Laws and Regulations](#)  
<https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/LegalRef/PrecOfLaws.htm>

Item 2 above concludes that court cases below the U.S. Supreme Court are irrelevant in the case of federal taxes or persons not domiciled on federal territory. Therefore, we try to stick to the U.S. Supreme Court as much as we can. However, even the Supreme Court is not an Article III court and therefore is irrelevant as well. This is proved in the book below with extensive evidence:

[What Happened to Justice](http://sedm.org/ItemInfo/Ebooks/WhatHappJustice/WhatHappJustice.htm)

<http://sedm.org/ItemInfo/Ebooks/WhatHappJustice/WhatHappJustice.htm>

Therefore, EVERYTHING we could quote from any federal court is nothing more than political propaganda. The only thing left to quote is positive law from the statutes at large, but even that is mostly law for only federal territory that is irrelevant to a person not domiciled there, such as a person domiciled in a state of the Union. The only reason to cite such propaganda from any federal court is to SHUT THEM UP by putting them into a position of contradicting their own words out of their own mouth.

*"For it is the will of God, that by doing good you may **put to silence the ignorance of foolish men [including judges and government prosecutors]**--as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.*

*Honor all people. Love the brotherhood, Fear God. Honor the king."  
[1 Peter 2:13-17, Bible, NKJV]*

Using their own court opinions against them puts them in the awkward position of having to prove:

1. They are irrational hypocrites because they can't even be consistent with the words right out of their own mouths.
2. You can't trust anything they say.
3. There is no authoritative source of law on which to base a good faith belief about what you are required to do.
4. Federal stare decisis (precedent) is useless.
5. Willfulness is impossible, because if the courts can't even consistently read and interpret the law, then how the HELL could an average citizen do it and have a firm understanding of what the law requires?

Even the U.S. Supreme Court admitted that there is no federal common law applicable to a state in *Erie Railroad v. Tompkins*. Indirectly, they are admitting that federal caselaw is IRRELEVANT to a person domiciled in a state of the Union:

***"There is no Federal Common Law, and Congress has no power to declare substantive rules of Common Law applicable in a state.** Whether they be local or general in their nature, be they commercial law or a part of the Law of Torts"*  
*[Erie Railroad v. Tompkins, 304 U.S. 64 (1938)]*



Otherwise, you are correct.


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## **QUESTION 5.17:**

**Question 5.17:** Can some one answer my question one way or another? I'm just a working man who works with his hands. Barely graduated from high school. Do I have to pay income tax or not??? Can't under stand all the legal terms they use, need it in plain English words. They say I owe but I never borrowed from them. I'm not profiting on any thing just providing a roof over our heads and food on the table.

**Answer 5.17:** We aren't allowed to make legal determinations about the status of anyone who contacts this ministry, and certainly those who are not already [Members](#). We are not familiar with your specific circumstances and it is imprudent, speculative, and forbidden by our Prohibited Activities to even hazard a guess. See the [About Us page, Section 8, Item 6](#) for details. Therefore we can only speak in general terms not specific to your situation and pertinent to that of the average American.

1. The [Internal Revenue Code Subtitle A](#) "income tax" describes an excise tax and a franchise upon "[public offices](#)" within the U.S. government and upon those receiving payments from the government. In that sense, it is a "kickback scheme" for federal entities and officers designed to "look" like a legitimate tax.
2. The term "[United States](#)" within all IRS publications and the I.R.C. refers to the municipal "United states" government and the  "[District of Columbia](#)" corporation described in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(9\)](#) and (a)(10), and NOT the geographical "United States of America" or the states of the Union mentioned in the U.S. constitution.
3. Within the I.R.C. Subtitle A, these "public offices" are referred to as a "trade or business".
4. Pursuant to [4 U.S.C. §72](#), all "public offices" may ONLY lawfully be exercised in the District of Columbia and not elsewhere except by specific enactment of Congress.
5. There is no statute expressly authorizing the "public officers" that are the subject of the tax upon a " [trade or business](#)" within states of the Union. Therefore, it is impossible and illegal to be a franchisee called "[taxpayer](#)" as a person domiciled in a state of the Union. Any attempts of a person domiciled in a state of the Union to act like a "taxpayer" and a "public officer" are a criminal violation of [18 U.S.C. §912](#).
6. It constitutes perjury under penalty of perjury for a person domiciled within a state of the Union to file an IRS form 1040:

- 6.1 Everything that goes on IRS form 1040 is " [trade or business](#)" earnings associated with a public office in the U.S. government. This is confirmed by [26 U.S.C. §864\(c\)\(3\)](#).
- 6.2 The average American is not lawfully authorized to engage in a public office within a state of the Union. He/she furthermore meets none of the legal requirements for serving in such an office, which are all clearly spelled out in the Statutes at Large.
- 6.3 Human beings domiciled in a state of the Union who file the form 1040 and indicate a nonzero income are committing perjury because they cannot lawfully engage in a "public office" without violating [18 U.S.C. §912](#) and because they are not statutory "U.S. citizens" or "U.S. residents" domiciled on federal territory and they cannot lawfully represent or exercise the public office that is domiciled on federal territory and which is the real "taxpayer" within the I.R.C.
- 6.4 Human beings domiciled in a state of the Union who file the form 1040 are committing perjury because the form is only for use by "individuals". All individuals on the 1040 are aliens domiciled on federal territory and nonresident aliens married to statutory U.S. citizens domiciled on federal territory and who have made an election to be treated as "resident aliens". Only by being abroad as "qualified individuals" under [26 U.S.C. §911\(d\)\(1\)](#) can a statutory "citizen" or statutory "resident" become a statutory "individual".
7. The average American domiciled in a state of the Union is a nonresident alien as defined in 26 U.S.C. §7701(b)(1)(B), but not an "alien", "individual", or "nonresident alien individual". Therefore, they cannot be the subject of any provision within the I.R.C. That is why for these people, the real "taxpayer" is the withholding agent making federal payments to them, and who is the ONLY person made "liable" to do so under [26 U.S.C. §1461](#).

Therefore, the average American domiciled in a state of the Union cannot lawfully file a "[resident](#)" (alien) IRS form 1040, cannot be a "[taxpayer](#)", and cannot have a legal duty to file a return. It is unconstitutional for the federal government to even offer any  [franchises](#) to a human being who is protected by the constitution because his/her rights are "unalienable". " [Unalienable rights](#)" are defined as rights that cannot lawfully be bargained away in relation to the government through any commercial process.  [Franchises](#) such as a " [trade or business](#)"/public office in the U.S. government constitute a commercial process. Therefore, it constitutes TREASON for any official of the federal or state governments to either offer or enforce any federal  [franchises](#) outside of federal [territory](#) and within the exclusive jurisdiction of a state of the Union to people whose rights are protected by the federal Constitution. It is a conflict of interest for a judge to take an oath to protect the constitution and your rights on the one hand, and on the other hand protect, administer or expand franchises which have the purpose of destroying, regulating, and taxing the exercise of protected rights. See:

 [Government Instituted Slavery Using Franchises. Form #05.030](#)

[Every citizen is supposed to know and is presumed by the courts to know the law](#). This is proven by the following:


*"One who turns his ear from hearing the law [ God's law or man's law], even his prayer is an abomination."  
[Prov. 28:9, Bible, NKJV]*

*"But this crowd that does not know [and quote and follow and use] the law is accursed."  
[John 7:49, Bible, NKJV]*




*"Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your [God's statutes] statutes."  
[Psalm 119:155, Bible, NKJV]*

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

*"He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; **he who keeps understanding will find good.**"  
[Prov. 19:8, Bible, NKJV]*

No one but you can or should make the determination that you are a "[nontaxpayer](#)" and that determination should be based entirely and exclusively upon your own reading of the law, not what someone else tells you the law says. If you don't know enough about your rights to personally explain and defend them in a court of law, then YOU DON'T HAVE ANY! People without rights are the main audience for IRS enforcement, because they are victims of their own apathy, ignorance, laziness, and  [presumption](#). In that sense, the government is a PREDATOR, not a PROTECTOR, of the innocent and the ignorant. Jesus also understood this when He said the following:


*"Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin [presumption, ignorance, and fear] is a slave of sin.** And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."  
[Jesus in [John 8:34-36](#), Bible, NKJV]*

By your comments, you aren't willing or equipped to learn the law or defend your rights. You can't defend what you don't even know you have. Your legal ignorance has ensured that you will stay in "slave mode" and that you will continue to be a slave of your own sin. Therefore, until you begin to learn and enforce the law, you are incapable of [self-government](#). The  [socialist](#)  [corporate government](#) we have in this deluded day and age is designed to service people who can't govern themselves because they don't want to read, learn, or enforce the law against their errant public servants. The ignorance, laziness, presumption, and apathy of such people ensures that they are unfit to live in a Republic and therefore must settle for a  [socialist democracy](#) and the nanny government that it perpetuates.

