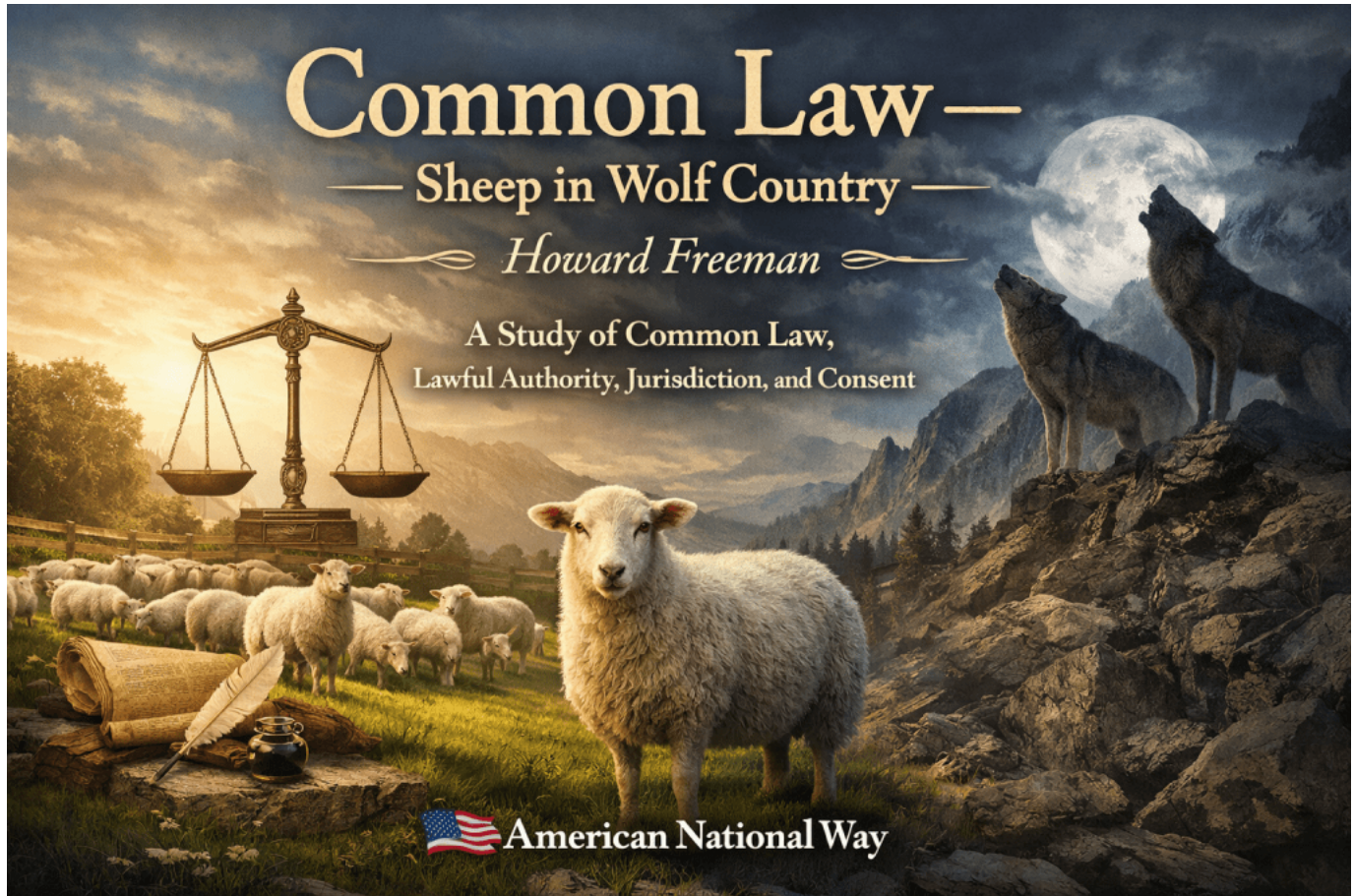


# □ Common-Law – Sheep in Wolf Country – Howard Freeman

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## □ Sheep in Wolf Country

This series explores **Common Law principles** through the teachings of Howard Freeman, using the metaphor of *sheep living in wolf country* to explain how truth must be carried with wisdom.

It is not written to provoke, confront, or overthrow institutions. It exists to help ordinary men and women **understand how to live honorably and lawfully** within modern legal systems where authority, jurisdiction, and consent are rarely explained clearly.

Howard Freeman did not speak as an activist, politician, or reformer. He spoke as a **Common Law teacher** who understood truth, danger, and consequence – and who believed that wisdom must always travel ahead of knowledge.

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## ⚖️ **What This Series Is – and Is Not**

This work is a study of **Common Law, lawful authority, jurisdiction, and consent** – not a guide to confrontation.

