

# Dogma

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Today new cycle of nine days begins. Buckle your safety belts, it's going to be quite a ride for some of us.

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A reader here once commented on the absence of dogma on TheAmendment.net, which surprised me until I thought about it. Attempting to be impartial and fair to myself, that reader was accurate with the comment. The Committee will certainly state an opinion—as will I— but does not establish principles as absolutely certain.

First, the dictionary definition:

## dog·ma

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*noun*

1. a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true.  
*"the rejection of political dogma"*

*Q: Esteemed Committee, my issue with the article is the authoritarian tone. Who appointed the writer to authority?*

*C: As he sees it, the regular, consistent readers of his material.*

*Q: It could be said my objection to the article is not about dogma, simply arrogance and condescension, because I dislike politicians a lot. I doubt Mr. Beckow is going to write a similar article asking anybody to stop demonizing President Trump, which in certain quarters is required. Why does dogma come about and why is it accepted?*

*C: It is trained into you, just as its antithesis is also trained. It is a choice, such as the teaching of murder.*

*Q: It all seems to boil down to the same issue of control; dominance of the environment requires dominance of other humans. Is dogma bad?*

*C: Yes, because it is noticed. When this occurs, it has become bad. When dogma is accepted, it has not yet earned the name.*

*Q: Why aren't fire fighters, military troops or police officers considered subjects of dogma? All are subject to principles and procedures laid down absolutely, by authority. Nobody calls the Chief of Police or a Navy Admiral, dogmatic.*

*C: Successful groups organized for specific purpose cannot be. The principles and procedures are developed both inside and outside the group, are constantly applied thus reviewed and the authority involved can be changed.*

*Q: So what's unique about garden variety dogma, what we know and probably don't love?*

*C: No such animal exists; dogmatic influences are not simple, plain or normal.*

*Q: What is the appeal of dogma?*

*C: Mental laziness. It appeals to an emotion or preference without need for examination. It lines up then easily meshes, much like well lubricated gears.*

Q: *This explains my problem with the use of bullet points! I like to list the parts & pieces. I don't remember where I learned that, but....*

C: University study. We were there, you do not remember? We were.

Q: *What's the appeal which attracts a dogmatic leader?*

C: Control.

Q: *Are the roles filled by leader and follower(s) part of life plans and contracts?*

C: Yes, in many cases.

Q: *Lessons, challenges and opportunities await.*

C: Different paths may be chosen and followed along the contract.

Q: *When was mankind free of dogma?*

C: Before complex speech.

Q: *How soon after our creation a thousand centuries ago, did we develop complex speech ability?*

C: This was developed from the outset, because telepathic communication would not have worked in the circumstances of first humanoid creation. Dogma emerged as complex thoughts were verbally expressed. This required but a few centuries. Speech became more complex as the environment grew equally so.

Q: *Has it flourished with the increase in newspapers, then everything else which has followed?*

C: Exploded we would say. It is far easier to issue ideas than to consider them when presented.

Q: *The dogmatic seem relatively unable to manage disagreement.*

C: The very trait which serves as foundation for it.

Q: *Earlier on, you mentioned how dogmatic influences are taught, that we are trained to be this way. How?*

C: Observation of your earliest influences sets the table, often parents and family. All humans will copy what is presented, the reason you speak a language from infancy without memory of the learning process. During this stage of human life, will the patterns of dogma or its absence become established.

Q: *Is dogma a good thing to have, if it's in the minority?*

C: Generally no, because the benefits which can be learned by participation as leader, follower or observer of dogmatic trends, can be learned in other ways. Dogma is self-correcting, because it will always lead to tyranny if unchecked, and can no longer be considered dogma. In this way, it resolves itself either by turning into a draconian dictatorship or fading away.

Q: *I can't say with authority [pun intended, folks] regarding other countries, since I don't read enough press in a sufficient quantity, but I can say with certainty that English, Portuguese and Spanish language press in North, Central and South America are HIGHLY dogmatic. Esteemed Committee, is this just a growing pain of free speech?*

C: Yes, but it is not a required growing pain.

*Q: At what point do the purveyors of dogma change?*

C: When followship declines.

*Q: Will humans ever abandon the need to, or practice of, controlling other people?*

C: Yes, if this is collectively selected. Awareness is the key.

*Q: When we're young, we depend entirely on being told what we need to know and do. Some kids become rebellious when learning to go another way, at least the more obvious examples. Why does this happen?*

C: Rebelliousness is almost completely an adult problem, in more than ninety nine percent of the cases. Adults who demand hierarchy obedience from the young or younger than themselves, create rebellion.

*Q: What about social dogma, at the moment splattering all over the press & media like fresh shit off a massive high-speed fan?*

C: It only reaches targets who attract it. Any of you can observe glorious dogma without being stained. Observe other and contradictory things, also. This insulates you from dogma and lands you squarely in the center of ideas, discussion and interchange.

*Q: What will teach people to question and doubt things?*

C: Observing things questioned and doubted.

*Q: Esteemed Committee thank you.*

C: Welcome all of you are always, be well and return soon.