

**The United Federation of Planets is an utopia**, derived from Age of Enlightenment's nostalgia for a gnostic, ancient pagan culture and its philosophy. It is a statement that Pure Reason may create the perfect and balanced society with no injustice, where everyone is happy and has a potential to grow. This statement was not true then (invasions, slavery, exploitation, exclusion – ones growing at the expense of others), as it is not true in the 22nd-24th centuries. This is because human's drives and desires never conform to progress, subtlety and reason, whereas the morality which helps contain those may not be simply transferred to the next generation – it must be painstakingly learned and developed by them from anew (based on their forefathers' teachings and experiences). The concept of sensitivity derived straight from reason and logic is another utopian mirage, as was continuously proven by the history. Many always had to sweat, bleed and suffer for elite's freedoms. The leftist sensitivity is an act of exploitation of a majority by a minority (or rather, an elite which claims to act on its behalf, and thus comes to power) and is a mechanism of obvious injustice, taking away people's freedom instead of enforcing it. Remember that there is no such thing as freedom without someone having to pay for its maintenance. Freedom of one has always costs measured in reducing freedom of other (or oneself, with an example of doing work).

There is a single body which allows to develop a strong morality, but it was consequently abolished by the Enlightenment's gnostics, hatefully rejected by the neomarxists, and so it also seems to be marginalized in the era of the Federation – the religion. It is the spirituality and transcendence which are the source of morality and the apex of the system of human motivation, not the sophisticated reason (and especially not the self pleasure-driven reason) – see the pyramid of needs and motivation by A. Maslow (1971), a fundamental model in modern psychology.

The reason will always try to justify the theft, control and powerplay, especially by those in power – to find justification rather than justice – whereas the spirituality (its moral code, and the laws derived directly from it; 'thou shall not steal') will only allow one to refrain from taking advantage over the neighbour. There is no 'natural' reason but solely supernatural, why one would care for a distant, alien person as much as for his own brother. In particular, we speak of a religion that is maximally inclusive, as it teaches to respect everyone ('love thy enemies'), not only one's own tribe. It is the Christianity which tells us not to lie to anyone, not to steal from anyone, and to help everyone in need, regardless of one's origin.

However, the last remark about Christianity in Star Trek series (ENT) is about 2150, where dr. Phlox attends a holy mass at St. Peter's Square. Later (VOY), Seven-of-Nine discovers a crucifix in one of holodeck's projections, a clear sign that it was never found onboard or mentioned by the crew of the Voyager, nor by any other individuals which the Borg previously assimilated. We have then an impression of a strongly, we could say even aggressively, secular society which does not uphold the religious morality anymore. The Federation is a technological Tower of Babel (one

language, no borders, bright prospects), aimed at dethroning God and enthroning the Humanity. The consequences are also equally biblical. This concludes our unsuccessful search for the source of the moral code of the Federation. It is built on the secular laws, or directives, and we know how easily such laws are levied or subverted, or simply voted against and reshaped, according to authorities' desires. Numerous times, captains Kirk and Picard broke the Prime Directive, because it was strictly immoral in several cases. It clearly shows that there persists some more general, more natural moral code than the one generated by the directives, or by pure reason and consensus. Certain prominent individuals have its sense and are able to uphold it, but it is not a general rule, and more often than not Starfleet admirals have reprimanded both captains harshly for upholding their moral code above the laws of the Federation.

So far, we have established that the Federation lacks the codified laws which would be unfailingly just and satisfy the needs of everyone. Indeed, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, so the few do not count in the Federation's policy which is global in its scope. Therefore the Maquis rebellion erupted, when a portion of Federation citizens and their homelands were simply sacrificed by the authorities to the Cardasians (numerous times, from TNG to VOY). We also observed that the particular groups, such as the Military, were able to better communicate and reach consensus with an extraterrestrial species, eg. Klingons (in Star Trek VI), than the Federation as a whole and indeed, against the Federation's interests.

There is no reason, other than the abolished religious morality, which would refrain particular groups of interest from conspiring and seeking their own alliances, instead of on behalf of a bulky, inert Federation as a whole. There is no point for a given faction not to look for its own interest, first and foremost – indeed, this is the healthy beginning of any cooperation, if not thwarted by bureaucracy and an overgrown democratic government. Only the local community can understand and express its needs, and find equitable solutions. Whereas mixing everyone's businesses and interests into one blend is a 100% guaranteed scenario for unhappiness, quarrels, and injustice (see the EU, which every now and then moves towards the totalitarianism, and exploitation of weaker countries by more powerful ones). Once again, the Federation is an utopia, which is unable to withstand the centrifugal forces, other than with brutal force and terror. In order to maintain itself, the democracy must violate its own foundations – this is the truth which was already observed by the ancient Greeks.