*"The hand of the diligent will rule, **but the lazy [or ignorant, or presumptuous, or apathetic] man will be put to forced labor [government slavery!]**."*  
*[Prov. 12:24, Bible, NKJV]*

If you want to free the shackles that bind you, you must turn off the TV and execute the basic steps indicated in the following:

 [Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#)

No one can do this for you. You can't hire anyone who will do it for you. YOU and ONLY YOU must take responsibility for yourself and for both freeing and [governing yourself](#). Plenty of free materials are available on this website to help you with that task, so you are not alone, but ultimately, you must accept this exclusive responsibility of yours under God's Law. The reason government keeps getting bigger and more evil every day is because it has created a business out of exploiting people's desire to avoid responsibility. It does this by passing laws to indemnify people from the consequences of their sin and evasion of responsibility for their duties under  [God's law](#). Like the early Israelites, Americans would rather live under the shadow of Pharaoh making bricks as economic slaves to the pagan government than leave Egypt to pursue the land of liberty, milk, and honey. They would rather grumble against people like Moses and us who call them to leave Egypt than to follow God's admonition to leave Egypt and pursue liberty.


*"Woe to the rebellious children," says the Lord, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who walk to go down to Egypt, and have not asked My advice, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! **Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and trust in the shadow of Egypt shall be your humiliation...**"*






***Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it on a scroll, that it may be for time to come, forever and ever: that this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear [and learn, and obey] the law of the Lord; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things" Speak to us smooth [politically correct] things, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."***

*Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:*







***"Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity, and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant. And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel, which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments a shard to take fire from the hearth, or to take water from the cistern."***


*[Isaiah 30:1-3, 8-14, Bible, NKJV]*

The reason God made the Israelites wander in the desert for 40 years after He emancipated them from Pharaoh and the reason why He had to spoon feed them with manna on the ground every morning is that they simply weren't ready for a "republic" and the notion of taking complete or exclusive responsibility for themselves. Like biological parents, He had to feed His children milk until they were ready to "grow up" spiritually and legally and eat meat. The  [old guard socialists](#) who had lived and worked under Pharaoh in Egypt had to die off before a new generation of believers was ready to step out in obedience and faith to God's call of personal responsibility and liberty. That generation was exemplified by Joshua and his compatriots. See the book of Joshua in the Bible. Packaging our materials in easy to use forms is our equivalent of feeding God's children milk until they are ready to take the bull by the horns and eat meat.

Like Pharaoh, our modern "nanny government" has become a big  [social insurance company](#) which makes tons of money setting up  [franchises](#) that help and encourage people to violate  [God's law](#). The purpose of establishing government to begin with was the opposite of our present government: to protect the health, safety, public morals, and sovereignty of the people. This trend cannot continue and our society is headed for [rapid collapse](#) because of what it does to destroy self-government, [personal responsibility](#), [families](#),  [churches](#), morality, and [liberty](#). By forcing people to participate in  [government franchises](#), our

pseudo-government has effectively outlawed [personal responsibility](#) for oneself and self-government. That effect is being realized by our pseudo-government's willful omission in vigorously refusing to prosecute private parties such as employers and financial institutions that:

1. Compel Americans to have or to use government identifying numbers or to become "taxpayers". See  [Form #05.012](#) for details.
2. Compel Americans to withhold and deduct donations to the state-sponsored church and  [private, for-profit corporation called the "United States"](#). See  [Form #04.101](#) for details.
3. File  [false information returns](#) against "nontaxpayers" not engaged in a "trade or business" and thereby compel them to involuntarily assume the duties of a "public officers" in the U.S. government. When was the last time the DOJ announced on [its press releases website](#) that it convicted an employer or financial institution for filing false information returns? See  [Form #04.001](#) for details.
4. Judges refusing their constitutional duty to protect rights of parties before them by invoking the Anti-Injunction Act against "nontaxpayers" who are not even subject to the Internal Revenue Code and by calling arguments presented here "frivolous" without justifying their position. By using the word "frivolous" without using the authority of any written positive law to justify their position, they are calling the litigant a "heretic" in relation to a  [state sponsored church and religion of socialism](#) and its "bible" called the Internal Revenue Code. It's a bible rather than a law because 1 U.S.C. §204 proves that the entire title is nothing but a statutory presumption that doesn't even qualify as evidence.

The enemy is not government, but selfishness, ignorance, laziness, apathy, evasion of personal responsibility for oneself, and  [presumption](#). The only thing you prove by continuing to frequent our forums or sending us emails to ask questions that you could answer for yourself with your own diligent study of the materials here is that deep down:

1. You [don't want personal responsibility](#) and therefore don't want to be free. Have fun making bricks for Pharaoh without compensation.
2. You would rather make your problems into someone else's problems, and to do so at the least cost and expense of time and money to you and the most burden to your neighbor. In that sense, you are stealing from your neighbor. This is a violation of the second great commandment to love your neighbor.
3. You don't want to govern your own life and need someone else to govern you. You ought to be using the materials on this website to help yourself and your loved ones and thereby love your neighbor. Instead, you approach our ministry as an opportunity to "get something for nothing" and give nothing to others in return. In that sense, you will get what you deserve from the thieves who run the government. We must reap what we sow. When we act like thieves, we will be victimized by thieves in government.
4. You want reward without the personal effort or responsibility or commitment that makes it possible. That attitude is the very evil that makes [socialism](#) necessary, possible, or attractive in an otherwise free country: The world owes me something. If you don't care enough to earn your liberty by reading and learning the law and staunchly enforcing it against your public dis-servants as they rightly deserve and as the Constitution presupposes and requires, then why should you expect that we or anyone else should do it for you? You can only rightly deserve and receive what you are willing to give and to earn. That is the Golden Rule.

The only way you will be free is to love and help your neighbor without being asked so that government becomes unnecessary and taxes and government can be small. Below is how the Bible describes that idyllic state and the affect it has on the authority and power and size of the government:

**"Behold, [the nations \[and governments and politicians of the nations\] are as a drop in the bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales."](#)**

[\[Isaiah 40:15, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

**"All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth . No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?""**

[\[Daniel 4:35, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

**"All nations [and governments] before Him [God] are as nothing, and they are counted by Him [less than nothing and worthless."](#)**

[\[Isaiah 40:17, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

**"He [God] brings the princes [and Kings and Presidents] to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth [useless."](#)**

[\[Isaiah 40:23, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

**"Indeed [they \[the governments and the men who make them up in relation to God\] are all worthless; their works are nothing;](#) their molded images [and their bureaus and agencies and [usurious "codes" that are not law\]](#) are wind [and vanity] and confusion."**

[\[Isaiah 41:29, Bible, NKJV\]](#)



The more you want, the more the world can hurt you, according to Confucius. When you want it REALLY BAD, then you will get it REALLY BAD!! Bend over. See: [The Unlimited Liability Universe](#)

*"We of this mighty western Republic have to grapple with the dangers that spring from popular self-government tried on a scale incomparably vaster than ever before in the history of mankind, and from an abounding material prosperity greater also than anything which the world has hitherto seen.*

*As regards the first set of dangers, it behooves us to remember that men can never escape being governed. Either they must govern themselves or they must submit to being governed by others. If from lawlessness or fickleness, from folly or self-indulgence, they refuse to govern themselves then most assuredly in the end they will have to be governed from the outside. They can prevent the need of government from without only by showing they possess the power of government from within. A sovereign cannot make excuses for his failures; a sovereign must accept the responsibility for the exercise of power that inheres in him; and where, as is true in our Republic, the people are sovereign, then the people must show a sober understanding and a sane and steadfast purpose if they are to preserve that orderly liberty upon which as a foundation every republic must rest."*  
[President Theodore Roosevelt; Opening of the Jamestown Exposition; Norfolk, VA, April 26, 1907]

By these comments, we certainly don't intend to either be or to sound cruel. However, this is the naked truth, and you need to hear it or you will continue in "slave mode".

