

Corporations

Opening words and Chalice lighting:

I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength, and bid defiance to the laws of our country.

Thomas Jefferson

Welcome and check-in (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

Reading for discussion

I see in the future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country...Corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until the wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed.

Abraham Lincoln

Questions for discussion

- In what ways do you see Abraham Lincoln's prophetic words being realized in our country today?
- Do you think that the forces of corruption, fraud, and financial abuse in our culture can be controlled? What influence do they have, or have they had, in your own life?
- As individual citizens, what measures, if any, can we take to lessen corporation's power in our lives?

Check-out (A time to share likes and wishes, such as "I like how we..." "I wish we would...", or express how you felt about the group.)

Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:

Like the government, corporations must be bound with the chains of the Constitution, and especially of the Bill of Rights.

L. Neil Smith

Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!