The world is a mess!

In this book, Con Steve Augoustou discusses the problems we all face in society today which include leadership to spiritualism and family connections. Con offers factual evidence and more importantly, simple methods and processes we can all address to help solve these problems.

A powerful quote from the Author:
I believe we can combine both the supernatural and the physical worlds to create a far better outcome for all.

Just some of the many subjects covered in this book.

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The Real Reality

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A message from the Author.

The book “Tell It As It Is” following this introduction is about the problems facing the physical world and offers possible solutions to rectify them.

Initially I thought it came from my own conscious mind. But well into the final draft I felt I was not the author. A chance sitting with a medium, discussed pages 153-154, clearly showed the book at divine origins.

After the printing of “Tell It As It Is” in JUNE 2010, I continued to receive further thoughts (revelations) night and day. I documented the daily revelations in my work dairy and the nightly ones on loose pages at my bed side. Finally over the period from July to October I accumulated well in excess of 200 pages of written revelations. Much of it pertaining to the role of evil spirits: I also researched this subject and found much evidence in many scriptures and other sources. From my given revelations and the evidence it clearly showed evil spirits play a big role in damaging the physical world. What was also given in the revelations is how they operate and most of all how to get rid of them.

The underlying message in all this was the need for all people who believe in the creator to unify under one banner. This will give us the power to confront those elements that are destroying the well being of the physical world and eliminate the oppression and exploitation that has existed from day one.

Any message from God must always be free but like all crusades some level of finance is necessary to fuel it. If you feel you can contribute something to the cause it would be appreciated.

PS. If you look at the doomsday prophecies on the internet, one in particular called END TIME you may find the Islamic ones very interesting.

Signed,

Con S. Augoustou.
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Introduction

Society is in a mess as far as the masses are concerned. I will outline the influence of the group who are exploiting the masses and creating many problems. This group includes some of our leadership, big business, bureaucracy and a motley collection of individuals. I will outline their influence and discuss possible methods to limit their impact on our lives. I will also discuss other influences which impact on society. Most of the material used in the discussion has come from my experiences, observations, daily papers, electronic media and non-fiction literature. Finally I will look at the real reality and why we are here.

Subject 1

Federal Government

- Australia is divided into zones with an elected representative per zone. The Federal Government taxes society to pay for defense, foreign aid, education and supply revenue to State Governments. The two main parties, Labour and Liberal, finance the campaigns of their candidates and those elected go into parliament. The winning party takes government and the other goes into opposition.

- There are minor parties and independents that may be also elected but only play a minor role unless there isn't a clear majority between the main parties where they can influence policies of the government either way.

- The two main parties were once ideologically quite different: Labour tended to support the workers and Liberals more the business sector. These days the parties do not vary significantly and tend to attract more self-serving types because of the very good benefits whilst in parliament and job opportunities on retirement.

- We hear promises and commitments made before elections, broken once politicians go into parliament. Those who form government in many cases generally fail to address the real problems, so little is really achieved but the continual squander of revenue in band aid solutions.

- We even have the situation of different parties in power at Federal and State levels- this even further reduces the proper running of the country.

- When politicians leave government things are normally worse than when they came in. We only have to see what has happened over the last 30 odd years to see why they have failed us dismally. Once upon a time one parent could easily support a family unit and pay off a mortgage which left the other parent to properly raise the children. This has become rare amongst average people.

(This alone condemns the political system as having failed us).
Subject 2
Conmen
This type of human being causes many problems in society.
  • Traits of the conman;
    - Normally promises something which they rarely deliver
    - Tend to make themselves appear affluent or successful therefore you have little to fear they would take advantage of you
    - Their skill lies in convincing you to give up something
    - Generally quite articulate and reassuring
  When the sting has been accomplished the following normally occurs;
    - Very difficult to contact or locate the conman
    - If you do, further promises can be given to allay your fears.

When you think you have met a conman it is essential to analyse their personality quickly so you may be guarded from their attempts of manipulation.
  • Never loan money or give money even if he or she can give you documentation to confirm the transaction, because once the conman receives what they want your chances of repayment are very remote. There are countless stories of conmen declaring bankruptcy, moving assets to other identities or just lose themselves.
  • What I have noticed when the electronic media exposes a conman they can display either a defense of silence, even display contempt that they are being harassed or give further assurances everyone will be looked after. I cannot help also noticing many are not particularly physically attractive specimens. Maybe this is part of their problem.
  • When dealing with a situation that sounds too good to be true then that is very likely to be the case.
  • In addition, be wary of companies going on the stock exchange. Some of them are the creation of an ambitious individual who normally still controls it even after investors have sunk their savings. Some of these companies can be stripped of assets or become laden with debt. Some times these companies go belly up. These individuals are just a type of conman who has generally planned the beginning and the end only the investors are not aware of the ending until it happens.

Subject 3
State Government
State Governments have zones with their own elected representatives, which differ little from the Federal model. State Governments receive revenue from Federal Governments and also taxes us accordingly to build infrastructure and run various utilities, such as hospitals, transport, electricity and water.
Problems with state government

• We are seeing the selloff of many utilities in part or full. Typical selloffs include:
  - Water filtration plants
  - Airports
  - Rail freight
  - Main roads
  - Gas supply
  - Port facilities, etc
  - Lotteries

Other utilities such as power and ferry services are also vulnerable. These sell offs are directly attributable to their poor running over a long period of time. Management generally lacks experience and competence, combined with lack of investment in maintenance and capital work. The lack of investment is due mainly from too much waste of revenue in other areas as shown in revenue wastage thus leaving insufficient revenue to address pressing issues.

• The enormous cost of having this level of government drains a big part of the revenue budget.

• Duplication of bureaucracies between federal and state, and state to state is a further drain on the revenue budget.

• Many unnecessary differences in state laws, taxes, rules and regulations, ordinances and so on which only adds confusion and extra costs to the revenue budgets.

• Too many politicians who are not of the highest caliber only create more avenues for waste and possible corruption.

• Why have 2 representatives for the people. Granted the zones may be different, but that is a man made construction, is unnecessary and pointless.

• The computer age should have reduced the bureaucracies by streamlining much of the administration but does not appear to be the case.

• Conflict between states prevents a unified approach to solving problems.

• Unifying Australia will eliminate the issue of water management of the river system which will help the environment and give better outcomes to agriculture.

We need to rid ourselves of state government which will free up billions of dollars to help the many areas suffering from lack of revenue.

How will we replace the functions of the states?

• Increase the role of federal government

• Absorb federal and state bureaucracies to make them much smaller and more efficient.

• Local government to play a bigger role the federal member should liaise with elected local government representative of residents to obtain quick results

• The computer age can rapidly make this all happen.
The big problem
Many politicians will fight tooth and nail to stop this common sense solution. They will use every reason they can think of to prevent this ever happening. But most of us know all that they are concerned with is their ‘careers’. I believe the above solution would get sympathetic responses from many ex-politicians who have harbored doubts about the role of state governments.