*"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty [[God's law](#)] and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer **but a doer of the work**, this one **will be blessed [by the Lord Himself] in what he does.**"*  
[[James 1:25](#), Bible, NKJV]

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## **6. Questions about us or contacting us:**

If your question is not answered in this section, please visit the following area in our forums for additional questions and answers:

[Questions about us or contacting us](#)

For a brief synopsis of what we are about as a ministry, please view the following short course about our ministry:

 [Ministry Introduction. Form #12.014](#)

### **QUESTION 6.01:**

**Question 6.01:** I left a message at your 800 number but you never returned my call or if you did, you didn't leave a phone number on our answering machine. Why is this?

**Answer 6.01:** We only return calls where the party receiving the call has disabled anonymous call blocking. We warn callers of this in the area on the [Contact page](#) where we give out our phone number. We insist on this in order to protect [privacy](#). For the sake of preserving privacy, we do all of the following in responding to all phone messages left for us:

- If we have to turn on caller ID to get through, because you have anonymous call blocking turned on, then we won't enable caller ID in order to complete the call.
- If you leave a number to call back that has an 800, 866, 877, 888, or 900 prefix, then we don't call back because the caller source phone number is disclosed even when Caller ID is blocked.
- If we call you back and you have an answering machine or any form of call screening, then we do not leave voice messages. The reason is because courts have ruled that those who leave phone messages consent to be recorded, and the recording automatically becomes admissible evidence in any legal proceeding.

If you have anonymous call blocking disabled and no one answers the call, we will instead call you three times over a two day period and leave no message. If we get an answering machine every time we call, then you will never hear from us again. Likewise, if you have anonymous call blocking enabled, you will never hear from us again. Consequently, it's best to use email if you want to correspond with us.

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### **QUESTION 6.02:**

**Question 6.02:** Your CD and DVD offerings are copyrighted. Do I have your permission to copy them if I want to send in a copy attached to a piece of correspondence that I am sending to someone inside the government so that I don't have to buy another copy every time I want the government to have your information?

**Answer 6.02:** All of the materials on the SEDM website are copyrighted and may not be photocopied, resold, or given away to third parties. They are for the personal use of the person who made the donation ONLY. However, the one exception we make to that requirement is that you can send in as many copies of the Tax Deposition CD or the Family Guardian Website DVD as you like to the government if you made a donation to obtain the materials.

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## QUESTION 6.03:

**Question 6.03:** I noticed your suggested donation amount looks like it raised on Sept. 11, 2004 for all your offerings. Why did you do this?

**Answer 6.03:** We didn't raise any of the suggested donation amounts on Sept. 11, 2004. We simply converted all the suggested donation amounts from American Dollars to Canadian Dollar and since the exchange rate at that time was 1.28 Canadian dollars per American Dollar, it LOOKED like we raised the suggested donation amount. If you want to know about the latest exchange rates, [click here](#). For more information about this, see our [Bookstore Policies](#) page.

Keep in mind that exchange rates vary quite a bit and it could become quite a bit of work constantly changing suggested donation amounts on the [Ministry Bookstore](#) so they match the U.S. dollar amounts indicated on our catalog. Be advised that we don't intend to obsess over these variations by daily updating [Ministry Bookstore](#) suggested donation amounts and will only update them infrequently to minimize effort so we can focus on more important things. Instead, there will be slight differences between the Canadian and American Dollar prices which we ask our users to be flexible and understanding about. We don't like obsessing over money because money is the root of all evil to begin with.

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## QUESTION 6.04:

**Question 6.04:** Are there any circumstances in which you would consider cooperating with the government by shutting down this website?

**Answer 6.04:** When the legal and political reforms we seek are instituted [documented here](#), we will be happy to retire this ministry and move on to far more productive, creative, and useful occupations. Hell will likely freeze over before your public dis-servants overcome their addiction to the money they are [STEALING from Americans](#), however.

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## QUESTION 6.05:

**Question 6.05:** I thought your website said you are not selling anything but in order to get your manual and books I need to make a donation. What's the difference? Plus, if you guys are from Canada, how does that help those of us who live in the US from paying illegal extortion money to the government.

Don't think I'm the typical government person because I work for SSA [Social Security Administration]. I firmly believe in what you guys are doing. I just want to know how to make this work. Basically I've been a bit scared to stop my withholdings.

Thanks.....love your web site!!

**Answer 6.05:** Thanks for your inquiry. It's nice to know that there are still people in the government who aren't neglecting their civic duties. :-)

Here are some answers:

1. The difference between a business and this ministry is that:

- 1.1 We exist solely to serve, obey, and worship our Lord and Creator. That is not true of a business or it wouldn't call itself a business in the first place.
- 1.2 The result of what we offer people is intended to produce eternal salvation and not material wealth or the acclaim of men. Businesses are focused on the here and now and do not care about eternal salvation. Their only purpose is to achieve

material wealth.

- 1.3 This ministry is a calling from God and the Holy Spirit led us into it. We were doing this kind of work for free as a labor of love for several years before we ever even thought about or accepted donations and we would do it even if there was no consideration whatsoever, because it is a Holy calling. Businesses dissolve, employees quit, and stockholders and investors abandon ship at the first sign that a company is not making money. We are in this for the long haul, no matter what.

*"Working for God on earth does not pay much, but His Retirement plan is out of this world!"*

- 1.4 We as believers cite the authority of [God's laws](#) as the reason behind everything we do and everything we expect public servants to do. We also cite man's laws as the basis, but only to the extent that they do not conflict with God's laws. Most businesses don't care about what Holy Scripture says and if they tried to push Holy Scripture in the workplace, they would be prosecuted for religious discrimination against employees.
- 1.5 We are involved only in [First Amendment](#) activities and spiritual, political, and legal reform. Businesses are only concerned with making money. Money is not our only or even our main goal. It is just a means or a tool to accomplish an entirely spiritual and political and legal end.
- 1.6 When people can demonstrate genuine personal need and that they have been good stewards and have made wise decisions but still fall on hard times, we give them our materials free. Businesses don't do that because profitability is their only goal.
- 1.7 A business will take anyone for a customer as long as they pay their way. We, on the other hand, require you to be a member first and to agree to our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#). You can't order anything on the [Ministry Bookstore](#) without agreeing unconditionally to the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#), for instance. That agreement, in turn, requires you to put truth and justice ahead of personal wealth, comfort, and personal security. This type of an agreement is a chief characteristic of nearly every type of charitable or religious organization which any government is willing to officially recognize. No business would require that of its clients, because it has no spiritual goals or concerns.
- 1.8 We don't subsidize the government with any of the donations we receive, because we are a religious ministry. There is complete [separation of church and state](#). Very few businesses can claim that. Any business that pays state or federal taxes can't claim that. This situation, in fact, is the only thing that makes us objective about the issues we cover on this website, which relate almost exclusively to encouraging separation of church, which is believers, from the state and the government. We don't need to be "exempt" under the Internal Revenue Code, because we aren't subject to the IRC to begin with. You must be subject to something before there is a need to be "exempt".
- 1.9 Our goal is to glorify God and not government or any man and we aren't competing with anyone. Our goal is to help and educate and not to compete. Businesses are interested in building a good name for themselves, but most also want to trash their competitors and take away their customers.

2. What helps people is the information and education we provide. It doesn't matter where we are geographically, as long as we help people by educating and empowering them in a positive and meaningful way. That is what religious ministries exist for: to bless and benefit people in some way. God is no respecter of persons or nations so why should we be?:

***"Behold, the nations are as a drop in the bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales."***

[\[Isaiah 40:15, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

***"All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless."***

[\[Isaiah 40:17, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

***"He [God] brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless."***



[\[Isaiah 40:23, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

***"Indeed they [the nations] are all worthless; their works are nothing; their molded images are wind and confusion."***

[\[Isaiah 41:29, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

What matters is what is in your heart, not where you live. Businesses don't care what is in your heart as long as the owners or stockholders are wealthy and the employees are paid well enough that they don't quit every other day. The government has tried to silence and terrorize and illegally persecute and harass every other ministry like ours that was within their jurisdiction, so we had no choice but to locate ourselves outside their corrupt jurisdiction in order to avoid censorship and oversight that would impinge upon our objectivity on the matters we cover. Such acts of terrorism by the government are criminal violations because they amount to witness tampering if the subject about which the educating is being done involves exposing and prosecuting wrongdoing of specific public servants as it does here. Not being inside the United States was the only way to ensure complete separation of church and state. We are the "church" and the government represents the interests of the "state". This is our way to implement the "wall of separation between church and state" that Thomas Jefferson was trying to encourage in his writings, and we are just following his example.

