

THE WATER TANK

There was a certain very dry land. The people were in need of water and looked for water from morning to night. Many people perished because they could not find it.

There were certain men in the land who we will call “Capitalists” that were more crafty and diligent than the rest. They gathered stores of water where the others could find none.

The people came and asked the Capitalists for water. But the Capitalists said: “Why should we give you water which we’ve gathered? So we will end up with a shortage of water and *all* die?

Let’s make a deal. You be our servants and we will give you water.”

“Ok, give us water and we and our children will be your servants” said the people.

The Capitalists, recognizing they had the advantage over the people, organized them so that some dipped the water, some carried the water and others looked for new springs.

They built a water tank where the people, including the Capitalists, came to get the water. And the tank was called "The Market".

They brought all of the water into one place.

The Capitalists said to the people: “For every bucket of water you bring to us and pour into the tank, which is "The Market", we will give you a penny. But for every bucket of water you draw out, you pay us two pennies and the difference will be our profit. If it weren’t for our profit, we would not do it and you would all die.

The people, who were not as crafty as the Capitalists, diligently brought water and filled the tank. For each bucket they were paid one penny and for every bucket drawn to give to the people, the Capitalists received two pennies.

Soon the water tank, which was “The Market”, overflowed. For every bucket the people poured in they received only half as much money as would buy a bucket.

Because of the excess that was left from every bucket, the tank overflowed as there were many people. But there were fewer Capitalists and they could drink no more than the others.

When the Capitalists saw the overflowing tank, they told the people to stop bringing water until the tank was empty.

When the people received no more pennies, they could no longer buy water.

When the Capitalists stopped receiving pennies, they sent their employees to the people to advertise water.

But the people said “we have no money to buy unless you hire us as before. We are thirsty and would gladly buy water and you would not have to advertise...”

The Capitalists said “because the tank, which is “The Market” overflows, you must buy first. Then, when the tank is empty we will hire you again.

Because the people were not hired to bring more water, they could not buy more water. And because the people could not buy more water, the Capitalists no longer hired them to bring water.

A crisis developed.

The Capitalists owned all of the springs, the wells, the water wheel, the vessels and the buckets so the people could only buy water from the tank which was "The Market".

The people protested against the Capitalists and said: “The tank runs over and we are dying of thirst. Give us water.”

The Capitalists said: “The water is ours. You can only drink it if you pay for it. Business is Business”.

But the Capitalists had no more profit because the people no longer brought water nor purchased it.

The Capitalists spoke among themselves and said: Our profits have stopped our profits and because of the profits we have made, we can make no more profits. How is it that our profits have become unprofitable to us and our gains really make us poor? Let us send for the soothsayers to interpret this thing.

The soothsayers joined with the Capitalists so they could drink the water and they spoke to the people for the Capitalists.

The Capitalists demanded the soothsayers straighten this out. Some soothsayers said “It is because of overproduction”, others said, “it is a glut,” yet others said: “it is because of spots on the sun.” And some said: “It is not glut nor spots on the sun but lack of confidence in The Market”.

While the soothsayers contended among themselves, the Capitalists said: “you have spoken to us, now go advise the people to buy our water so we are able to resume our profits.

The soothsayers, afraid of being stoned by the people, and seeing no possibility of gaining water by speaking to them, said to the Capitalists: “Masters, if men are not thirsty they will listen to us, but if they are thirsty they will not”.

The Capitalists said: “Go talk to them anyway.”

So the soothsayers explained the “Principle of Overproduction” to the people: how they must die of thirst because there was too much water and how there could not be enough because there was too much.

And the people said: “Does plenty breed famine? Does nothing come out of much?”

And the people stoned them.

The Capitalists again heard the people protest and feared they would come to the tank and take the water by force so they called upon holy men and priests to tell the people to be quiet and stop troubling the Capitalists and just buy the water.

The holy men told the people that unless they did as the Capitalists instructed, they should consider that their afflictions were sent from God to heal their souls and if they would bear it with patience and not lust after the water nor revile the Capitalists, after they died they would go to Heaven, where would be no Capitalists and plenty of water.

The true compassionate prophets of God would not rally for the Capitalists but spoke against them.

The people still protested so the Capitalists dipped their hands in the tank and scattered the water over the heads of them. They called this Charity and were hailed as humanitarians.

But the people were bitter and continued to protest, showing no gratitude for the bits of water wasted on their heads.

When the Capitalists saw that the people continued to rage, they feared the tank would be taken by force so they called upon their senators and congressmen to show them a way to bring back to Prosperity.

The senators and congressmen appointed committees and called in the experts in banking and finance to constantly debate and seek advice.