Subject 4
Political Correctness
Political correctness is basically avoidance of expressions or actions that may offend some members of the community.
Can cause;
• Prevention of fair and justifiable criticism of some elements of a larger group in fear the majority may feel offended that only empowers that minority to continue knowing they have a degree of immunity from exposure. These extreme elements can blatantly post hate rhetoric on the web, such as praising suicide bombers and severe criticism of the way of life of their host country.
• Resentment in the wider community that some sections of the community can cause problems with little or no redress.
• Some cartoon characters have been modified in some way so as to not offend children’s sensitivities. All this really does is encourage over protection of children where exposing them may help them become more aware. What amazes me is how many children play violent computer games without much said. What we have developed in our society is a lack of reality of what is really important and what is not.
• Some unscrupulous individuals can use laws and the legal system to obtain financial compensation by claiming they have been slighted or suffered some psychological damage.
Telling people how it is and the truth has more chance of creating stronger character, resilience and expose those that are creating problems in the general community.

Subject 5
Revenue Wastage
I believe anything up to 50% of tax revenue acquired by our governments is squandered. We only have to read the papers to see the litany of revenue wastage.
I will outline some examples of squandering:
• Around a billion dollars wasted trying to incorporate modern electronics into old helicopter designs.
• Selection of fighter planes from our so called allies are much more expensive than aircraft from other sources.
• Super hornets around 300 million dollars each! How do you justify the expense and do we really need such an advanced fighter to counter our ‘enemies’.
• Collins submarine- poor quality of submarines which has cost 100’s of millions to rectify and still not fixed.
• Many billions wasted by over-government duplication of bureaucracies. State governments are the main culprits; salaries of many bureaucrats are in 6 figures.
• Too many impractical people controlling goods and services that many times make poor decisions, some are even corrupt.
• Collusion of some bureaucrats with outside contractors has lead to major fraud. The railway industry is just one example where this was a significant problem.
• Grants for causes with little or no merit. Sometimes to gain favour from minority groups for support.
• Purchase of tanks and helicopters from U.S. with questionable value.
• Desalination plant costing two billion dollars with high running costs using much power. Was it really necessary when cheaper and more environmentally friendly solutions are ignored or down played? -refer to water conservation.
• Much revenue squandered on more cosmetic projects whilst urgent infrastructure delayed or not carried out.
• Continued use of government workforce where productivity is not high compared to private contractors.
• Overregulation and the need to be compliant has reduced the number of contractors quoting for government work and has only increased the size of the quotes.
• Five million dollars given to parents as a bonus to have their children vaccinated but did not bother, but still received the money.
• Construction and budgeting by individuals in government with little experience or maybe have other agendas can cause enormous blow outs i.e. a building budget for $7 million blew out to $43 million- please explain!
• Government departments which have grown to oversize find it difficult to dispense with surplus staff so common practice of leaving them on full pay without a job.
• Ridiculous waste of revenue for some defense service staff i.e. breast enlargements because they may have self esteem issues. What in God’s name are they there if they have supposed psychological problems?
• Over generous superannuation and ‘study tours’ using tax revenue.
• Over design of railway carriages also too long for some stations therefore expensive modifications to station platforms. The complexity of designs significantly adds to building and running costs.
• Railway smart card fiasco $200 million wasted on failed development of a universal card to unify all fares and destinations. Some obviously did not research sufficiently into its feasibility.
• Some petty bureaucrats in government with vendettas in their hearts have cost the tax payers multi millions dollar payouts as compensation to companies bankrupted by their misguided actions.
• Kick backs to foreign countries to procure sales such as wheat sales to Iraq before the conflict.
Enormous mistakes by government bureaucracies with respect to some road toll operators. Tax payer revenue was required to compensate because of faulty contractual agreements done by government bureaucrats.

We used to hear the worn out phrase ‘we are the clever country’. This country has developed a reputation for not supporting worthwhile inventions which could have generated great income. For example, new revolutionary solar panels invented in Australia sold to overseas investors we did not show sufficient interest. Another example is a water saving device which went off shore because of lack of support. The simple reason for all of this; you place people of little practicability or business sense to run things expect little support for anything requiring a degree of understanding.

By allowing overseas companies to control many aspects of our society sees vast amounts of profits go off shore. That does not help our country. Governments should encourage local ownership of assets keeping most of our profits here. Globalisation suits the enterprising, we are the ones being raped and pillaged for the profit of foreign concerns.

We appear to be very generous to some overseas countries with respect to our revenue. But;
- Most of these countries have little respect for us deep down.
- If our own house is not in order how can we be so generous with our revenue, most borrowed, when many of our own people are struggling.

Why so much immigration? All it has done is
- Burdened our already stressed economy.
- Strain our welfare budget.

Grants given to religious groups or cults, giving an example, well over 100 million dollars was given to a very rich religion to help hold an event when only 20 million was originally budgeted. Again squandering is the order of the day, and why did we give money in the first place?

Involvement in conflicts with little merit other than to support misguided nations. There have been no winners as we have seen from such conflicts in the past which only results in
- The people of the war torn country ending up worse off and despising us.
- Soldiers die and many others are damaged mentally from the ordeal.
- We have squandered billions in these pointless conflicts i.e. 20 billion dollars in the last few years.

Allowing overregulation to take hold fuelled by bureaucrats – this over regulation has only pushed up the costs of most developments and reduced productivity but,

We allow thousands to die slowly from substance abuses and the stress of dealing with a decaying society. This is where the effort should be placed.

Selling off many of our public assets for short term profits thus eliminating the cash flow to governments and therefore tax revenue and suffering escalating consumer charges from the new owners.

What’s in a name? Some government departments freely spend enormous amounts of revenue on name changes. Using reasons like, ‘it will improve efficiency’.
• Politicians from a more practical background and with a social conscious will have a problem justifying this type of waste.
• We hear of governments refurbishment of offices for some politician, normally costing well into 6 figures, easy come easy go. I believe the problem is quite rife but is only reported occasionally.
• Multimillion dollar postal fraud by a small operator over a long period of time makes you wonder what safe guards were in place to prevent this and how many others are doing the same thing but maybe on a smaller scale.
• Government overpaying for properties to be resumed. Even the real estate agents were surprised by the selling prices. Maybe there is a very good reason for this generosity.
• Most ceremonial positions are a drain on the tax payer especially if those in these positions have very expensive tastes and needs.
• Governments can spend up to 50 million dollars on media advisors, media monitoring and P.R. spin. This industry has become very lucrative and obviously ‘essential’ for ‘good’ government to function.
• Is it really necessary to spend so many millions to concrete spray road cuttings where granite is involved
• We have many committees, tribunals and so on serving the government. Many housing individuals of questionable knowledge, abilities or experience which produce few practical outcomes. Much revenue is squandered in these talkfests.
• If the taxpayer wants to see a good example of infrastructure squander. The extension of an expressway at great cost into an area which will not significantly increase in population. A substantially cheaper alternative would have done the job.
• NSW bureaucrats have lost or had stolen a staggering 8 million dollars worth of mobile phones and computers over a short period of time.
• If the budget of a Government department is not completely spent. The difference must be returned and less is given the following year. So a frenzy of squandering of the remaining revenue can occur before the end of that financial year. No credit is given for thrift.
• Why do some politicians get free travel for life and in most cases, 1st class? The gravy train never ends and we keep paying for it. If anyone had fixed any of the multitudes of problems then I would say fair enough but this is not the case.
• We had a 500 million dollar embassy built in a neighboring country. Those justifying its cost would find it hard to convince ordinary Australians of its great expense.
• One has only to look at the ‘palace’ the federal government built for themselves in Canberra. The many long gone politicians would be turning in their graves from extravagance of present day politicians.
• One hundred and fifty thousand dollars to repair a clock face at a local courthouse. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to install crossing in a backstreet.

