

# DECLARATION OF COURAGE

I DECLARE ALL THAT FOLLOWS, CALLING OUT AS A LIE  
THE SOCIETAL CLAIM THAT CHANGE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

## IT BEGINS WITH ME

I WILL WHOLEHEARTEDLY PURSUE TRUTH AND WILL NOT SPEAK, SIGN, OR  
WRITE ANYTHING THAT IS NOT, AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE TRUTH.

I WILL IN SPITE OF THE COST, SPEAK OUT AGAINST LIES.

I WILL STAND ALONE IF NEED BE, KNOWING THAT FREEDOM IS "THE SURE  
POSSESSION OF THOSE ALONE WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO DEFEND IT."  
(PERICLES)

I WILL NOT REPEAT NOR SUPPORT RADICALLY PROGRESSIVE, IDEOLOGICAL  
MANTRAS. I WILL WALK OUT OF STATE, CORPORATE OR PRIVATELY ENFORCED  
INDOCTRINATIONS ON THE SAME.

I WILL NOT ACQUIESCE TO THE STATE'S VIOLATION OF MY GOD-GIVEN  
FREEDOMS OF SPEECH, WORSHIP, CONSCIENCE AND BODILY AUTONOMY.

I WILL PERSEVERE IN THE FACE OF THREATS TO LIVELIHOOD, STATUS OR  
REPUTATION, IN SPITE OF THE PAIN OR MY OWN SELF-DOUBT.

I WILL SUPPORT WITH MY WORDS, ACTIONS AND FINANCES, OTHERS  
CONVICTED OF THIS NEED FOR A RELENTLESS COMMITMENT TO TRUTH,  
FREEDOM AND CONSCIENCE.

ALL THIS I UNDERTAKE, KNOWING I MAY SUFFER LOSS OF THE FRAGILE  
CONSTRUCTS OF SOCIAL STATUS, COMFORT AND SAFETY, I AM WILLING TO  
DO SO, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FAR SUPERIOR AND LASTING BEDROCK OF  
TRUTH UPON WHICH OUR FUTURES AND FREEDOM (AND THAT OF OUR  
CHILDREN) MUST BE GROUNDED.