**Why was the Federation founded? And why were the people united in the first place?** We are explained that, because the people realized that they are not alone in space, and if they are to prevail and carry on, they must do it together. In other words, it was founded on fear of the unknown! As

the situation stabilized, the people realized that they are surrounded by mostly docile species who never intended on invading Earth before, and when peace and alliances were made, this main – or sole – reason for the Federation's unity has ceased to exist. There is no such omnipresent lurking danger which keeps the Federation together out of fear. And even if there was, what lasting unity has ever been built on fear? Since planets in our sector could maintain their sovereignty and freedom for a long time before the dawn of the Federation, then it is clear that such a danger is greatly exaggerated, and the balance of power is maintained with or without the Federation being in its place. Otherwise, the First Contact on Earth would take the shape of an invasion, not a scientific expedition.

**Who has power over the Federation then?** Obviously enough, those who decide about the distribution of energy to replicate everything, from food to equipment. The replication system (as non-physical and fictional as it is) is a picture of another socialist delusion about the lack of necessity of doing work, and people's only reason to exist being to play and explore new exciting areas, as they should be given everything for free and take it for granted. It was proven wrong, as both economics and psychology considers work to be crucial for a human being to maintain one's freedom. Only those who can provide for themselves may be free, otherwise they must concede their freedom to those who sustain them.

In the Federation, the authorities decide who receives and how much energy, and they have in fact an unlimited and indisputable power over the very lives of their citizens. The energy does not grow on trees, one cannot sustain one's own replicators. Dilithium and other energy-giving minerals must be skillfully mined and refined by specialists (and labour must be maintained no matter how advanced the civilization is), not on private basis, but under close control of guilds and governments. One cannot grow the energy to sustain oneself – he must rely his fate, and that of his family, to some officials. Those officials who stockpile and distribute energy, which powers up generators and warp cores, have a total power over all the citizens. Why would they act selflessly? In what name would they not overuse their authority? And why would they care for some remote and backwater regions, not populated by their own voters?

In democracy, as in every other form of government, the authorities are mainly concerned with prolonging their rule and gaining a lasting influence. Men of power want more power, or for yet another term. If they are granted such a perfect tool of exerting their power over the citizens, how on earth would they resist such a temptation, and not use it for their own purposes? Only the moral code, derived from spirituality, would deny them such a luxury and absolutist power, but we saw it is non-existent in the modern Federation.

To sum up:

- The Federation is too vast to be equitably supportive for all outlying systems;
- Federation's alliances cause it to sacrifice its members and their interests for the 'greater good' and stability;
- The source of the moral code is solely based on a tradition and spirituality, which are sacrificed on the altar of secular progress. It has no footing or direct expression in modern Federation laws;
- The energy is created centrally, and is totally in hands of those few in power. Those who distribute it have a final word in every discussion.

All the above facts are sufficient for the Federation to suffer strife and secession. The centrifugal outbreak is imminent and there are no external forces to counteract it.



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M'Rau the Rean, daughter of dr. Sploth

– explaining why she became a separatist privateer leader

*Please note:* Ferasa is the proper name of a planet in 15 Lyncis star system in the tongue of its feline-like inhabitants. It has two moons, Rea and Sura. Cait is the human term, introduced by the Federation, so that 'Ferasan' and 'Caitian' indicate the same race and the same planet (contrary to a popular Star Trek Online's non-canon misconception).

The extreme distance from the core of the Federation [178 ly away from Earth] causes Cait to be constantly neglected, its demands overruled and committed resources or the commerce very limited. This led to a separatist movement in which M'Rau took her part, which aimed at opening new warp routes to everyone, to promote local and private enterprises over the centralized Federation ones. Dr. Sploth, M'Rau's father, was an ingenious astrophysicist who, being terminally ill, never saw his experiments conducted due to Federation's inertia and the power struggle. M'Rau plundered her late father's database before the officials did, and used dr. Sploth's research in realizing the separatists' goals.