I will leave you to understand why in tough times there is always money for projects of little merit.
• Why use very expensive office space for government bureaucracy when much cheaper alternatives are available in outer suburbs or the country.
• Some defense bureaucrats spent 10’s of millions of dollars of revenue on luxury items and life styles they were not entitled to.

**Now the stimulus package gets a serve.**
• Government has wasted millions in federal grants by freezing out much cheaper local building contractors. The authorities usually accepted inflated quotes
  - Using only preferred contractors
  - Complicated tendering process eliminating the less paper oriented contractor and normally much cheaper.
• Eight hundred million dollars as management fees to dispense (squander) approximately 3.4 billion dollars of stimulus funds for schools
• Parents objecting to the need to demolish several classes and replace them with new ones when the real need was to build more classrooms.
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**In essence we have a type of mentality which fails to understand. We can spend vast amounts of revenue BUT we can do so much more with it if we spend it wisely.**

I believe I have only touched the surface in the carnage of our revenue. You place people lacking the abilities to control and spend revenue and this is what you get. Heavy auditing by experienced people would reduce much of the squander but where are they?

**When we hear the following we can see why the squander will continue;**
• One government individual dismissed the ‘few’ seemingly over the top quotes as ‘glitches’ and trivialising their importance and number. I believe the problem is enormous but again who cares. The coming generations will be burdened by the great debt incurred in the name of ‘stimulating’ the economy.
• A politician even had the audacity to say, “what is a million here or there?” What they fail to realise is when you start to add up the millions wasted you end up with billions.
We suffer from decaying hospital systems and pay enormous tolls for using roads owned by the private sector and so on. I have had enough and you get the picture, we have been taken for a ride by a small section of the community which should not be handling our revenue. Those who can are there, you only have to give them a chance and they will save us.

Subject 6
Utilities
Governments have, over a period of time, sold off in part or full;
- The Commonwealth Bank
- Gas company
- Elements of the railway system
- Airports
- Wharves
- Telstra
- Main roads
- Lotteries
They are trying to sell off even more. The reasons being;
- Lack of profitability due mainly to poor management over a long period causing significant decay in productivity and efficiency
- Quick profit, normally at fire sale prices, to private sector. It has not surprised me how some ex politicians end up in the private sector
- Governments needing the money to help other decaying utilities seems like a good excuse.

Politicians can use the word ‘reform’ as a more palatable reason but it really holds no water. Power supply somehow was saved but we are now paying enormous increases in power charges for lack of injection of revenue for infrastructure maintenance and capital expansion over a long period of time and poor management. During my many travels in the search for work, I could not help noticing a number of electrical installations receiving expensive cosmetic upgrades, such as new fences and driveways. One would think this squander could have been better used to lessen the massive power increases forced on society.

The end result of selling the utilities
- We end up losing a good cash flow for revenue i.e. we sell the goose that lays the golden eggs
- We lose the lower charges due to us owning our own utilities
- The private sector can do pretty much as it pleases. What sort of mentality allows their people to be exploited in areas of essential services? Margaret Thatcher was also wrong in allowing this to happen to her country.

Someone should also ask the politicians why foreign countries own a very significant number of wind farms generating our power. Politicians that are lacking practicality, commonsense and a social conscience allow the masses to be exploited.
Subject 7
Main roads and tolls
- Tolls have impacted enormously on society.
- Significant road infrastructures in many of the big cities are under the control of the private sector.
- The motorists are forced to pay tolls which are quite excessive. Governments not only failed the voters by placing them at the mercy of big businesses, it also did not give us a proper public transport system as an option to not use these roads. In a nutshell, squandering much revenue has placed our society in a position where there isn’t sufficient revenue to give us basic roads and public transport systems.
- Headline “Highway Robbery”. Executives running the toll roads were rewarding themselves with enormous salary and bonus packages. No one will dispute reasonable remuneration. But when the toll increases are not justified then we know we are being taken for a ride.
- The private sector borrow to build the toll roads why doesn’t the government use some revenue and borrow to build these roads with tolls probably at much lower rates than the private ownership. Maybe it is just too complicated.

Subject 8
Tax System
- A very complicated system – this has created an enormous industry with many accountants and tax bureaucrats. None of this industry is truly producing anything and making the tax system much simpler will help the economy in a big way.
- I believe something that does not actually produce anything does not add to the prosperity of that country.
- Business has been burdened by having to collect tax such as the G.S.T. It has decreased productivity in time spent complying and increased costs such as accounting. This impacts significantly on small business where revenue is variable especially in poor economic times.
- When it comes to paying tax, most people have no issue paying a fair tax, but when so much is squandered then most people would feel a little cheated. One can draw a crude analogy such as, would you feel comfortable giving a stranger a large slice of your income for them to spend it wisely for you. Human nature tells you that unless that person is practical and has a social conscience then you probably will not see a good outcome one only has to look at how our revenue is wasted to know that is exactly what is happening

Subject 9
Big business
Big business and its effect on society.
- Some ex-politicians can slip into their management on retirement- how convenient.
- Big business tends to keep devouring other areas of business. It may end up one day there will be massive conglomerates that will exploit the masses while the government just looks on.
Behind the extension of shopping hours reducing leisure time and bonding of family units and I believe this contributed to the mentality of ’shopping till you drop’; even the churches resisted the change. If the hours remained as they were then maybe the family unit would not be so damaged.

Theodore Roosevelt a much loved president saw the problem of big business. Reduced the influenced of them because he knew that if they grew too big they would only exploit the masses as we are seeing now. On his passing big business forged ahead.

Big business is very generous to the major parties especially around campaign time

Big business has taken over many areas such as;
- Fast food outlets
- Hardware
- Fuel
- Groceries
- Steel supply
- Utilities

The bulk of the workforce, if we continue down this path, will be working for big business.

More problems with big business
- Much of their profits can go off shore and do not help the economy like small business does.
- Forcing local suppliers out of business by controlling the wholesale prices
- Some suppliers such as in the dairy and crop farms have been taken over by foreign ownership because of the lack of viability due to poor wholesale prices.
- Consumers are forced to pay more for products because of lack of competition due to predatory behaviour which the government fails to address.
- Deep financial pockets can easily bankrupt individuals and small business using the legal system.
- The average worker is generally exploited by the management of big business.

Subject 10
Supermarkets
Government encouragement, directly or indirectly has created a couple of main players. This has caused profiteering, the loser being the consumer.

