

Preserving the Unkeepable

Nobody asked but ...

Statists, those who would preserve the unkeepable, cannot account for things which are not directly accountable. They deceive themselves and others by choosing to account for that which confirms their bias. That which they wish to obfuscate they make complex. They deal in acronyms, like GNP and CPI. They generate mystery. They coin ever more neologisms. They camouflage with terms of art, such as normative and latency. Friedrich Bastiat talked of that which is seen vs that which is not seen. To that I would add that which is hidden, that which is distorted, and that which is ignored. And further, consider that which is born of an intent to lie.

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