

1. Thomas Paine: Rights of man  
Age Reason

## THE AGE OF DISCONTENT

French: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity  
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the reign of  
Senor - 1795

INTRODUCTION: One man has said that, Dissatisfaction is Divine, Dis-  
content is Diabolical.

Another has said that, Dissatisfaction is a Searchlight  
while Discontent is a flaming torch ready to be thrown.

DEFINITIONS: 1 Samuel 22:2; "And every one that was in distress, and  
every one that was in debt, and every one  
that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him, (David)  
and he became a captain over them: and there were with him  
about four hundred men. *Drew to about  
600 men 22:13*

### DISCONTENT)

- David had escaped to the cave of Adullam and there he was joined by 400 discontented men.
- Discontented: Bitterness of soul, Displeased, UnHappy.

Psalms 17:15; "As for me, I will behold thy face in right-  
eousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake,  
with thy right with thy likeness."

### DISSATISFIED)

- Dissatisfied so that he might be satisfied.

*Content:*

- David was not discontented: discontent is an angry response to conditions and situations.

1. Be content with your reign. *Isaiah 2:14*  
2. I have learned to be content in all things. *Phil. 4:11*

- David was dissatisfied here that he might be satisfied there.

2. Dissatisfaction with contentment is great gain. *1 Tim 6:8*

*Heb 13:5*

- David's dissatisfaction was a constructive response to his inner urge to improve and advance in all that is good. On this ground we can rightly say that dissatisfaction is divine.

- The only thing David would say that would satisfy him is "when I have improved myself to be more like God."

## THE STORY OF THE LITTLE BOY AND HIS PAPA IN THE STORE

1. The little boy toured the store. After looking things over and touching most of them, the boy said,

- "Papa, give me apple." The papa complied.

1. The boy took one bite of the apple; chewed it thoughtfully, put on the counter, and said, "no want apple."

- "Papa, give me orange." The boy did the same thing to the orange.

1. "No want orange." "Give me candy." Took one bite of the candy and placed the bar on the counter and said, "No want candy."

2. And so it was with everything with which the father tried in vain to please his son.

- All of this caused the father to say, "Nobody knows what he wants. He just wants."

1. He say, Give me dis, and give me dat, but he never is satisfied. To this the father added, "the world has gone mad, nobody knows what he wants, and if had what he thinks he wants he would not be happy with it. NOTE: This is the discontent that is slowly

but surely destroying the world about us.

## 2. DISSATISFACTION versus DISCONTENT

- Dissatisfaction: Recognizes the presence of good in life, and of God. It is not blind to values, but recognizes the good and seeks to build thereon. Tries to evaluate the immediate value versus the ultimate value. Always two sets of value involved.

### 2. DISCONTENT:

- Sees little good, if any good present in what is. Is ready to strike out, to hurt and destroy that which seems to be in the way of its desires

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- 1. The first of these is the fact that the world is not what it seems to be. It is a vast and mysterious place, and we are only beginning to understand it.
- 2. The second is the fact that the world is not what we think it is. It is a place of great beauty and wonder, but also of great suffering and pain.
- 3. The third is the fact that the world is not what we want it to be. We want a world of peace and harmony, but we are often at war with each other.
- 4. The fourth is the fact that the world is not what we need it to be. We need a world of love and compassion, but we are often cold and heartless.
- 5. The fifth is the fact that the world is not what we hope it will be. We hope for a better future, but we are often pessimistic about the future.

## THE STORY OF THE FIFTEEN BOYS WHO WENT TO SEA

The story of the fifteen boys who went to sea is a story of adventure and discovery. It is a story of the search for a better world, a world of peace and harmony. It is a story of the search for a better future, a future of love and compassion. It is a story of the search for a better way of life, a way of life that is more just and more fair.

The boys were young and full of life. They were full of hope and full of dreams. They were full of the desire to see the world and to make a difference. They were full of the desire to find a better way of life, a way of life that was more just and more fair.

They set out on their journey with a sense of purpose and a sense of adventure. They were determined to see the world and to make a difference. They were determined to find a better way of life, a way of life that was more just and more fair.

As they journeyed, they encountered many challenges and many hardships. They were often in danger and often in need. But they were also full of courage and full of determination. They were determined to see the world and to make a difference. They were determined to find a better way of life, a way of life that was more just and more fair.

At last, they reached their destination. They had seen the world and they had made a difference. They had found a better way of life, a way of life that was more just and more fair. They were full of joy and full of pride. They were full of the knowledge that they had made a difference and that they had found a better way of life.

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### WHO ARE THE DISCONTENTED?

1. They are those who nurture wrongs and imagine themselves to be the only ones in step with things. What discontent does to an individual:
  1. It causes that individual to be one-sided and wrong-sided.
  2. Discontent causes that individual to stock his arsenal of attack with such things as:
    1. Lies, Arson, looting, murder, hate, disloyalty, coupled with a sadistic desire to hurt innocent persons.
  3. Discontent uses the devils methods and the devil's tools to achieve its goals:
    1. It is for this reason that discontent is diabolical.
2. Evidences of discontent among us today.
  1. Hippie-ism is one evidence of our social and spiritual sickness.
  2. So are the:
    1. Senseless riots, the burnings, the lootings, the killings, and all other unpatriotic acts.
    2. We must not overlook: The increasing problem of alcholicism, the dope addiction, the use of LSD and Marijuna.
    3. Then: Our over-emphasis on sex represents the instability of our times. Much of the over-emphasis on sex has come about through immodesty of dress by women.

### THE POSITION OF THE DISCONTENTED

1. The discontented are the unhappy people of our time.
2. They are the empty, confused, thwarted people of our day. Such people:
  1. Find it easier to slip down into a lower strata of life than to climb higher.
  2. They find the lower strata less demanding, less moral and ethical, less responsibility to God and man.
3. Who falls into this lower strata?:
  1. All of those who cannot or will not face up to man's task of improving man:
    1. Making man a clean, tidy, productive, spiritual, useful person.

### WHAT IS OUR PROBLEM? (The whole world recognizes that the problem exists)

1. We clamor for some law to be passed to prohibit the wayward man.
  1. Laws passed do not stop crime...they never have. Man goes right on in the same path.
2. EXAMPLE: We put pressure on Washington to pass laws to make cars safer.
  1. There may have been some improvement in redesigning of cars along with some improvement in materials used. But let me remind you:
    1. That a fool behind the wheel of the safest car in the world is going to have accidents ETC. While:
    2. That a good man who is considerate and thoughtful behind the wheel of the unsafest car made very likely will never have one.
  2. All of this indicates that we have put the "cart before the horse."

### WHAT IS IT THEN THAT NEEDS OUR ATTENTION? Is it the car, or the Man?

1. It is not the car especially: It is man. Man has been trying:
  1. To build a sand-faith, a nationhood on sand, Man has been trying to build sand-economics, sand-governments as well as sand-religioon.
  2. Man must build all these things not on shifting sand, but on the Solid Rock of Christ's truth. Matthew 7:21-29; 1 Cor. 3:10,11

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- THE POSITION OF THE DISCIPLINED
- 1. ALL of this indicates that we have not the "safe refuge the police" aspect of the discipline but rather a "safe refuge the police" aspect.
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