Now let us turn that question around on you, who work for the Social Security Administration. Racketeers and organized criminals take money from people without their consent, and don't care about their consent. Their main source of influence is the commission of force and fraud. Our public dis-servants in the [IRS](#) and the [Social Security Administration](#) accomplish the same result through omission by:

1. Refusing to acknowledge to the people they serve that participation is completely [voluntary](#), and that there are not implementing regulations or delegated authority that allow them to conduct enforcement actions against anything other than federal instrumentalities and "public officials" as required by [44 U.S.C. §1505\(a\)\(1\)](#) and [26 C.F.R. §601.702\(a\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#).  [Click here](#) for exhaustive details on this fraud.
2. Refusing to tell the truth about the voluntary nature of both the federal income tax and the Social Security Program in the case of "nontaxpayers" and refusing to acknowledge even the existence or the rights of " [nontaxpayers](#)". The closest they will come to admitting the truth is to say that Social Security is mandatory for "employers" and "[employees](#)", but refuse to admit the truth that people who domiciled outside of federal jurisdiction in states of the Union and do not work for the federal government are not "[employees](#)" under [Subtitle C of the Internal Revenue Code](#). That is constructive fraud.
3. Refusing to acknowledge [Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code](#) as an excise tax upon the privileged activity called a "[trade or business](#)", and instead maliciously lying to people by referring to it as a direct, unapportioned tax.
4. Refusing to discipline IRS employees or businesses who force their workers to deduct and withhold Social Security insurance premiums or payroll withholding, even though they do have a choice not to without any adverse consequence. See [26 C.F.R. §31.3402\(p\)-1\(2\)](#)
5. [Refusing to obey the laws on taxation](#) and refusing to respect the severe limits on their authority put there by the Constitution.
6. Exploiting to the ignorance of Americans on a grand scale by [lying to them in their publications](#), or at least not telling them the whole truth, thus instituting constructive fraud.
7. Refusing to disclose on the [SSA.GOV](#) website how to terminate participation in the program. For instance, there are NO forms or instructions anywhere on the SSA website on how to quit social security and get all your money back. A program cannot be called voluntary if the SSA won't allow people to quit and won't make sure private businesses don't coerce their workers into participating. [Click here](#) (OFFSITE LINK) for a revealing article on this fraud.
8. Refusing to admit or enforce the territorial limits on their jurisdiction. For instance, refusing to openly acknowledge that Social Security is only available to federal employees and that private citizens cannot be regarded as "federal employees".

The result of all the acts of omission by the government that are cited above is that the general public is deceived into thinking that participation is mandatory, and thereby the government effectively can disregard the requirement for consent and accomplish the same result as Racketeers and the Mafia do by using unlawful force. What's the difference between what the government does through deceit, fraud, and omission and what the Mafia does if the result is the same: force and fraud? The Mafia accomplishes force through overt acts of commission. Our public dis-servants in government accomplish the illusion of force through equally deliberate acts of omission and propaganda, but the result is the same: Coercion and duress upon the citizen. Please enlighten us? Notice Jesus' words below, where He very deliberately uses the word "undone", meaning an act of omission, to convict the lawyers and politicians of his day. Is it any wonder He was crucified by for his truthful but politically incorrect views?

*"Woe to you, scribes [political leaders and public servants] and Pharisees [lawyers], hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin [with your [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) exemptions, [attorney licensing](#), and bribing the government with tax money that no law requires you to pay], and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: [justice](#) and mercy and faith. **These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.**"*  
[\[Matt. 23:23, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

What Jesus was alluding to above was the fact that public servants in government have a [fiduciary duty](#) to the people, and that [fiduciary duty](#) extends to not committing any act of omission that might harm the beneficiaries of the fiduciary duty, which is the sovereign people, by whom and for whom all government exists and acts. [According to President Bush, "public service is a public trust"](#). The Beneficiaries of this public trust are us and our posterity (children). The Grantors of the trust are the sovereign People, and the Trustees are the public servants, who have a positive law fiduciary duty to all Americans to keep [justice](#) and do exactly and ONLY what they are told to do in the Constitution, which is a contract and delegation of authority between us and them:

[Code of Ethics for Government Employees](#)

Public Law 96-303

Passed June 27, 1980 unanimously by Congress.

Signed into law July 3, 1980 by President

X. Uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.

Lastly, every human endeavor needs some means to sustain itself if it is to continue. If you believe that we should not be able to accept donations and thereby not be able to afford the tools and resources needed to be helpful and relevant to you, then how is it that you propose to allow this ministry to continue to function and be able to continue to produce the tools and educational curricula needed to help you defend yourself? Isn't it rather petty to put so much emphasis on money?

[The Law of Nations](#)

Book I, Chapt. 2

[§ 18. A nation has a right to every thing necessary for its preservation.](#)

*Since then a nation [or sovereign entity or church] is obliged to preserve itself, it has a right to every thing necessary for its preservation. For the Law of Nature gives us a right to every thing without which we cannot fulfil our obligation; otherwise it would oblige us to do impossibilities, or rather would contradict itself in prescribing us a duty, and at the same time debarring us of the only means of fulfilling it. It will doubtless be here understood, that those means ought not to be unjust in themselves, or such as are absolutely forbidden by the Law of Nature.*

[[https://famguardian.org/Publications/LawOfNations/vattel\\_01.htm#§\\_18.\\_A\\_nation\\_has\\_a\\_right\\_to\\_every\\_thing\\_necessary\\_for\\_its\\_preservation.](https://famguardian.org/Publications/LawOfNations/vattel_01.htm#§_18._A_nation_has_a_right_to_every_thing_necessary_for_its_preservation.)]

Americans, in general, don't complain or rebel when the government takes over 60% of their income illegally, if you add up state and federal income, excise, sales, and license taxes, and yet it's somehow a problem when a religious ministry expects a petty suggested donation to a charitable cause for information that took over four years to research and produce with no thought of return? Isn't human greed the reason why our tax system became so corrupted to begin with? How can one fight government greed with personal greed? Two wrongs don't make a right. Generosity and grace are the only appropriate antidotes for fighting greed. It's precisely this kind of uncharitable greed that the IRS exploits to slander tax honesty advocates in front of juries, and thereby perpetuate the wicked system of usurpation and slavery that chains us all to the federal plantation as government serfs.

Below is the response of the gentleman who wrote the original question in response to our reciprocal question:

*The only difference is that Social Security does not murder people.....I say that as a joke.*

*I agree with everything you have said. Believe me if I had known about how the government worked when I was younger I would have never started working here [the [Social Security Administration](#)]. As it is, I've now been here long enough that I can take early retirement if I choose. I am always looking for another means of income and I'm sure sooner or later something will come up that will allow me to quit working here.*

*All of the things you talked about with the [IRS](#) and [SSA](#) really piss me off. I can't believe we can't stop paying into something that is supposedly voluntary.*


*Keep up the good work.*


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## **QUESTION 6.06:**

**Question 6.06:** What do you think about \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answer 6.06:** We don't publish opinions on this website. This website isn't about "us" and please leave us out of it. We do not propagate patriot mythology or patriot religion. We are not here to create a "cult" or a following of people who have unquestioned faith in us as some kind of vain "guru". As a matter of fact, our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and our " [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#)" memorandum both abundantly confirm that you aren't even allowed to trust or believe anything we say here and may instead only rely upon your own reading of what enacted positive law says. You won't find any pictures of us or our names on this website, because we aren't here to grandstand. The minute that leaders stand up, they become targets for government thieves and tyrants anyway. Therefore, we will never be anything more than your devoted "servant", educator, and cheerleader. What the servant "thinks" is irrelevant. What the "Master" thinks, which is God and you who serve God, is the only thing that is relevant.

