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As I watched the debate between Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Trump, I was saddened. My sadness was not the result of not being invited to participate in that debate, but by the very nature of the misnamed event, for it was certainly no debate. The evening was filled with claims commencing with an accusatory “you’ or a proclamatory “I,” and a notable lack of the use of the uniquely American statement beginning with “We.” Each statement exposed the damaged nature of our nation, but more importantly, the statements, interruptions, and facial expressions exposed the damaged nature of our election process. Each of these also exposed *Today’s Reality*.

The people of America need to know that *Today’s Reality* is the sum total of all the successes, errors, and accidents of history, together with the intended and unintended consequences of each. For any one of us to dismiss involvement in our future with pithy remarks such as “It is what it is,” “That’ll never happen,” or “I can’t do anything about it,” is to accept the errors and accidents of the past as immutable. It is to accept their permanence as a permanence born of a lack of corrective action. To leave the correction of these errors to others is to institutionalize the process by which these errors and accidents of history have occurred in the first place, making permanent the source of our own destruction.

Should you feel inadequate in the pursuit of the reversal of these errors or in the correction of these consequences, or should you feel your efforts are insignificant, be encouraged, not dismayed, by your singular lack of power; for our nation, our America of the past was, by design, the product of many minds, and not the dicta nor mandate of the few. The power of America is in the efforts of the multitudes. Should that power congeal into the hands of the few, no effort shall save her, save the most extreme ones.

As such, *Tomorrow’s Reality* shall either be the result of continued errors and accidents, brought forth without resistance, or it shall be brought to us through the dedication, hard work, and selfless commitment of patriots: Patriots of character, who place Duty, Honor, and Nation above Self.

Today’s patriot ought to recognize that *Tomorrow’s Reality*, as shown to us by those who would govern us, is not inevitable – *Tomorrow’s Reality* shall be what the people of today decide it will be.

Should I be elected to the office of the President of the United States, I will work diligently to shed the powers usurped by past presidents, returning them to the Senators, Representatives, and Governors from which those powers were taken, and restoring the distribution of powers as set out in the Constitution. I shall work to restore the fundamental goal of the first American citizens: that those in Washington are empowered to govern the nation, not the people.