

## Lord of All

The society within which we live has little concept or concern about the ramifications of what it is to be, and to be answerable to an entity referred to as Lord.

The view of America's society is a land of plenty, a land of freedom, and a land of rights. Phrases such as "I have the right to do whatever I wish. The Declaration of Independence, says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." From this our free thinking populous concludes that they have a right to live as they wish, free to do whatever they wish, and pursue anything that makes them happy: whether moral or immoral. The pursuit of happiness, contained in the Declaration of Independence "is one of the unalienable and natural rights that Jefferson found so irresistible. The phrase is traceable to the 5th century B.C., and the Greek philosophers. They referred to "eudaimonia," the Greek term for "happiness," connoted as performing the right actions that result in the well-being of an individual. Happiness is a state of being based in morality, virtue, and utility, not an acquisition. In other words, humanity achieves its peak actualization by living a good life full of positive actions, not by acquiring things to demonstrate one lived "successfully" (Wikipedia...for what that's worth).

When considering the word Lord individuals appear to make more of an application to themselves than to an entity that has unalienable rights that supersede their own pursuits, wants, desires, and/or demands, i.e., "no one has the right to tell me what to do." How many times a day does that pass the lips of our society's youth, and/or not so youthful?

One principle or reflections is to realize that all men/women are subject to someone. There is no imaginary world or society where no one is under a rule of someone else. The penal institutions are busting the seams with individuals who believe they are free to do as they please. I recall a new report wherein a young man, who was a thief, had previously been separated from one of his hands, and the powers that be were about to remove a foot. In his rebellion, he said, "no one is going to tell me what to do."

Lest this prolongs itself, let me regale you with some definitions of "Lord:" "properly an adjective, signifying "having power" (kuros) or "authority...owner... of a master, i.e., one to whom service is due on any ground."

The next time you're feeling froggy, and demand your rights, remember there is only one who has all authority: "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow, And every tongue shall confess to God" (Rom. 14:11). Ross Triplett, Sr.