Instead, an important focus of this website is the Truth and what any person armed with Internet access and a computer can verify for himself or herself about what God's and man's laws say WITHOUT having to depend on our vain and irrelevant opinion. We don't want you to trust anything we say, as a matter of fact, and prefer that you verify the facts for yourself. The pamphlet below entitled " [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#)" clearly proves that the only thing a person can rely upon are the following in forming a Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability: 1. The Constitution; 2. The rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court and not lower federal courts; 3. Enacted positive law from the statutes at large dating after January 2, 1939. It also concludes that the opinions of "experts" and even the Internal Revenue Code are irrelevant to a person domiciled in a state of the Union who is not a public employee or federal contractor or agent:

<http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/ReasonableBelief.pdf>



We only will take positions on issues where what positive law and the interpretation of the courts within our jurisdiction consistently conclude is the proper position on any issue, and we will share THEIR opinion and not our opinion on the subject. We will only discuss the facts and the law and what you, as an ordinary American not domiciled in the [federal zone](#) (OFFSITE LINK), and not us, think they mean. How an ordinary American of average intelligence would read and interpret a specific law on a specific subject is how the courts must interpret it, because the law is supposed to be written so that every citizen can read and follow it. A society based on the rule of law and not of men (see [Marbury v. Madison, 5 U.S. 137 \(1803\)](#)) is based on respect for law by every citizen, and the only way law can be respectable is for the average American to be able to read, understand, and follow it rather than having to depend on a legal expert with a conflict of interest to tell them what to do. Here is how the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) explains it:

As we said in *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, [408 U.S. 104, 108](#) (1972):

*"It is a basic principle of due process that an enactment is void for vagueness if its prohibitions are not clearly defined. Vague laws offend several important values. First, because we assume that man is free to steer between lawful and unlawful conduct, **we insist that laws give the person of ordinary intelligence a reasonable opportunity to know what is prohibited, so that he may act accordingly.** Vague laws may trap the innocent by not providing fair warning. Second, if arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement is to be prevented, laws must provide explicit standards for those who apply them. A vague law impermissibly delegates basic policy matters to policemen, judges, and juries for resolution on an ad hoc and subjective basis, with the attendant dangers of arbitrary and discriminatory application."* (Footnotes omitted.)

See *al Papachristou v. City of Jacksonville*, [405 U.S. 156](#) (1972); *Cline v. Frink Dairy Co.*, [274 U.S. 445, 47 S. Ct. 681](#) (1927); *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, [269 U.S. 385](#) (1926).  
[[Sewell v. Georgia, 435 U.S. 982 \(1978\)](#)]

The [U.S. Supreme Court](#) said above that you, as an ordinary citizen, and not a "guru", should be able to trust your own reading and own judgment in reading any law. If you, as an ordinary citizen, can't understand what the law expects of you, then quite frankly, its unenforceable, as is most of the Internal Revenue Code based on our own reading of it. This is because you, acting as a jurist, are the only sovereign, who can apply the law and the facts to one of your fellow sovereigns. Therefore, it's absolutely pointless to ask us what our "opinion" is on anything. Our opinion doesn't amount to a hill of beans. Our "opinion" isn't worth the water needed to flush it down the toilet, in fact. If you simply don't find yourself able to trust your own judgment and insist on someone else doing the thinking for you, then you either better get out of "slave/servant mode" and start learning to think for yourself, or you better get used to wearing chains and living on the federal plantation. Sovereigns do not rely on anyone to protect their freedom and certainly never give anyone permission to do their thinking for them. That is what makes them sovereign to begin with. We can only help sovereigns on this website. The only instructions you need are from God Himself as written in the Bible, who will give you the wisdom and the direction through the Holy Spirit that you need to do the right thing. Read [the Bible](#), and especially the book of [Proverbs](#) and [Psalm](#) if you want to know how to be free. That is how this entire website was created and is maintained: Exclusively through the Holy Spirit and reading God's Perfect and Holy law found in [the Bible](#). We didn't rely on anything but our own reading of the law and examination of the facts for ourself. You are just as capable of that investigation yourself, and if you aren't willing to put the effort in, then learn to bend over frequently. Only the vigilant and the self-educated are free. Freedom isn't a "business" that you can pay us to somehow magically provide without risk or sacrifice. Instead, it's a lifestyle and an attitude that each individual must choose and perform for themselves. We provide the tools and information necessary to accelerate your self-education, but you must still add the most important ingredients to complete the recipe: motivation, personal commitment, diligent study and follow-through, and faith in God. Those who are not willing to fight for freedom and literally "earn" it, simply don't deserve it. We will not participate in rewarding people with that which they didn't earn. Irresponsibility, laziness, and government dependence are the evils that caused most of the problems we are trying to fight on this website and we won't encourage more of the same by rewarding it. [Click here](#) to learn the reason why we can't. Liberty is not a spectator sport, its a lifestyle. Sorry.

*"The hand of the diligent will rule [be sovereign],  
But the lazy [or irresponsible] man will be put to forced labor [slavery and servitude!]."*  
[[Prov. 12:24](#), Bible, NKJV]

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## QUESTION 6.07:

**Question 6.7:** I'm having trouble faxing to your 800 number. I tried faxing several times and it just won't work. Is there a problem with your fax machine?

**Answer 6.7:** This problem doesn't happen very often and we're sorry you have to be one of the very unfortunate victims. In the rare cases when it does happen, every single time was because someone was using a really old fax machine that is not compatible with newer fax protocols. If you try sending from a newer fax machine then it will usually fix the problem. Also, our 800 number is a dual-use voice and fax line and you should not call via voice and then try to engage your fax machine or it will not work. Instead, stack the papers you want to send in the fax machine and dial directly from the fax machine. This also solves a lot of headaches.

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## QUESTION 6.08:

**Question 6.08:** I think what you are doing is great, a wonderful ministry, and a righteous cause. However, why the need for at least the appearance of secrecy? The Bible says in [John 3:18-21](#) that everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come out into the light. Couldn't what you are doing also be interpreted as evil based on the way you appear to hide and protect it?

**Answer 6.08:** Your statement makes several false and simplistic presumptions about the way things appear, including those below:

1. Those who protect or conceal their identity or the nature of any aspect of their activities automatically must be up to evil. If that were true, then why:

1.1 Did Jesus conceal certain aspects of His activities from nonbelievers and sinners? Every time someone asked Him a question, He answered either with another question or with parables instead of answering them directly. He explained His reasoning below, which reveals that He was essentially "encrypting" His message so that it would not be understood by certain people!:

*"To you [the believers] it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables [encrypted], that  
"Seeing they [the unbelievers and sinners] may not see [the Truth], and hearing they may not understand."  
[\[Luke 8:10, Bible, NKJV\]](#)*

Why would Jesus do the above unless he was trying to hide something from certain people who could do Him harm?

1.2 Does the Bible say the following:

**"When the wicked arise, men [including righteous men] hide themselves;**  
*But when they perish, the righteous increase."*  
[\[Prov. 28:28, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

*"A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself [and his assets from plunder and harm by government THIEVES],  
But the simple pass on and are punished."  
[\[Prov. 22:3, Bible, NKJV\]](#)*

*"A **prudent** man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished."  
[\[Prov. 27:12, Bible, NKJV\]](#)*

*"The simple believes every word [spoken by a LYING government],  
But the prudent man considers well his steps.  
**A wise man fears and departs from evil [by making himself invisible].**  
But a fool rages and is self-confident."  
[\[Prov. 14:15, Bible, NKJV\]](#)*

1.3 Does it say in [Deut. 29:29](#) the following:

**"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."**  
[\[Deut. 29:29, Bible, NKJV\]](#)

By your standard, the Lord is a criminal because there are secrets He is keeping from us. This is an absurd conclusion to reach, and therefore your premise must be wrong.

1.4 Whenever God wanted to punish sinners in the Bible, does he say He is going to "Hide His face" from them? Only the wicked "hide", right? See [Deut. 31:17-20](#), [32:20](#); [Job 13:24](#), [Psalm 10:11](#), [Psalm 13:1](#), [Psalm 27:9](#), [Psalm 44:24](#), [Micah 3:4](#), etc.

Doesn't this reveal that God Himself is sinning when He says this?