PROBLEMS CAUSED BY HAVING FEW COMPETITORS
- Continual downsizing of products but maintaining the same pricing.
- Significantly price rises on some products with no real justification then suddenly dropped.
- Reduction of bigger packaging of products, forcing consumer to purchase more expensive small packages of that product.
- Gradual replacing of local suppliers with overseas suppliers.
• Seeing the demise of some local suppliers by the power of the supermarkets to dictate what they are willing to pay for their products.
• Predatory behaviour by destroying competition thus removes competitors and increasing their prices further.
• You will find most of the supermarket’s ‘fresh’ product is more expensive than most competitors because consumers are there purchasing general groceries so they purchase this product due to convenience and end up paying too much in many cases.
• You see cheaper products vanishing from shelves replaced by more expensive alternatives
• We see significant variations in pricing of the same product between stores of the same company. Strangely poorer areas can be paying more for their groceries than more affluent areas.

The supermarkets are repeatedly named and shamed with little or no effect so to break the profiteering the following can be undertaken.
• Government should be encouraging competition especially in the big shopping centres.
• Government should be stopping the blatant predatory behaviour in destroying competitors by blatant undercutting.
• Farmers should be encouraged to create more co-operatives to sell products directly to the public.

Subject 11
Fuel Producers
Amongst the worst examples of money hungry big business and still trying to become bigger, our governments do not appear to be able to control them.

Problems with the fuel companies;
• Small private fuel retailers are at the mercy of predatory behaviour of company outlets.
• Main fuel suppliers seen to be able to control prices well. They can use the same company to supply their retail daily pricing, a possible form of collusion using supposedly an ‘independent’ source.
• When oil prices go down the fuel price takes a very long time to drop.
• When oil prices go up the retail fuel price goes up almost immediately.
• Why are higher octane fuels so much more expensive when they were initially quite reasonable?
• Does government prefer high fuel prices because they receive even more tax revenue?
• Once diesel fuel was much cheaper than unleaded, then it became much more expensive now it has come down. Is there any logic to this or is it just profiteering?
• Why do we see fuel price spikes during the week and before holiday periods when oil prices are stable.
**How do we fix the problem?**
It’s pretty hard, I guess vote in leaders with a social conscience then you will see a shift to what is in the best interests of the masses not the fuel companies

**Subject 12**
*Management of big business*
Qualifications for the management of big business;
- Ex politician
- Their cronies
- Some with celebrity status
- Mixing in the right circles
- Least of all, some genuine ability

You will generally find experience and genuine ability not so important. By having colluding directors you can have the gravy train maintaining perks and allowing for remuneration beyond belief for very little effort. The general shareholders are kept at bay by the self interests of the upper echelon because too much scrutiny may stop their excesses.

Some big businesses can have rather distinguished looking CEO’s with little else going for them. Essentially with big business it is like a money making machine so you do not have to do very much. Competitors are few and government controls almost non-existent. If governments were really serious they can stem the ‘very generous’ payouts and so on but I guess it may not be in their interests to do so.

By the way, do you ever hear of any management taking a reduction in remuneration if their company takes a nose dive?

Networking of some directors can be very lucrative. They get to know how other companies are travelling especially when its time to buy and sell shares.

**Solution:**
- The general share holders take control of who they want in management and steer towards people with real skills in that business and a sense of moral justice.
- Cap their remuneration and give bonuses on performance.

**Subject 13**
*Small business*
This is a dying area thanks to government policies and inaction.

There could be a perceived problem with government as they may think if they cannot tax every cent made in small business they are somehow short changed.

There may be a degree of cash revenue not taxed but all this money is circulated back into the system and taxed further down the line. Big business, many of which are in overseas ownership, most of their profits leave Australia and so it does not benefit our society.

Government does not encourage small business by;
- Allowing predatory behaviour by big business to destroy small business.
- Burdening small business with G.S.T. compliance and added accounting costs.
- Excessive red tape; rules, regulations with a myriad of fees and charges, causing increased costs, delays and obstruction.

The demise of small business causes;
- Reduction of opportunities for the more motivated and ambitious to achieve in some endeavour.
- Reduced employment in the community.
- Reduction in the local economy, profits from small business normally goes back into the community unlike most big business.
- Escalating goods and services costs on the community by big business due to their much bigger overheads and the need for large profits.

How to fix the problems
By encouraging a new type of leadership which can see the merit of supporting small business

Subject 14
Cities and decentralisation
Advantages of decentralisation
- Relieve congestion in the cities.
- Cheaper housing in country areas (less debt for owners).
- Cleaner environment and less pollution.
- Parking rarely a problem and rarely any parking meters.
- No real traffic congestion in country areas.
- Far better life style; less stress.
- Revitalise dying towns.
- No road tolls.
- Generally better people to deal with.
- Cheaper rents especially for government agencies

How do we do it?
- Give incentives for industry to set up in country areas.
- Establish more government agencies in the country.

Subject 15
Housing
In the last 30 years houses have gone up in excess of 400% effectively pushing out the first home buyer. The blame squarely rests with the following;
- Government reducing land development for new houses partially inspired by a misguided minority with an aversion for land clearing and escalating government taxes on developing land, has made land very expensive.
- Banks fuelling the ‘boom’ by giving loans to people that cannot really afford them, causing financial stress breakdown in relationships and subsequently children not receiving proper parenting.
- Real estate industry aided and abetted by using hysteria to fuel booms which help escalate the prices of houses and their commissions.
• Too many people expecting too much in a first home therefore over committing without understanding it should be done in stages to keep debt levels low.
• Greed of developers of housing subdivisions

**EXPENSIVE LAND RESULTS IN-**
• Reduction in building (large loans)
• Expensive house and land packages
• Very substantial rents due to shortage of housing will prevent many of the younger members of society from saving enough to ever own a home.
• Most young people may never own a house which I believe does not encourage strong family units with the stability of owning your own property.
• Depressed building industry most people cannot afford to buy land and build.
• We will end up with a large section of society in poverty and with that disharmony and misery.

**How do we fix the problem**- (lucky we have plenty of land)
- Encourage decentralisation
- Governments can legislate to reduce the inflated cost of land and make more public land available
- Reduce or eliminate government charges for development.

The result of making land cheap again will cause the building industry to boom again - everybody will win.

**COMMENT**
• Some home owners may feel rich knowing their family home is worth so much. So what! They are paying significantly higher council rates for the privilege.
• The purchasers are forced to pay too much to own a home with government exploiting them with much higher stamp duty.
• Those owning extra properties pay significantly higher land taxes which were introduced when the state governments took us further down the black hole of revenue squander.
• When land prices become cheap, house prices will drop significantly. Most people only own one house, so it should mean very little. Only the government, bankers and real estate agents will suffer in the short term.
• I do not believe the present mentality of government will feel inclined to see house prices drop significantly.
• I hope the great increase in the cost of land over the last 30 years was not orchestrated by a sinister element in society who sought to profit.
• The end results now many from the younger generations will never own a house which could lead to much future disharmony in the community.
• There are new laws coming out where government can resume people’s homes cheaply and then are sold to developers for big profits.
Subject 16
Financial system
What is a lending institution?
This is a place where money is bought at some low rate and then loaned out at a substantially higher interest rate by so called ‘financial wizards’. They effectively do not create anything and make a fortune with very little effort or risk unless they become greedy, as we have seen.

