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I said "stamp them through the ice." As in, "beat someone down out doors." Remember, 7 months out of the year we have ice cover in Fairbanks. The ground is only exposed for a short time each summer. All other times we work, drive, and live on ice. I got "stamped through the ice" at the "take down." It's no fun.

Thanks for sending the Trump letters. I think that's good. Do you know who is the new US Attorney in Alaska? Maybe they will fix Loeffler's Brady violations.

## LETTERS:

- Amanda Harrison from Colorado had kind and encouraging words to say. She says she "gets the feeling that I am a very strong man, that even for the situation I stand tall and push forward." Thanks.

I appreciate this sentiment, but it's not like I can quit. Even if I wanted to, I can't. I'm stuck here doing this hard thing. It's a lot like mountaineering on Mt. McKinley or Everest that way. Once you get high enough up that getting back down is a major undertaking, you lose the option of "quitting." Whether you go up or turn back, either way, you will have to push through perilous danger and protracted hardship.

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I think that most people uncover a deep strength they didn't know they have when they get boxed into two options: Be strong and make it through or be weak and die. That's the value of extreme situations like mountaineering, swimming the English channel, or going to the North Pole. They remove the third option of being trepid and half-hearted. You have to fully commit, knowing there are only two outcomes: life or death, success or failure, victory or defeat. And that's when you find out who you really are. "Do, or do not. There is no try."

Deep down, we all long to know who we really are. Everyone is haunted by the question, and most are a little scared of the answer.

Amanda also had some great insights on the Needles and Lions story I wrote. I have gotten a huge response to those two parables. They must have really hit a nerve out there.

Amanda's poem was wonderful. I wonder if she'd like to post it on my website? It was good. And I think of little Wyatt and his drawings he sends me all the time. There's something about little kids artwork that takes the edge off this grumpy old world of adults.

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Paula Calloway from NC writes about the christian flag being attacked in her home state and how it affected people. She says the courts made them take it off the public park memorial for veterans because it was "religious," and the government can't do anything "religious."

Here's what you throw back at them: The government is itself a religion. Think about it; they have a priesthood called legislators/judges they do everything with religious ceremony, they promote their official mythology like orthodox doctrine, they shun and persecute non believers in the system, and they want all their true believers to pray to their god-of-government to solve all their problems and make them healthy, wealthy, and wise.

It's not even a new religion. It's the old Roman cult of government/Empire worship all over again. Look at Washington D.C. Look at all the statues of their gods, like Lincoln perched on his throne in his temple of Artamus, or the so-called Washington monument that is the familiar obelisk of Ra the sun god. Pull the cash out of your wallet and look at all the religious symbols the religious government put on it. And I don't mean "In God We Trust." I mean the symbols of the Roman cult of government worship.

The US Government Religion - just like the Roman Government Religion - teaches that

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you must unconditionally accept the authority of the government as divine, and the only true god. Of course, the Government, as the real god, can and does allow people to worship other Gods. But if there ever is a question about whos law to follow, or if there is any conflict between the Government religion and some other religion, you must follow the law and comply with the Government religion of mythological wisdom of congress and the high ceremony of black robed priest/Judges. Because as we all know from our upbringing as orthodox citizens, the god of Government is verry real, and all other Gods are just imaginary mascots for 501c3 government authorized churches.

Rember this: The old Roman Civil Government cult didn't feed the early christians to the lions for worshipping Jesus. They fed them to the lions for not buying into the Civil cult.

Once you see the modern government as a wacky cult, and everyone from the local cop to the supreme Court Justices as religious nut-job zelots, everything will start to make sense. Then you can quit standing around confused by what you see, and start honestly assessing what we are up against and how to deal with it.

But be careful. Blasphemy of the Civil cult could get you fed to the lions of time.

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