- 1.5 Was David commanded to hide from Saul in [1 Sam. 19:2](#)? If what David was doing was righteous, which we believe it was, he would not have hidden himself, right? If he hadn't hidden himself, we wouldn't have the book of Psalm, Proverbs, or Jesus.
- 1.6 Does it say in [Psalm 27:5](#) the following: "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle "
- 1.7 Does it say in [Psalm 31:20](#) the following: "You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence From the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion  
From the strife of [deceitful] tongues." See also [Psalm 64:2](#).
- 1.8 Does it say in [Isaiah 26:20-21](#) the following:

*"Come, my people, enter your chambers,  
And shut your doors behind you;  
**Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment.**  
**Until the indignation [of God for the unrighteousness of the government] is past.**  
For behold, the LORD comes out of His place  
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;  
The earth will also disclose her blood,  
And will no more cover her slain. "*  
*[[Isaiah 26:20-21](#), Bible, NKJV]*

## 2. Privacy is illegal and anyone who seeks it is a criminal. If this were true, then why:

- 2.1 Are Grand Jury deliberations secret and not subject to public supervision? If what they were doing were righteous, then they would need secrecy, would they? [Click here](#) for an article on this subject from a law review publication.
- 2.2 Does the government need to classify information and prevent people from finding out about it? If what they were doing were righteous, they wouldn't need to classify anything, right?
- 2.3 Do we even need a [Fourth Amendment](#) to the United States Constitution? The legislative intent of passing that amendment was to protect the privacy of the people from arbitrary government action and "selective enforcement". People who don't have anything to hide don't need the [Fourth Amendment](#), right? The only thing the [Fourth Amendment](#) does is protect criminal activity, so we ought to abolish it, right? Don't you think that doing that would lead to a police state?
- 2.4 Does the government encrypt it's military communications? If what we were doing were righteous, then we wouldn't need to encrypt, right?
- 2.5 Do we have a Privacy Act ([5 U.S.C. §552a](#)) to protect the privacy of government records about people's lives? If what we were doing was righteous, we wouldn't need such privacy, would we? The reason this is done is to protect people from identity theft and political persecution. It is a righteous cause.
- 2.6 Do the votes of people need to be secret? When people vote, their vote is secret and no one is allowed to know their vote. Isn't this "hiding" and shouldn't it be outlawed? The reason why it is done is to protect them from political repercussions or retaliation by the incumbent party.
- 2.7 Do we need a federal Witness Protection Program? Those who testify against mobsters are offered a new identity and safe refuge for life. Isn't this "hiding"? In fact, the government is using secrecy to protect whistleblowers. Isn't that what this website focuses on, is whistle-blowing?
- 2.8 Is it lawful for judges to withhold evidence and keep the juries from hearing about it? Shouldn't they make a fully informed choice based on all evidence available, rather than only that which is relevant and not tainted by bias?
- 2.9 Is the residence of federal judges kept secret? When you send a FOIA request to the Dept. of Justice for the home address of a judge to the federal government, they won't provide the information, even though there are legitimate reasons to want to know this, such as whether the judge's residence is on federal property as required by [28 U.S.C. §134](#). Furthermore, there is no statute authorizing the DOJ to withhold this information but they do it anyway. Most federal judges, in fact, do not live on federal property as required by this statute, and use the confidentiality of their residence to protect the fact that they do not comply with this positive law. The government would say that they do this to protect the judges from retaliation by those they have abused, but we know better.

## 3. We have an honest and honorable government that will not abuse personal information about us for dishonest financial gain. Right now, the IRS and state revenue agencies are abusing our privacy by abusing information provided on driver's license applications and vehicle registrations to perform collections of monies that are not lawful. This amounts to deceit in commerce and the equivalent of identity theft. They are willfully "assuming" that we reside on federal property and come under federal jurisdiction, and therefore are "[taxpayers](#)" even though we're sure that there are lots of people working in government who know this is simply not the case. Why do we tolerate such abuse and how can the average joe protect himself from this by any means OTHER than protecting his privacy. Any other method of protection, such as litigation, is very expensive and time consuming and few people have the resources for protecting themselves from this type of extortion WITHOUT privacy. In fact, the IRS routinely protects the identity of its employees from disclosure. When you call them on the phone or meet at an audit, they will not give you their state issued ID, will not disclose their full legal name, and will

instead give you a fake first name and an agent ID #. If they really were performing a lawful, constitutional act, do you think they would need this kind of secrecy? Why is it that when we expect the same measure of protection, we are the bad guys, and yet you aren't complaining about far worse abuses by the IRS? We cannot fight an enemy that is violating the law without the same kind of protections they enjoy. Otherwise, we are being deprived of the equal protection of the law.

Now let's look at some examples of situations where it was actually illegal, but moral and biblical, to hide facts in certain circumstances.

1. During WW II, the Nazis were rounding up Jews and exterminating them. Some people offered places for Jews to hide during this holocaust. These actions were illegal, but were they immoral or did they violate the Bible?
2. During WWII, there was an underground movement in France to resist the Nazis. The members were secret and they had secret meetings. Was this wrong?
3. After Jesus was crucified, the Apostles spread to preach and teach. The Roman government was so worried and threatened by the political consequences of the preaching of the Apostle John that they exiled him to the Island of Patmos in the Mediterranean. While he was there, he wrote the book of Revelation. Because he was worried about censorship of his message because of its political content, he had to encrypt the political commentary. The book of Revelation is an encrypted condemnation of big government. Its message is hidden. Is this wrong?
4. When Pope John Paul II died, the Catholic Church cardinals got together and voted on a new Pope. Their deliberations were secret and so was their vote. Is this righteous?
5. When police want to catch criminals, they will protect the identity of witnesses by keeping them anonymous. Is this righteous?
6. When Abraham traveled to Egypt, he concealed the fact that his wife Sarah was his wife, and instead told Pharaoh that she was his sister. Is this evil? If he hadn't done it, we probably wouldn't even have a Bible. See [Genesis 12:20-20](#).

On the subject of charitable deeds such as this ministry, the Bible says the following:

*"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. **Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites [lawyers and politicians] do in the synagogues and in the streets [and in jury trials, SCUM!], that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.**"*  
[[Matt. 6:1-4](#), Bible, NKJV]

The [About Us](#) page of this website indicates under Section 3 that Privacy is a religious practice protected by the First Amendment. Everything we do here is a charitable deed because we are trying to help and protect people from mostly government and legal profession lawlessness, corruption, and usurpation. In most other areas of life, government is our protector, but in this one area, they are PREDATORS. Who is going to protect us from these predators? Are you? Would you lay down your life and your income if we were attacked by the government? If not, then you will understand why the only reasonable and rational means of protection we have, absent dedicated help from people like you, is anonymity. What we do is the equivalent of "anonymous pamphleteering". Everything on this website, and especially our response letters, in fact, are the equivalent of "anonymous pamphlets" as far as our participation is concerned, if readers choose to send them in. Even the Supreme Court has acknowledged that this approach is an honorable undertaking protected by the First Amendment:

*"Under our Constitution, anonymous pamphleteering is not a pernicious, fraudulent practice, but an honorable tradition of advocacy and of dissent. Anonymity is a shield from the tyranny of the majority"*  
[[McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Commission. \(1995\)](#)]

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*"Anonymous pamphlets, leaflets, brochures and even books have played an important role in the progress of mankind." Talley v. California, 362 U.S. 60, 64 (1960). Great works of literature have frequently been produced by authors writing under assumed names. 4 Despite [ McIntyre v. OHIO ELECTIONS COMM'N, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_ (1995) , 7] readers' curiosity and the public's interest in identifying the creator of a work of art, an author generally is free to decide whether or not to disclose her true identity. **The decision in favor of anonymity may be motivated by fear of economic or official retaliation, by concern about social ostracism, or merely by a desire to preserve as much of one's privacy as possible. Whatever the motivation may be, at least in the field of literary endeavor, the interest in having anonymous works enter the marketplace of ideas unquestionably outweighs any public interest in requiring disclosure as a condition of entry. 5 Accordingly, an author's decision to remain anonymous, like other decisions concerning omissions or additions to the content of a publication, is an aspect of the freedom of speech protected by the First Amendment.***

[ McIntyre v. OHIO ELECTIONS COMM'N, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_ (1995) , 8]

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The freedom to publish anonymously extends beyond the literary realm. In *Talley*, the Court held that the First Amendment protects the distribution of unsigned handbills urging readers to boycott certain Los Angeles merchants who were allegedly engaging in discriminatory employment practices. 362 U.S. 60. Writing for the Court, Justice Black noted that "[p]ersecuted groups and sects from time to time throughout history have been able to criticize oppressive practices and laws either anonymously or not at all." *Id.*, at 64. Justice Black recalled England's abusive press licensing laws and seditious libel prosecutions, and he reminded us that even the arguments favoring the ratification of the Constitution advanced in the Federalist Papers were published under fictitious names. *Id.*, at 64-65. On occasion, quite apart from any threat of persecution, an advocate may believe her ideas will be more persuasive if her readers are unaware of her identity. Anonymity thereby provides a way for a writer who may be personally unpopular to ensure that readers will not prejudge her message simply because they do not like its proponent. Thus, even in the field of political rhetoric, where "the identity of the speaker is an important component of many attempts to persuade," *City of Ladue v. Gilleo*, 512 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (1994) (slip op., at 13), the most effective advocates have sometimes opted for anonymity. The specific holding in *Talley* related to advocacy of an economic boycott, but the Court's reasoning embraced a respected tradition of anonymity in the advocacy of political causes. 6 This tradition is perhaps best exemplified [ *McINTYRE v. OHIO ELECTIONS COMM'N*, \_\_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_\_ (1995), 9] by the secret ballot, the hard-won right to vote one's conscience without fear of retaliation. [*McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Comm'n*, \_\_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_\_ (1995)]