Banks have caused enormous damage to our society by;

- Introducing credit cards has created enormous consumer debt, do we really need them? When we used cash there was some restraint in spending. Essentially people spent only what they could afford. Many people now use credit cards as short term credit overspending and incurring high interest charges when not repaid in time. With these cards also come substantial fees and charges I cannot see too many positives in having credit cards.
  There is a further problem with them the ease of credit card fraud. Many cards have been reproduced by criminal elements, accessing many accounts and removal of funds. Some self serving types originally claimed carrying cash was unsafe and maybe old fashioned and credit cards are a better option. Now we know otherwise.
- Giving loans to borrowers who could not afford them. The loans were in many cases in excess of the inflated price of the property. When interest rates increased as expected, many lost these properties to the banks.
- General fees and charges are one of the main earners for the banks. Why so many fees when most of the accounting is done electronically and costs the banks very little. Why are charges so high for deposited dishonoured cheques when the bank loses nothing in the transaction? Why are there substantial fees to withdraw government welfare deposits from accounts? Does it also suit the government?

The Global Financial crash was due to;

- Financial institutions, in particular in the US, giving loans to people who should never have received them, many borrowers defaulted on these loans. The houses were generally inflated in value so the banks suffered losses.
- The greed of the management of the financial institutions gave themselves enormous bonuses for the initial profitability but when it all went belly up they screamed for Government help.

The aftermath

- Much of the original borrowings for loans that should have never been given, came from China, Japan, Germany and the Middle East. This will have to be repaid. The taxpayer will be left with the bill.
- In the US the government gave the banks 100’s of billion dollars to save them from the mess they created. From what I’ve heard the management are still continuing to give themselves enormous bonuses. The tax payer will be left with the bill.
- In Australia the government created stimulus packages where many billions were squandered to stimulate the economy. The tax payer will be left with the bill.
• The former head of the US Federal Reserve who contributed to the Global crash by:
  - Allowing interest rates to remain very low for a long period encouraging many to buy homes.
  - Not regulating the financial institutions to check their lack of restraint in giving risky loans.
All he could say after the dust had settled it was due to ‘human behaviour’. In other words he found it hard to understand why the management of the financial institutions allowed this to occur.

Quite simply:
  - Why would the management be really concerned for the well being of the borrowers and their financial institution if they were making a fortune for themselves – just put it down to greed.

The Role of Government
  - The lack of control of the banks was the main cause of the financial crash. In the US Franklin Delano Roosevelt created many safeguards after the depression the banks had caused by their greed. But these safeguards were dismantled by the Reagan administration and the banks were at it again so we suffered another financial crash.
  - The government was also reaping much tax revenue from the ‘boom’ so they went along with it.

Michael Moore summed it up really well. The banks ripped of society, exploited them. Government bailed them out. The bank executives kept their ill gotten gains were given more by the bailout and now the tax payer is left with the bill. We need more like him to tell it as it is.

There appears to be some noises in the US to reintroduce safeguards to prevent the greed of banks doing this again. Maybe it may happen. The problem is ‘donations’ from the banks to the political campaigns of some politicians may make it difficult.

How to control financial institutions
  - Government should always have a significant financial stake in the banks for two reasons, revenue stream and most of all a handbrake on the excesses of their generally self serving management.
  - Strong regulation at least.

Subject 17
Short term loans
Some loan sharks prey on the less fortunate they can take advantage of their desperation and can charge exorbitant interest rates. One wonders how any government can allow this activity to happen to the less fortunate members of our society. Defaulting on some of these loans can even cause the loss of their possessions.

Some governments love legislation especially if it is newsworthy. But I guess creating legislation to somehow cap interest rates to reasonable levels is beyond the ability of some politicians. When we stop caring about the plight of the less fortunate we can end up no better than some of the oppressive regimes of the past.
Subject 18
Indigenous races
This group has suffered immensely from the intrusion of supposedly more civilised races. Many have been killed in the past. We have also corrupted them with our way of life which we have been trying to address in recent history. But I do not believe the right effort has been put in place to reduce the problem of alcoholism and lack of employment opportunities. Most of these efforts are large handouts which are generally squandered and rarely anything positive is achieved.

You need to introduce small industries into areas where the settlements exist. People with a social conscience and experienced in these industries are essential to run them. No bureaucrats need apply. A slow introduction of these industries is important to give them time to establish themselves. When it does succeed expand it to other areas. The industries must be viable and sustainable and could range from computer based to the manufacture of some product.

By giving proper employment to individuals you can give them self sufficiency and thus self esteem to encourage a better quality of life.

Subject 19
Royalty
We now have the remnants of a system which in many ways oppressed and exploited the masses. History is littered with excesses of many monarchies which caused great suffering of the masses. The French and Russian revolutions were good examples where the people organised by a few, finally overthrew regimes which were more concerned with only themselves. Marie Antoinette case in mind did not give a damn for the hungry people outside her palace but she got her just desserts on her judgment day.

Now the remnants of this lot devoid of power are subsidised by the masses they once exploited. Taking the British Royal family as one case many tens of millions spent on maintaining their existence. Even in difficult times they rarely get budget cuts. They rarely pay for anything their assets accumulated off the backs of the exploited ancestors of present society.

Some royal followers feel we need the monarchy as a means of maintaining tradition, pomp and ceremony. They conveniently forget all the grief caused by past monarchies.

So why should the present lot who generally have little to offer to society be financed by the masses at great expense to maintain sense of history which was generally oppressive and the oppressors did not give a damn for the common man?
Subject 20
Mixing races and immigration
- No race is better or worse than another race. The only problem is some races will not assimilate in the short term based on religious or cultural differences.
- Generally the migrants post war assimilated very well much of this was due to more similar ideologies.
- Assimilation with a new homeland is very important. We have some new arrivals continually condemning our way of life, even if they may be right to a point. This resentment will only grow with time and explode as we have seen in the past. The authorities try hard to play down the problems and even steer clear of some suburbs effectively ‘commandeered’ by certain groups.
- Some races have their own schools being more a replacement not complimentary to our education system only appears to serve their own ideological views. I believe if we attempted the same in some other country it would be totally unacceptable.
- The assimilation of some races is extremely difficult and it may take many generations if at all. Is it really worth the stress?

Some politicians are finally admitting publically there is a problem. These sorts of problems are quite pronounced in Europe where some governments have not chosen to be politically correct and have introduced legislation to limit and remove extreme elements of certain races with cultures and doctrines that create problems.

We in Australia stick our heads in the sand and hope the problem will go away. In future generations we may end up with pockets of people who may call on some foreign power to ‘protect’ them from those they despise. This has happened elsewhere so I do not believe we are immune from this.

Immigration
There is an obsession be some politicians we should expand our population very significantly by the use of immigration. There are problems with this approach such as;
- Where are the migrants going to live public housing? Owning a house has become more for the rich.
- We have destroyed much of our industries because of globalisation so where are they going to be employed?
- Do we have enough water sustain the population?
- Will it mean permanent employment becomes less common and more casual employment so incomes will drop so loans may be difficult to attain.
- Our cost of living is growing daily. I believe we will end up with a large class of people living in poverty with great ramifications for them and society in general.
- Have we the infrastructure to accommodate them.
- Government squanders so much revenue how are we going to pay their welfare benefits
- We have an aging population who is going to support them?
- We have become less productive and burdened by;
Over regulation stifling progress so where is the money going to come from?
- Will certain races segregate and cause grief to society.
- Will there be proper screening of undesirable individuals. Pretty hard with such numbers- we may import terrorists

We have leadership living in ivory towers displaying little commonsense failing to see all the possible problems. When it all goes belly up in the future and we end up with enormous social problems and a third world economy. Those politicians who haven’t passed on will still be living off the great perks they gave themselves and leave the mess to others to sort out.

