

Subject: Re: **America in distress**

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However, Jeff resists the one thing that would do more than anything else to reduce or eliminate the exposure of Benson to prosecution: put the book into the public domain and stop selling it as a copyrighted work. Releasing it in that way would not greatly reduce his earnings (he could still sell copies of the public domain work), but as a public domain document it loses the mantle of being "commercial speech", and puts it squarely into the zone of protection of the First Amendment. You will note that I don't charge for anything I write. There is a good reason for that. *Jon*

Larry Becraft wrote:

My good friend Jeff Dickstein provides below a very succinct description of Bill Benson's case and its real meaning. Please visit Jeff's website and contribute to Bill's battle, which is everyone's battle. *Larry*

Jeffrey A. Dickstein wrote:

I represent Bill Benson. Bill wrote a publication expressing his opinion that the 16th Amendment wasn't ratified. The 16th Amendment is the authority the government uses to impose and collect the income tax. The government sued him to prohibit him from expressing his opinion. One of the allegations against him was that his opinion was false. In defense, we alleged the facts establishing his opinion was true. The government struck those facts from the record, then ruled because he failed to defend the allegation, he lost. The complete facts are on my website at <http://jeffdickstein.com>. Don't believe me, believe the actual documents filed by the United States government.

What has happened to America when the government accuses you of lying and prohibits you from presenting facts showing you are telling the truth? What has happened to America when our First Amendment right to speak out against the government has become a crime? What has happened to America when you are now stopped without probable cause and are required to present traveling papers? Is this any different than the East German checkpoints that not so long ago was the battle cry for the cold war?

The government has suspended the constitutional right to the writ of habeas corpus. People are now held in prison indefinitely, with no court appearance, and tortured. What has happened to America?

Ben Franklin said during another time of intolerable governmental action: "***We must all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.***"

Please read the following: <http://www.lewrockwell.com/blog/LLLetterNYT.pdf> and please support Ron Paul for president.

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Happy Holidays,

Sincerely,

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