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[*Talley v. California*, 362 U.S. 60 (1960)]

The beginning of Chapter 6 of the free [Great IRS Hoax, Form #11.302](#) reveals that there are many righteous reasons to protect information about oneself which have nothing to do with evil. You might want to read it. In the final analysis, things are not as they at first appear on this website. How they "appear" and how they actually are, are two completely different things, in fact. Do not mistake "malice" for righteous "discretion". On this subject, Jesus said:

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."  
[[John 7:24](#), Bible, NKJV]

"Do not give what is holy [us, you, your earnings, or your property] to the [government] dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces. "  
[[Matt. 7:6](#), Bible, NKJV]

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## QUESTION 6.09:

**Question 6.09:** Is your ministry a "cult"? Some people have said that it appears that way

**Answer 6.09:** A cult is defined as follows:

### V. Dangerous Cults

Some cults or alternative religions are clearly dangerous: They provoke violence or antisocial acts or place their members in physical [or financial] danger. A few have caused the deaths of members through mass suicide or have supported violence, including murder, against people outside the cult. Sociologists note that violent cults are only a small minority of alternative religions, although they draw the most media attention.

**Dangerous cults tend to share certain characteristics. These groups typically have an exceedingly authoritarian leader who seeks to control every aspect of members' lives and allows no questioning of decisions. Such leaders may hold themselves above the law or exempt themselves from requirements made of other members of the group.** They often preach a doomsday scenario that presumes persecution from forces outside the cult and a consequent need to prepare for an imminent Armageddon, or final battle between good and evil. In preparation they may hoard firearms. Alternatively, cult leaders may prepare members for suicide, which the group believes will transport it to a place of eternal bliss"  
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Based on the above definition of a cult, we can summarize their characteristics:

1. Authoritarian leader.
2. No questioning of or participation in decisions.
3. Leaders who exempt themselves from the requirements applicable to other members.
4. Their own doctrine, which usually adds to or contradicts the Holy Bible. For instance, they may have additional books other than the Bible which Members must study.
5. Seek control over every aspect of the behavior of members.
6. Secrecy and filtering information in order to control the behavior of members.
7. Psychological manipulation and control employed by abusive leader by playing against people's fear, ignorance, and presumption to scare them into submission.
8. Doomsday philosophy.

First of all, SEDM does not identify itself as a "church". See the [About Us page](#), Mission Statement, Section 1. You have to be a church before you can be a "cult". Instead, it is a ministry that focuses on obeying God's laws, and protecting, expanding, and promoting the authority of God's law over all affairs, including Biblical affairs.

SEDM doesn't have any leaders. As a matter of fact, the leaders are secret, so for all practical purpose, there are no leaders. You are the leaders because we exist to serve God by serving you. The [Ministry Articles](#) specifically forbid servitude or allegiance to any earthly man. All glory and authority can ONLY go to God and not any man. Therefore, there can be no earthly leader. Without a leader, there cannot be favoritism or partiality or unequal treatment of any member towards another member.

SEDM also does not have their own "bible" or additional doctrine which might add to or take away from the authority of God's word. Therefore, we do not seek to compete with God in any way.

SEDM also does not seek to control or influence the behavior of Members. People can only join if they are already satisfying the requirements for being a Member, but the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) does not seek to influence their behavior in any way.

Now let's look at whether the government has erected a "cult" by virtue of the way it has implemented income taxation.

1. A "cult" is "dangerous" if it promotes activities that are harmful. Giving away one's earnings and sovereignty is harmful if not done knowingly, voluntarily, and with full awareness of what one was giving up. This is exactly what people do who file or pay monies to the government that no law requires them to pay.
2. Dangerous cults are authoritarian and have stiff mainly "political penalties" for failure to comply. The federal judiciary dishes out stiff penalties to people who refuse to join or participate in the dangerous cult, even though there is no "law" or positive law authorizing them to do so and no implementing regulation that authorizes any kind of enforcement action for the positive law. These penalties are as follows:
  - 2.1. Jail time.
  - 2.2. Persecution from a misinformed jury who has been deliberately tampered with by the judge to cover up government wrongdoing and prejudice the case against the accused.
  - 2.3. Exorbitant legal fees paying for an attorney in order to resist the persecution.
  - 2.4. Loss of reputation, credit rating, and influence in society.
  - 2.5. Deprivation of property and rights to property because of refusal to comply.
3. The dangerous cult of the Infernal (Satanic) Revenue Code also seeks to control every aspect of the members lives. The tax code is used as an extensive, excessive, and oppressive means of political control over the spending and working habits of working Americans everywhere. The extent of this political control was never envisioned or intended by our Founding Fathers, who wanted us to be completely free of the government. Members of the cult falsely believe that there is a law requiring them to report every source of earnings, every expenditure in excruciating detail. They have to sign the report under penalty of perjury and be thrown in jail for three years if even one digit on the report is wrong. The IRS, on the other hand, isn't responsible for the accuracy of anything, including their publications, phone support, or even their illegal assessments. In that sense, they are a false god, because they play by different and lesser rules than everyone else.
4. The cult of the Infernal Revenue Code also "preaches a doomsday scenario that presumes persecution from forces outside the cult". This is a religion based on fear, and the fear originates both from ignorance about the law and with what will happen to the members who leave the cult or refuse to comply with all the requirements of the cult. The doomsday messages are broadcast from the IRS and DOJ website, public affairs section, where they target famous personalities for persecution because of failure to participate in the cult, and when successful, use the result as evidence that they too will be severely persecuted for failure to participate. This is no different than what the Communists did in Eastern Europe, where they put a big wall around East Berlin 100 miles long to force people to remain under communist rule. They patrolled the wall by guards, dogs, and weapons, and highly publicized all escape attempts in which people were killed, maimed, or murdered. This negative publicity acted as a warning and deterrent against those who might think of escaping.

5. The cult of the Infernal (Satanic) Revenue Code also prepares people for spiritual suicide and Armageddon. Remember, the term "Armageddon" comes from the Bible book of Revelation, where doomsday predictions describe what will happen to those who allowed government to become their false god. Those who did so, and who accepted the government's "mark" called the Socialist INSecurity Number, will be the first to be judged and persecuted and injured, according to Revelation. This is the REAL Armageddon folks!

*"So the first [angel] went and poured out his bowl [of judgment] upon the earth, **and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast [political rulers] and those who worshiped his image [on the money].**"*  
*[Rev. 16:2, Bible, NKJV]*


Only those who do not accept the government's mark will reign with Christ in Heaven:





*"And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, **who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**"*  
*[Rev. 20:4, Bible, NKJV]*

Surprisingly, the U.S. Congress, who are the REAL criminals and cult leaders who wrote their substitute "bible" that started this dangerous "cult of the Infernal Revenue Code", also described the cult as a form of "communism". Here is the unbelievable description, right from the Beast's mouth, of the dastardly corruption of our legal and political system which it willfully did and continues to perpetuate and cover up. We emphasize that the [Second plank of the Communist Manifesto](#) is "a heavy progressive income tax":

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

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

Therefore, we exist and were established to prevent and eliminate government-cults and to restore the authority of  [Biblical law](#) over all of society, not to create more or competing dangerous cults. We seek to prevent and undermine any opportunity for any earthly man to implement or enforce any of the characteristics of cults indicated above. This process of advancing the dignity of all men and the equal protection and rights of all is the opposite of a cult mentality, which is what we seek. Most cults, on the other hand, look down upon other competing religions, just as the government seeks to destroy and undermine Christianity: Because it competes with the true and living God for the affections and worship of the people. If you would like to learn more about how the government, and not us, are a "cult" and a "religion" which competes with, not complements God, and worships SATAN instead of God because it violates both God's law and man's law, read:

1.  [What Pastors and Clergy Need to Know About Government and Taxation. Section 7 entitled "Government Has Become a Religion and a Cult". Form #12.006](#) -Liberty University, Item #5.1
2.  [Socialism: The New American Civil Religion. Form #05.016](#) -memorandum of law
3.  [Government Establishment of Religion. Form #05.038](#) -memorandum of law
4. [Government is a Pagan Cult and We've All Been Drinking the Kool-Aid](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
5. [Government has become idolatry and a false religion](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
6. [The Unlimited Liability Universe](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
7. [How Scoundrels Corrupted Our Republican Form of Government](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
8. [The Institutes of Biblical Law](#) (OFFSITE LINK), by Rousas Rushdoony. Excellent!
9. [Our Enemy the State](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-Albert J. Nock
10.  [Federal Usurpation](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-Franklin Pierce
11. [Government Abuses and Usurpations](#) (OFFSITE LINK)-Constitution Society
12. [Great IRS Hoax. Form #11.302](#), section 5.4.4.2. (OFFSITE LINK)

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## QUESTION 6.10:


**Question 6.10:** You have an absolutely awesome site. I have been studying it for about a year now and I have ordered some of your offerings. In studying the site materials, I sometimes come across an error of one sort or another and I wondered if you wanted any feedback. These are generally either:


1. Inoperative links.
2. Referral info out of date.
3. Reference to old book sections.
4. Minor typo's and grammar errors.

