

Night Journey 64: *Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge Not to Feed Your Children to the Dogs of War*

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself."
(Alexander Hamilton)

Every form of government relies upon an internal or external fear to remain in power. To secure the right to governance, the governing power must pledge the protection and security of those being governed. If there were no threats to existence, and everyone acted as Alexander Hamilton's "Angels," then there would be no need for government. Therefore it is in the best interests of governments to have enemies, whether real or imagined, to keep their population constantly dependent upon the security of a strong, centralized government.

There are very real enemies in the world today, most having been carelessly cultivated by the acts of nations who wield their military and economic power for the sake of wealth and national supremacy. There are also threats such as crime, caused by economic inequity, and terrorism, caused by the predatory actions of national interests designed to control global resources and ideology. Then there are more large-scale threats, consisting of the conflicting military and economic interests of super nations threatening worldwide destruction. In the 20th Century, those super nations were the United States and the Soviet Union. Now, in the 21st Century, they are the United States and China. One rattles the sabre and threatens the other to make its own population fearful of an imagined, imminent danger, which threatens the lives and livelihood of all its citizens.

The world is upside down. Children learn from adults in what matters most, when it should be the other way around. Young children live in a state of innocence, love, and trust, before they experience and are taught hatred, racism, and distrust by adults. Adults force children out of their world and indoctrinate them into the adult world of allegiances, complete with enemies to fear and hatred based upon racial and ideological differences. Indoctrination disables our children from becoming the Hamiltonian Angels the world so desperately needs.

In Night Journey 64, the two flags of the current super powers, the U.S. and China, are merged into one conflicted image, each visually vying for dominance over the other. The four armed and empty figures grasp their societal and nationally molded plastic hearts that are subjugated out of fear and mistrust to the consuming and destructive dictates of national interests. The figures are standing on the innocence of children, represented by children's drawings, which depict sharing, love, and cooperation. Our societies will strip children of their innocence, harvest them, and "feed" them, as stated by former Senator Thomas P. Gore, "to the dogs of war."