

*The Sayings  
of  
Chairman John*

## FOREWORD

The wise sayings of Chairman John, while deep and meaningful, are sometimes difficult to understand by the faithful.

This brief volume is offered in the hope that it will lead to greater understanding and appreciation of the Chairman's inner light.

A brief explanation of The Basic Seven Sayings follows the text of the saying.

"We may just have to bite that  
bullet."

Generally thought to be a phrase derived from pioneer days, when it was the custom to give a gun-shot or arrow victim a bullet to bite on while the offending particle was removed from his body in a very painful and primitive way. Thus the phrase is indicative of preparation for undertaking a difficult or painful task. In the instant case, the difficult task foreseen generally involves a loss of votes for the Chairman.

"We get another kiss at the  
pig."

A phrase of doubtful origin  
and meaning. Generally not thought  
to indicate any desire on the  
Chairman's part to commit any  
perversion with an animal, but  
rather to indicate that circumstances  
will provide a second opportunity to  
accomplish the desired end, in the  
event the first is unsuccessful.

"Those boys play with hard balls."

Generally used to describe a difficult and competent opposition. Thought to have its roots in the Chairman's childhood days of playing soft ball and baseball (hard ball), with "hard ball" being thought to be the most difficult and challenging game, and soft ball being thought to be somewhat more of a "sissy" game.

"We're up to our ass in  
bass."

The Chairman seems to use  
the phrase synonymously with  
being in a "lot of trouble," although  
somewhat of a non sequitur, since  
most fishermen would regard this  
as a pleasant state.

"Go on in there and meet with them, but don't move anything but your eyes for awhile."

Advice given to subordinates by the Chairman as he directs them in how to attend a meeting which he probably should personally attend but has chosen not to do so because it promises to be unpleasant, in that someone probably will be asking him to do something which he does not want to do. Generally thought to have its origins in the admonitions given to a young plaintiff's lawyer to keep a "poker face" while making a totally ridiculous settlement demand and disdainfully rejecting a perfectly reasonable settlement offer.

"Anybody with a head as big  
as a grape knows that."

Origin unknown. Often used  
by the Chairman to support a  
proposition which cannot be  
supported otherwise, either by  
logic or legal authority.



"No, I have no particular thoughts about running for Governor or any other political office. I am enjoying what I am doing so much and I've been so busy that I really just haven't had time to think about those matters."

Phrase having its origin in the earliest beginnings of politics. Has absolutely no meaning.