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To be introduced to the House of Commons

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## **The House of Lords Reform Bill 2024**

**A Bill to populate The House of Lords with a genuine Aristocracy cultivated from the general public and revise its function.**

- 1. Purpose:** The Bill has three purposes:
  - a.** To give the general public access to a system of personal development whereby they can comprehend and experience the purpose and meaning of life, and the material and immaterial causes that affect the quality of that life.
  - b.** To populate the Government (House of Lords) with a genuine Aristocracy drawn from that pool of general public thus elevated, such that we are governed and protected by a House that is actually qualified by its comprehension of life and its principles to make decisions affecting the lives of the masses, and not one that is filled by accident of birth, popularity (elected) or for the convenience of the political agendas of any empowered political party (elevated).
  - c.** To restore the House of Lords to that of protector of the best interests of the Country , rather than its current direction of being nothing more than an extension of the House of Commons

- d. The effect of these reforms will be that:
  - i. The health, prosperity and understanding of the general population will improve from the insertion into its culture of that system of personal development, and that purpose and that meaning of life will have more chance of being fulfilled.
  - ii. The UK (being the home of parliament) will have instigated the most enlightened form of government possible; an example that other countries would inevitably follow over time, just as they did with the UK initiation of Parliament.

- 2. Commencement:** This is of necessity a long drawn out process spanning decades, and one that would have to be initiated in three stages:
- a. The first stage would be for the Government to approve the system of personal development that would be initiated in the second stage. The difficulty in that is that given the necessarily esoteric nature of that program, unless those members of the government appointed to the task were already sufficiently enlightened and knowledgeable on the subject, how would they be able to judge and approve it? Therefore, a committee would have to be appointed to experience the program for themselves so that they could endorse it and approve it for others. This could commence on approval of the Bill and may take another decade to accomplish in its entirety and could be done either concomitantly with the general public being given access to the program, or prior to that program being made official.
  - b. On being made official, the program of development be made freely available to the general public. Those attaining sufficient understanding and development through the program to become a true Aristocrat according to the original meaning of the word (i.e.: having the grace, wisdom and virtue to rule and govern) will be awarded a title commensurate with that attainment.

- c. When sufficient participants of the program have become Aristocrats and been awarded that title, they will be entitled to sit in the House of Lords. They may be called to sit in the House from a register of Aristocrats for term to be determined in the same way that Jurors are called to serve in Jury service. The number of 'Aristocrats' called to serve may be incremented over a period of time until they occupy the major part if not all the seats in the Upper House. At the same time revisions to the function of the House of Lords can be implemented.

### 3. Definitions:

- a. **Aristocrat:** a person fit to govern through being morally and intellectually superior (through study and development).
- b. **Aristocracy:** Aristotle's ideal of government by Aristocrats.
- c. **The Committee:** A group of existing Members of the House of Lords appointed to appraise 'The Program'.
- d. **The Program:** A program of development and edification pre-selected by the House of Lords for appraisal by 'the Committee.'

# SCHEDULES

## Schedule 1

### Part 1

1. A committee shall be appointed to evaluate and appraise a program of development (pre selected by the House of Lords) that will:
  - a. Edify the general population such that the culture of the UK is elevated to one where health and prosperity the more readily manifest, and the ultimate purposes of life are fulfilled.
  - b. Create an Aristocracy qualified to sit in the House of Lords.
2. The appointment of this committee will take into account the longevity of the undertaking, i.e. be formed from individuals who can serve for up to a decade.
3. If after that period has expired, the committee is unable to endorse the program, there should be no compromise to that program, such that it would be less effective or befitting. The undertaking should be cancelled rather than compromised.
4. On endorsement of the program by the committee, it shall be declared 'The National Program', and made available to the general public, the funding of which needs to be determined.

## Part 2

5. The general public members on undertaking the program, will become edified and have an uplifting effect on the culture and conditions of the UK.
6. Some, after studying the program for an extended period, on testing and examination, will be found to have become sufficiently edified - morally and intellectually superior enough to be classified as Aristocrats. These Aristocrats will be listed on a register and given a title (to be determined).
7. On the creation of this register, a number of seats will be made available in the House of Lords. Aristocrats will be randomly selected from the register to serve a term (length to be determined) sitting in the House of Lords, just as a Juror is called to attend Jury Service.
8. Depending on the success of these Aristocrats, the number of seats and the number of Aristocrats called to sit in them can be incremented in stages over time, until the major part if not all of the House of Lords is populated by members qualified through the program to sit in it.

## Schedule 2

### Premises of 'The Program'

1. The first premise being that there is a meaning and purpose to life; it follows that a government should fully accommodate that meaning and purpose, such as its laws should give maximum facility to that meaning and purpose and have in it a system and process that will protect it from laws and procedures that might compromise and frustrate it.
2. The second premise being that an individual's fate and destiny, in being the things that they might either enjoy or suffer, is a consequence of the things that they think, say and do, and while that fate or destiny may be affected by the thoughts, utterances and undertakings of their predecessors and contemporaries, the ultimate control of what happens to anybody, within the bounds of the laws of God and nature, can be fully assumed by that person, and is incidental to whatever government presides or political agenda is being implemented: no government policy can change it, other than that which affects the thoughts, speech and actions of the individual. From that it can be inferred that the fate and destiny of any country, is nothing more or less than the accumulated fates and destinies of each and every individual that composes it, and is incidental to the laws and policies of the incumbent authorities. Nor is that destiny set in stone but is the total consequence of the thoughts, speech and actions of each individual in that country, and if those thoughts, speeches and actions can be so modified as to achieve the most salubrious effect, then the fate and destiny of that country will be that best that it can enjoy, rather than the worse that it might suffer.