Subject 21
Minority groups
They are generally small in number but are quite vocal who can push some agenda reasonable or unreasonable. They can affect government policy. Just on this point; we, the vast majority, do not have a strong voice therefore we are exploited and ignored. These minority groups have contributed to;
- Physical discipline being banned in schools
- Political correctness
- Slowed down the release of land for housing to save the destruction of trees
- Instigated significant increased costs to developments such as modifications to accommodate physically challenged members of our society. I believe to a point this is necessary but when modifications become extreme and cause significant increase in costs and delays to development. Maybe it should be looked at more closely.
- CAN STOP inappropriate developments
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COMMENTS
- The effect of minority groups can cause grief to the majority- example, a major rally stage was threatened by a small group of green minded individuals who felt some fauna and flora may be damaged by the event. To even consider this issue shows how out of touch some have become with reality. This mentality is impacting heavily on normal people.
- Developments can become very expensive or cancelled if some issue particular to a group rears its ugly head such as a type of frog, which can cause significant delays and re-establishment of new habitats to accommodate this frog. The stifling of development does not serve anyone in the end.
- Some minority groups complain feral control if not properly carried out should not be done at all. What they fail to realise is any feral control is better than no control at all
- Minority groups concerned with prevention of clearing of vegetation has contributed to the loss of life where clearing around properties was not allowed.
- The influence of a minority group in ‘saving’ Cape York. A government beholdng to a special interest group claiming it can deliver election changing block of votes to strategic electorates. Many of these “environmentalists” came from middle Australia, and most probably had never been there. They basically caused the closure of an area to indigenous people and some development by making it a world heritage area.
I believe if all these minority groups united to really help society by focusing on the real issues such as
- Poor government
- Poor parenting
- All the substance abuses
They could really make a difference.

**Subject 22**
**Tobacco**
This is a real cancer on society- what really makes it worse is the tobacco companies knew it gave health problems to the smokers, and worst of all, increased such chemicals as nicotine to make them further addictive.

Self denial is common place amongst smokers when it comes to long term health issues. Most know smoking is not good for their health but still continue.

Smoking in N.S.W. is the greatest single causes of premature death, killing over 5000 and costing taxpayers in excess of 6 billion dollars in health costs per year.

**Proper solution; ban smoking, granted the government will lose tax revenue but they will get a better result such as:**
- A better quality of life for many
- Income saved by smokers can contribute to a better lifestyle
- Longer living people
- Save many billions in smoke related health issues

**Steps to reduce smoking**
- There needs to be even more government sponsored quit smoking programs.
- Why not legislate for the removal of the addictive ingredients in cigarettes such as nicotine.

**Subject 23**
**Alcohol**
Alcohol can cause the following:
- Health issues, physical and mental.
- Violence.
- Strain on police and legal system.
- Waste of hard earned income on alcohol purchases.
- Loss of productivity to society. Alcohol impaired work performance.
- Alcohol related traffic accidents and the waste of lives.
- Damage to relationships.
- Damage to the development of children from alcoholic parent or parents.

**Who benefits presently?**
- The suppliers of alcohol.
- The governments in a misguided way for the tax revenue.
How to fix the cause of the problems

- Educate children very early in their lives to the perils of alcohol-- schools, parents are essential in this education.
- Slowly wean the population off alcohol--that is the hard part. It will take time. But benefits, which are the opposite of the problems, will far outweigh the obsessive desire for ‘being out of your mind’ which is little different to the drug problem.
- Remove all advertising of alcohol.
- Reverse government policy that allowed all night drinking venues.

Presently the alcohol retailers are lobbying for 24hr operating hours. When is the abuse going to end?

Subject 24
Drugs

All forms of drug addiction is a curse on society. In the 60’s drugs started to take hold with the milder drugs, such as marijuana, which is damaging in the long term to the rather exotic and lethal concoctions of today.

We have three groups participating in the drug culture;

- **The main drug supplier** who import, grow or manufacture the drugs. They supply smaller dealers to distribute. They tend to launder their ill achieved gains through legitimate businesses, gambling or property development. Maybe more scrutiny can take place in businesses which somehow make profits well in excess of what that business is capable of.

- **Many drug users** who destroy their lives physically and mentally. Is this short escape from reality really worth it? Many users become addicted from early age influenced by peer pressure, experimentation and the environment they are in.

- **The Victims**
  - Their family and friends.
  - Society having to contend with crime in all its forms as a direct result of many drug users needing money to purchase drugs.
  - The violence and other poor behaviour contributing to damaged development of children.

Governments spend billions on policing, welfare, rehabilitation schemes, health problems and worst of all, the incalculable billions lost because of the damaged family unit producing equally damaged children who one day can also become dysfunctional adults.

I believe the proliferation of drugs is close to the worst thing that has happened to western society.

**A possible solution**-

It must be drastic; hunt out the big suppliers and execute them or throw them into goal for so long they die there. You will see a rapid decline in drug supply and eventual removal when the punishment is so drastic. These individuals who prosper from the misery of others deserve no mercy. Even send troops to destroy the drug cartels in foreign countries. A zero tolerance is the only solution. The survival of our society is paramount.
Results of the solution:
- Saving 1000’s of lives from mental and health issues
- Re-establishment of the family unit
- Very significant reduction of crime
- Enormous savings in downsizing health, welfare, police and legal agencies
- Poor behaviour whilst under the influence of drugs can be eliminated
- Billions wasted on drug purchases. The money saved can be used to aid in a better quality of life
- Most organised crime will vanish without the bucket loads of drug money to fuel their existence.
- Less corruption in the enforcement agencies and other levels of society.

We have developed a mentality which accepts drugs as here to stay.
- We allow booklets outlining ‘how to use drugs properly’, which accept that drugs are here to stay.
- Allowing drug taking safe houses is also counterproductive
- Some authority tried to trivialise the use of some drugs as not as bad as alcohol and cigarettes i.e. maybe technically right but morally not, because we seek to eliminate all substance abuse.

The do-gooders and civil libertarians may have a problem seeing the demise of drug suppliers but somehow accepts a society heavily damaged by drugs.
The right politicians that have a real social conscience can make it happen with the support of the masses to eliminate drugs all together.

Subject 25
Prescribed medicines
Medicines essential to prolong life or increase the quality of one’s life are produced by the pharmaceutical industry. This industry is mainly concerned with the profitability of their products. Some medicines are essential but can tend to be very expensive fortunately some governments subsidise the purchases of certain medicines.

Granted research is carried out in the search for many products but when it is in the domain of private enterprise it may not really serve the interests of masses. Honestly, how do we know that some very expensive medicine critical to the wellbeing of some is really that expensive to produce.

It has been reported there exists a medicine to cure heroin addiction within 24 hours, with a very high success rate but it IS NOT promoted. The pharmaceutical industry prefers long term cures with repeat treatments. I wonder how many more such medicines are not promoted.