The mighty men of finance responded and said: “There is only one final and drastic solution to this problem. We must levy a Source Tax. As the tax is paid to us, we will lend the Capitalists money from the government. We can then build more tanks and have the people fill them with water. Once again, the people will be employed and be happy.

That made sense to the Capitalists so they prepared for a great business “boom” and told the people that Prosperity was just around the corner.

And the great tax law was passed. The taxpayers asked the government: “How can you levy a great tax upon us when you know we have no money to buy water?”

But the tax was assessed. Much of the people’s property was taken as they didn’t have money to pay the tax.

The government made the loans to the Capitalists. New tanks were built. Soon the people were all at work again fetching water and presently the *new* tanks overflowed as before.

Then the people protested louder than ever for they had been promised that the employment would last forever, and the senators and congressmen had solved the situation.

The people were mightily disillusioned by those who reigned in power over them, so the Capitalists, because they were fearful of what the people might do, hired the mightiest of the people’s warriors saying: “Work for us. Guard the tanks and we will give you water”.

The people’s mighty men and warriors went to work guarding the tanks, killing anyone who tried to steal water.

As the people thirsted, there arose certain men of clear vision and true reasonings who perceived the cause of the people’s sufferings. They said: “Associate and investigate the reasons for your

suffering. The Capitalists don't have an answer for the dilemma as to what is the trouble. Then you will have no need to be their servants and will thirst no more".

The Capitalists thought these men to be pestilential demagogues and makers of sedition and would have liked to have cast them into prison or crucify them because they preached for a change of government.

The words of the True Thinkers were: "How long will you be deceived by lies and believe to your hurt that which is not so? All things which have been told to you were cunningly devised stories. Particularly the holy men who said it was the will of God that you should always be poor and miserable and thirst. They do blaspheme God, and are liars who will reap as they have sown. Did not God create the water in the tank that you may drink freely? Is it because you do not have money? Why don't you have any money? Is it because you receive one penny for every bucket that you brought to the tank but paid two pennies for every bucket that you took out so the Capitalists might have their profit? Can't you see the tank must overflow, being filled by that which you cannot afford? It is made to overflow. Don't you see that the harder you work to bring the water, the worse and not the better it will be for you because of the profit, which exists only in the minds of those who deny you?

The True Thinkers spoke to the people for many days and the people answered, saying: "You are right. It is because of the system by which the Capitalists set themselves up as owners of the water, and makers of non-existent profit that we suffer. Our work is in vain. The more we work to fill the tank, the sooner it overflows and we receive nothing because there is too much. The Capitalists are hard men and have set our mightiest against us. Even our senators who make our laws are their men and if we challenge them they imprison us. How can we get out of this mess?

The True Thinkers said: "You are a sovereign people. *You* elect those who make the laws of the land under whom the Capitalists reside. Say: "It is unlawful for any man to restrict God's bounty which he takes from Mother Earth. If they don't obey such laws, then they are unlawful, and lawless, and against the government which exists to protect them, and you have a right to go against them, even to their tanks and their water. Those tanks were built with your tax money!

And the people answered: "How should we handle this, it seems good to us"?

And the True Thinkers answered: "Chose honest men with impeccable inner integrity to represent you and those men will act as the Capitalists; but they shall not be your masters but your brothers and servants who do your will, and they should not take any profit but every man his share among the others, and you shall work together and draw water as *all* may need and drink what you have drawn. If the Capitalists join you and want to drink to quench their thirst,

let them have it but no more. If the tank needs repairing let those who are skilled among you repair it but it will always be for you and your children as you fill it.”

And the people said: “Yes, we make the laws and we will it”.

The Capitalists, the soothsayers, the false priests and the mighty men of war heard what the people said. They all became fearful, saying: “Unless we can bring down these thinkers who advise the people, it is the end of us. The populace has taken that which has been sovereign to it from the beginning, and knows that it has taken it, so institutions totter, which is us!”

The True Thinkers said: “We save you from your suffering as much as the populace suffers so when the tank is full all benefits cease to you and to the people. The people order their affairs by true laws, exercising their voice which The Father set up. It is neither violence nor fraud nor wreckage of institutions, but making the false government the *true* government, not the government of your henchmen, Capitalists!”

The Capitalists moaned and could not see it, for their power had been taken from them. But there was no more thirst in that land and all dwelt together in plenty. The tanks were not abolished, nor the springs, nor the wells, nor the buckets. The people filled the tanks, which was "The Market", according as they had need or against a time of drought and they drew equally from the tank and were replenished.

And that land prospered because the wise men and the True Thinkers had ordered the people from their wisdom, not for powers and profits but for profits in power.

And the blessing of God rested upon the land and there was none who thirsted.

We are so “anti” everything, we forget to be “pro”. “Pro” those goals which would actualize a debt-free, wholesome, dynamic America.

These are times for positive, enlightened action...

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