It is not legal advice, not a collection of courtroom tactics, and not an encouragement to challenge officials or institutions head-on. Freeman consistently warned that truth, when used without discipline and restraint, becomes a liability rather than a protection.

The purpose of this series is understanding: how authority operates, how jurisdiction is established, how consent is presumed, and how a man or woman may stand lawfully **without becoming adversarial**.

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## □ **Series Overview**

Each part of this series addresses a single foundational concept. Together, they form a quiet curriculum – progressing from posture and mindset, to structure and authority, to conduct and restraint.

Readers may begin anywhere, but the sequence is intentional.

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## □ Part I – Sheep in Wolf Country

Why Truth Must Be Carried With Wisdom

This opening part establishes posture. Freeman explains why truth alone is not protection, why survival requires restraint, and why those who mistake knowledge for power often suffer first.

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## △□ Part II – When Sheep Forget What They Are

The Fatal Cost of Confronting Wolves Head-On

Through real examples, Freeman shows how pride, anger, and misplaced courage turn truth into self-destruction. This part is a warning against mistaking confrontation for righteousness.

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## ⚖□ Part III – De Jure and De Facto

The Government That Ought to Be vs. the One That Is

This section explains the critical distinction between lawful authority and assumed power, and why understanding this difference changes how one interprets courts, statutes, and officials.

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## □ [Part IV – The Proper Order of Sovereignty](#)

God, Man, Constitution, and Hirelings

Freeman restores the original chain of authority, showing that sovereignty does not originate in legislatures, agencies, or offices, but flows downward – never upward.

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## □ [Part V – The Law Merchant](#)

From Honest Trade to Enforced Obligation

A historical examination of how commerce replaced law, how contract displaced consent, and how trade systems quietly reshaped modern governance.

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## ⚖️ □ [Part VI – Law and Equity](#)

Freedom by Consent vs. Performance by Force

This part explains how Common Law was supplanted by equity, why compulsion became normalized, and how many modern “laws” function without lawful foundation.

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## □ [Part VII – The Record](#)

Why Courts Fear What Is Properly Preserved

Freeman emphasizes the importance of record over rhetoric. This section explains how documentation, silence, and accuracy carry more weight than argument.

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## [Part VIII – Jurisdiction](#)

Why Authority Must Be Proven, Not Assumed

A focused study on jurisdiction as the gateway to all lawful proceedings – and how authority collapses when jurisdiction cannot be established.

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## [Part IX – Legal vs. Lawful](#)

The Most Dangerous Confusion in Modern Society

Freeman clarifies how legality often masks illegitimacy, and why confusing the two leads men and women to unknowingly surrender their standing.

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## [Part X – Corpus Delicti](#)

Why There Can Be No Law Without Injury

A return to first principles: without harm, there is no crime; without a victim, there is no jurisdiction. This part exposes the fragility of victimless accusations.

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## □ Part XI – Quiet Strength

Living Honorably While the System Reveals Itself

The closing reflection. Freeman reminds us that Common Law is not about winning battles, but about standing correctly – patiently, consistently, and without spectacle.

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## □ **How to Approach This Work**

- Read slowly and deliberately
- Study principles, not personalities
- Favor understanding over reaction
- Let restraint guide application

This series is not meant to be rushed. Its value unfolds with patience, discipline, and time.

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## **Sheep in wolf country**

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Being a “sheep in wolf country” means navigating a dangerous world with gentle intent but also strategic wisdom, requiring a “tender heart and tough hide,” staying alert to predators (deceptive people), relying on a good guide (faith/discernment), recognizing when to walk away from conflict, and sticking with

your flock for protection. It also involves combining harmlessness (like doves) with shrewdness (like serpents) to survive threats without becoming like the predators themselves.

### **Key Strategies for the “Sheep”**

- **Stay with the Flock:** Strength and protection come from being together, not wandering off alone.
- **Be Alert, Not Naïve:** Understand that wolves (predators, deceitful people) exist; don't be easily tricked.
- **Combine Gentleness with Wisdom:** Be innocent and kind, but also wise like a serpent—observant of vibrations and subtle movements, not just loud sounds.
- **Know When to Walk Away:** Don't engage in pointless battles or arguments that drain your energy; silence and distance disarm manipulators.
- **Protect Your Energy:** Don't owe your peace to others' confusion; choose not to be pulled into their chaos.
- **Seek True Guidance:** Rely on a good shepherd (leader/faith) rather than following a bad one who leads to harm.
- **Develop a “Tough Hide”:** Develop resilience and focus to handle inevitable rejection and persecution without losing your core tenderness.

### **In Literal Wolf Country (Wildlife Safety)**

- **Make Yourself Big:** Raise arms, make noise, and back away slowly.
- **Don't Run:** Back away, don't turn your back on a potentially aggressive wolf.