I believe governments if they really served the people should control this area completely and produce these medicines. But I guess if governments keep squandering revenue all over the place then it will never become a reality.
Subject 26
Unhealthy society
The proliferation of processed foods, the fast food industry and reduction in physical endeavors has contributed towards a less healthy society.
The use of many chemical additives in processed foods can cause long term health issues. The practice of using some types of fertilisers in the production of fruit and vegetables and long term cold storage has questionable value for health and nutrition.
The fast food industry has been one of the major causes of obesity. Big business is generally behind all these types of foods. What really drives big business is profit not so much societies long term health.

How do we fix the problem?
- Start growing your own fruit and vegetables.
- Keep some livestock for eggs and meat.
- Reduce or even eliminate processed foods from your diet.
- If you need to have fast food frequent the small takeaways you will generally find the food healthier and cheaper.
- Government should encourage the community to follow the above path and most of all encourage larger block sizes to allow producing your own food.

Government should also confront big business to reduce
- Most chemical additives in our foods
- Advertising targeting children. Some even use internet sites incorporating animated activity promoting their products.

Big business generally is only concerned with the bottom line. Their social conscience is very limited even when they appear to doing some good for the community they normally have an ulterior motive. Some even support sport activities to somehow make their products more palatable.

Subject 27
Medical profession
By limiting the supply of doctors from our medical schools over a long period, has caused a scarcity of home-grown doctors. We therefore imported many, some of dubious quality causing big payouts for malpractice. In this country by limiting the number of doctors maintains high status and income. This problem appears to be more prevalent in Western society.
I heard the remark by those controlling the training of our doctors that we must have the best quality medical people we can possible have. Maybe they fear by flooding the market place it will erode their privileged position in society but is it acceptable to have some substandard overseas doctors?
We are finally seeing more locally educated doctors being produced but it may be too late. The Health System has almost reached the point of no return.

We also have the following problems with the medical profession
- Some doctors benefit from some drug manufacturers if they promote their products even if they are more expensive or no better than the generic brands.
- Over servicing of patients to maintain high incomes.
• Over prescription of drugs impacts negatively on society – health wise and financially.
• We allow some specialists to earn up to $28,000 a day for performing eye surgery. There is no justification for fees of this magnitude. This only stresses the health budget and limits the care of the disadvantaged.
• Those in medical funds suffer much higher fees for the same operation as those in the government medical scheme. Why? It is just greed. The patient, who is already covered by Medicare, is forced to pay much more for the so called privilege of early treatment or the doctor of his choice. This is just a con.
• We have a system where specialists in some field can earn very high 6 figure incomes for consulting and surgical work. All this does it place strain on the medical budget. This makes a few doctors very rich with little effort. In the process the less fortunate go without proper health care.
• Some doctors are skimming many 100’s of million dollars out of the federal government medical scheme, for the chronically ill with unnecessary taxpayer funded treatments. Which basically entails writing chronic – disease management plans or treatments.

How do we fix it?
• Produce more doctors that is the case now but maybe too late because the health system has decayed to the point of no return from so much exploitation
• The internet can be used as a means of feeding in symptoms of the patient and out comes a prognosis and this is, in conjunction with trained medical staff supervising, can speed up consultations.
• Maybe governments can set up clinics like those medical centres operated by more business minded doctors.
• We must reduce the insane incomes of some in the medical profession this only reduces health budgets and impacts on the disadvantaged

Subject 28
Hospital system
Many of the most caring people are involved in the hospital system - those dealing directly with the patients. My personal experience and observations have only seen positives with the nursing staff. But I do not believe much of the management and their political masters appreciate the sacrifices and dedication required to be a nurse. Higher levels in the management in many cases lack the experience and knowledge of their departments. There is too much emphasis on academic qualifications laced with some education in people skills. Without real experience the following problems occur.
• Insufficient understanding or appreciation of those who function directly with patients. This can lead to lower morale.
• Squandering of budgets is not uncommon when those controlling are more like bureaucrats and not experienced in the area they are dispensing these budgets.
• When face to face contact with patients is diminished by the need to have volumes of paper work addressed before actual contact then we know we have a problem, as many would say, bureaucracy has gone mad.
Subject 29
Dental Profession
This industry does not adequately treat the less fortunate. Dental treatment is expensive and governments do not allocate sufficient revenue to alleviate the problem. This goes back to the enormous wastage of revenue where just a small part could easily help so many that need urgent dental health.
I believe insufficient dentists are produced thus we end up with the same situation as doctors where less of them means bigger incomes to the detriment of society.
Poor teeth cause a multitude of health issues and low self esteem for many.

ISSUES WITH DENTAL CARE
• You tell me why a gum specialist can charge two hundred and ninety five dollars for a consultation for approximately half an hour, generally just giving advice. That would roughly work out to gross incomes well in excess of one million dollars a year. This type of profiteering is part of the reason many cannot afford treatment.
• Less dentists, higher fees and bigger incomes for dentists.
• Many dentists are also abusing the federal government medical scheme for the chronically ill to a similar extent as those in the medical profession.

How to fix the problem
• Produce more dentists.
• Reduce the squandering of revenue to allow funds to subsidise treatment and also create more government dental clinics.
• Kerb the excesses of some of the profession.

Subject 30
Private medical funds
This is a strange system where you pay a premium for the privilege of paying again. This allows you;
− Almost immediate treatments
− Generally the doctor of your own choice

These people paying extra are already covered by the Medicare levy but end up paying more again for the privilege. Fees especially from the medical profession are significantly higher than those treating under the Medicare system. It is blatant profiteering by the medical profession.

If you could wait the Medicare system will treat you in most cases and using the same doctors.

How to fix the problem
• Governments stop their squandering of revenue and there will be billions to eliminate the unnecessary need for private funds which basically exploit the sometimes overcautious concerns of some in our society.
• Government stop the profiteering of some of the medical profession.
THEN EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO GET PROPER HEALTH CARE.
Subject 31

Human immune system
When I was young we generally grew up in a less sterile environment as we have today. Cleaning products were more basic and less used. We, as children, spent more time doing physical endeavors in the natural environment. These days children tend to be overprotected by a multitude of different cleaning products and have less contact with the natural world.

I believe this plays a significant role in the reduced triggering of the immune system. If we are put in an environment, with most viruses and bacteria this can trigger our immunity to them.

Over cleaning can destroy these organisms and thus eliminate their influence on our resistance to them. That is way I believe so many children these days have so many allergies and lack of resistance to the effects of these organisms. Possibly the influence of processed foods with their chemical additives could also cause some problems.

How to fix it
- Revert to a less sterile environment and appreciate our immune system must, in many cases, need the stimulus of the microscopic world to trigger it so we as adults build up sufficient antibodies to counter their effect.
- Consume more natural foods

Subject 32

Gambling
Government has allowed the proliferation of gambling via the internet, poker machines and casinos. Many in society have become addicted causing squander of their incomes. This ends up causing financial stress, breakdown of relationships and poor quality of life.

Governments see gambling as a source of revenue. The type of leadership that allows this to happen may not have a social conscience. We must always try and protect the weaker members of society not exploit them.

