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SEARCHING FOR UNCLE SAM: The Pursuit of a Myth

Uncle Sam – why are you hiding? Why don't you appear? Have you taken up a different occupation or succumbed to fear?

> Dear Sam – many people are looking for you & hoping you're alive. Please tell them democracy has passed away – but deceit & greed still thrive.

One word of caution: Don't feed people much bullshit – Small amounts argh tolerable But overloads turn us into Trumpian pigs & cause common sense to quit.

Be brave enough to tell Americans the truth: money alone determines what people can or cannot do.



- *Kris:* (chuckling) There's something ridiculously naive about this author. Uncle Sam is as real as Santa Claus.
- *Tim:* Precisely. In one sense, myths are larger than life. The icons people believe in have more power than flesh and blood. Reality is seldom as powerful as myth.
- *Sam:* Shrewd leaders feed the myths to the masses in order to realize their own agendas. Myths give people a reason for living. Without myth, there's a curious hollowness to existence.
- *Terri:* In that sense myths are pre-eminent propaganda tools.