Considering the size of this website, it must be a monumental effort to keep it up to date. Would you like for me to send you emails as I find this type of information? If yes, are you interested in all four categories listed above or, perhaps, only one or two of them. Let me know if you would like me to provide my findings to you and where to send them.

Thanks for an extremely helpful source of information.

**Answer 6.10:** We are absolutely delighted that you find our materials useful, engaging, and entertaining. That is why they are posted for your free use and enjoyment. You are correct that the amount of effort required to keep the information available here current, accurate, and useful is a monumental, full-time task for many. Your [generous donations](#) to support this religious ministry are the ONLY thing that makes that effort possible or sustainable.

As we state in our [About Us page](#), we are always interested in improving the quality, accuracy, and relevancy of our materials and solicit continual feedback from everyone who wishes to help improve the materials on this website. That purpose, in fact, is why our materials are posted here: Peer review and constructive criticism. We do not intend to mislead, hurt, or deceive anyone because that would be inconsistent with our  [Mission](#), which is to Honor the Lord through the efforts of this ministry and its many enthusiastic and patriotic [Members](#). We therefore invite and encourage you to diligently and frequently send us carefully researched constructive feedback about any of the above types of problems you find in any of our materials as you find them. You may send your feedback to our [Contact Us page](#).

Please visit us often and tell all your friends about us. A satisfied and empowered [Member](#) is the best way we know of to fulfill our  [Mission](#). Without you, our mission would be "impossible" and you are part of our fellowship and a contributor, if you want to be.






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## **QUESTION 6.11:**

**Question 6.11:** I have been studying the works of others for years, many of whom would appear to be prosecuted for arguments similar to those found on this website. Why do you think your approach is different or better than theirs?

**Answer 6.11:** Our official policy towards other freedom community personalities is found in the following resources.

1.  [Flawed Tax Arguments to Avoid, Form #08.004](#)
2.  [Who's Who in the Freedom Community, Form #08.009](#)
3.  [Policy Document: Pete Hendrickson's Trade or Business Approach, Form #08.003](#)
4.  [Policy Document: UCC Redemption, Form #08.002](#)
5.  [Rebutted Version of the IRS "The Truth About Frivolous Tax Arguments", Form #08.005](#)



The above documents in most cases answer the following important questions in the context of every major freedom community personality that we are aware of in order to address your concerns:



1. A summary of the positions taken by the freedom personality.
2. What they were prosecuted for.
3. Differences between their approaches and ours.
4. Steps we have taken to ensure that we are not prosecuted or slandered for the same reasons as they were.
5. Resources you can read to determine for yourself why our position is the only one consistent with prevailing law and judicial precedent.

We are not aware of any cases where any of the arguments contained in the above documents were successfully or exhaustively rebutted point-by-point. Simply calling them "frivolous" does not rebut them either, but identifies the federal courts as a religion in which the word "frivolous" equates with "heresy". See the following for details on how the government has established a religion in violation of the First Amendment:

1.  [Socialism: The New American Civil Religion, Form #05.016](#)
2.  [Requirement for Consent, Form #05.003](#)
3.  [Government Establishment of Religion, Form #05.038](#)

Hence, we have no reason to believe that any of the arguments used on this website are inconsistent with either prevailing law or judicial precedent from the venue or jurisdiction in which we operate, which is:

1. Outside of federal [territory](#) (OFFSITE LINK)
2. Outside the "[United States](#)" (OFFSITE LINK) on land under the exclusive jurisdiction of a state of the Union.
3. Exclusively among Members who fully comply with our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) and therefore are "[nontaxpayers](#)" (OFFSITE LINK) and " [non-resident non-persons](#)" not engaged in a " [trade or business](#)"

Our experience has been that most readers who pose this question usually are  [wrongfully "presuming"](#) that people in the freedom community who were prosecuted were prosecuted because of their stance on taxes, when in most cases, the reasons were totally unrelated to their tax arguments and focused almost exclusively on commercial issues, such as asset protection, and preparation of tax returns for others, or fraud on passports. In that sense, some readers are being lazy by trying to shift the  [burden of proof](#) to us to prove we are right rather than accepting ultimate responsibility for their own decisions and investigating the facts for themselves as we have spent decades doing.

Ultimately, however, it is you, the Sovereign, who our [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) requires to take complete, exclusive, and personal responsibility for educating yourself, evaluating the actions of others, and all your choices, and not to blame anyone but yourself for the consequences of your choices or actions. Nothing on this website is intended to be a substitute for your own diligent study of what the law says with your own two eyes. Consequently, you are not allowed to rely upon anything we say and instead may only rely upon the sources of reasonable belief clearly documented in:

 [Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007](#)

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## QUESTION 6.12:

**Question 6.12:** Why aren't your forums more active or popular? Some forums haven't had posts for years.

**Answer 6.12:** There are many reasons that explain this:

1. Most forums elsewhere are abused as a way to get free help on a problem and contribute nothing. They attract attention mostly from people who want something for nothing: parasites rather than producers. That means lots of questions with few answers because no one wants to do other people's work for free.
  - 1.1. Our site, in contrast, focuses on sovereignty, personal responsibility and pulling your own weight and discourages these kinds of people from joining. The reason we do this is because sovereignty is about personal responsibility and self-ownership.
  - 1.2. The reason people became government slaves to begin with is because they want something for nothing or want to abuse their power to vote or serve on jury duty to steal from the 1% to fund their irresponsible and sinful lifestyle. We don't want ANY government slaves in our ministry. We want to filter them out instead.
2. The most interesting and important subjects that require detailed homework are in the Member Subscription areas that require people to join Member Subscriptions to get answers. This provides us a way to recoup the cost of providing accurate and useful answers.
3. Some areas in the forums simply aren't interesting to most people so the activity is low.
4. Our forums are organized as a mock court where members are expected and required to enter new posts with facts and law relevant to their situation and formatted more like pleadings than just random open-ended questions. This requires members to do their own legal research BEFORE posting questions. This ensures that they add value to the forums by explaining the research they have already done to answer their own questions before posting the question.
5. Many people prefer more modern and interactive social networking tools that are more private and restricted to their local friends and regional interests. They like Telegram, for instance, because it is more private and has a phone app that goes with it. For these people, we provide:
  - 5.1. An Activism Map where they can find people in their geographical area.
  - 5.2. A place in your profile to enter your Telegram or skype address so people can find you and you can start your own local Activism Group. We even instruct people how to do it in:  
[SEDM Activism Leader Guide](#), Form #16.001  
<https://sedm.org/Forms/16-Activism/ActivismLeaderGuide.pdf>
6. People come here because they want to learn the law and the facts on any situation and where to locate that law and facts for themselves.
  - 6.1. Our philosophy here is "Opinions are like assholes: Everyone has one and they all stink, INCLUDING OURS." The ONLY thing you get from social media is opinions most of the time, BTW.
  - 6.2. They realize that personal opinions, whether acquired through forums or social networking, are IRRELEVANT in a court setting. See [Federal Rule of Evidence 610](#).
  - 6.3. They lose interest social networking as a tool for discovering law and facts after they study the materials on this site, because these are sources of DISINFORMATION rather than real enlightenment.
  - 6.4. They don't engage in the "group think" that the media promotes and avoid large groups or social networking because of that. They are INDEPENDENT thinkers.

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