Further problems
- Many clubs were allowed to increase their number of poker machines with revenue cut for them and for the government. But as I and many others, predicted down the track the government would want more. This put some clubs into financial problems causing many to close.
- Gambling via the internet has seen fixing of sport results such as the occurrence in European soccer. This only ends up causing further decay of society’s values.

How to fix problem
- Vote in more leaders with more moral and social conscience that will not squander revenue and have no need to exploit the vulnerable to extract revenue. This can lead to the reduction of most forms of gambling.
Subject 33
Computers
Valuable as it makes our lives easier but it has created many problems such as;

- Simplified many operations in the physical world reducing the need for many people.
- In household environments computer games, many violent, have captured a young audience which may develop poor personal behaviour such as desensitising violence.
- In conjunction with the internet, a reduction of the face to face meeting of people has created a less socially humanising behaviour between people.
- Reduced the more physical side of life to the detriment of our long term health
- People heavily involved with computers for business or pleasure can develop the ‘now’ mentality. With computers, the response time is immediate so the users may feel this is applicable also to the real world. So disillusionment or frustration can occur when things do not happen straight away for them.
- Too much use can affect your health, especially physically (RSI and posture)

How do we fix the problem?
- Use it as a tool and be aware of its short-comings and not allow it to control and influence your life.

Subject 34
Internet
Another valuable tool for accessing information and people but suffering many inherent problems such as;

- Cyber bullies can target you via the internet with ease.
- Cyber crime is very much a problem; the authorities believe it is pretty much out of control. Our personal information on file is very vulnerable and can be easily extracted; credit cards can be produced by criminals to access your accounts.
- If we use internet banking, it can be accessed and accounts drained of funds.
- Criminals can ‘crash’ websites to destroy your business if you do not pay protection money. They use many computers in foreign countries to overload your system effectively rendering it unusable. Broadband will only make the problem worse and the telecommunications providers are helpless to stop this activity
- Chat lines give easy access for deviate individuals to access young users with dire consequences and those looking for Internet love sometimes laced with fraud.
- Scams selling all sorts of holidays, goods and services end up costing those duped by criminal elements.
- Children can easily access sites which can cause them exposure to pornography at a very early age if insufficient steps are taken by their parents.
- Many products can be purchased from websites. We are now seeing a bad trend where sellers are selling products on line sometimes not reaching the purchaser or being of inferior quality.
Twisted people spreading viruses to damage computer files.
Meeting people on line to form relationships is fraught with danger, in many cases, if you met them face to face you would not give them the time of day.
The heavy use of email technology has created a time consuming and unnecessary burden on those using it. Sometimes a simple phone call or face to face contact should be just as efficient. It is possible to send fake emails indicating they have come from a particular sender causing damage to the sender and/or recipient.
Cyber attacks can damage a country’s defense system and even disrupt such utilities as power supply.
So from the above I would consider the internet more like a Trojan horse, giving access to elements in society you would never want to meet in the real world.

How do we take control?
Do we really need the internet?
If we do, use it sparingly and restrict personal information because even anti-virus software can in many cases prove futile in warding out the determined.

Subject 35
Phones
Every day phones connected to hardwire systems have become the haven for unsolicited calls for products and service. This is an intrusion of our privacy. Proper government action can stop this practice but there appears to be no will. Mobile phones like much of the technology of today has some benefits but more negatives, such as:

- Mobile phones can easily be compromised by eaves dropping and downloading of information. One only has to refer to the many love rats being caught out.
- Some providers target users with maybe a naive disposition giving services at significant costs; such as special ring tones, scams involving you sending messages to obtain made up information about your future. This is just a general style of nonsense to fleece unsuspecting users.
- Mobile phones have been described by some people in the know as the ‘tobacco of the 21st century’. The denial of possible side effects of phone use but there appears to be significant indications overuse can cause some forms of cancers from electro magnetic radiation.
- There is significant scamming by the telecommunications industry with respect to billing. Many customers have been caught out using facets of the mobile phone and have been billed for thousands of dollars because of the user’s ignorance or lack of care.
- The cost of running a mobile phone is quite high especially if you use it extensively as a social tool. Maybe face to face contact would be more beneficial for developing proper social skills and less costly.
- Billing irregularities normally favour the telecommunications provider and it is hard to argue otherwise.
- Mobile phones with camera options can serve as a means of relaying sexual acts or violent behaviour. I guess we can expose our social problems to a higher level.
Texting in many ways is time wasting in the hands of the young and old. The continual abbreviations of the English language does not aid them in the real world.

In the case of texting, some technology can be used to send a fake text message the receiver would think it is a genuine message showing in most cases a known sender. The unscrupulous sender can use this to create mischief between the receiver and the supposed sender.

**Mobile phones with the encouragement of those that profit enormously from them, has encroached too much into our lives at a great cost in possible health, social and financial terms. So I ask the question can we do without them. If not reduce their use. The providers are doing you no favours except exploiting your money**

**Subject 36**

**Television**

The content of television has moved away from more homely entertainment where in many cases moral values were highlighted and I believe encouraged. The content of today has gone in the direction of more violence, crime, dysfunctional behaviour and sex.

Many reality shows display behaviour such as rudeness, immoral behaviour, lack of respect and manners which can impact on the young and impressionable. This can cause a desensitising effect and making poor behaviour more acceptable.

Television also highlights the activities of so called celebrities and wanabes looking for their 15 minutes of fame. Many of this lot lack many qualities that can positively influence society. It would be more beneficial to look for those who have these qualities that will serve as real role models for others to emulate.

I know some of the current affair shows do excellent work exposing the injustice perpetrated by some individuals and even worse, some authority that we employ to look after us. This area could be expanded to somehow encourage a movement to unite the masses to once and for all curb the excesses of those who feel the individual is easy game for their misguided benefit.

I believe the electronic media has enormous influence and power to modify our society in a positive way. I know I may be a bit of an idealist but wouldn’t it be better if we lived in a society with fewer problems

**Subject 37**

**Education**

Many teachers are leaving the education system due to the problems of violent and destructive behaviour of children, especially when they reach highschool. The bureaucrats controlling the education system appears not to see the reality of the problem. Most are very highly paid, create reams of red tape to camouflage the problem whilst supported by so called education ‘experts’. By educating children from the start of primary school in moral values, social skills with continual reinforcement and incorporating strong discipline, would be a major help in reducing the problem.
Parents must support teachers especially if discipline is required because ultimately both would want the best outcome for the child.

The education system can play a major factor in developing moral values and life skills especially if the parents somehow fail in this duty. Some so called ‘experts’ in child development feel children should not be educated too early in life because it may ‘stunt’ their social upbringing. But what I have seen, and I believe many others will also agree, we lack values in all levels of society.

Primary school is the critical period because if the children have not been educated in values and have not received discipline, then high school is basically a waste of time for many.

**The following approach can also benefit children significantly.**

- Teaching children to think is the most important part of their education. Being able to comprehend and making the right decisions is basically learned behaviour. Even if intellect is not in abundance you will find many of the wisest people throughout history were not intellectual giants. They could see the problems and sort to resolve them with determination.
- When outlining technical solutions and outcomes, try to relate by experiment the physical application to reinforce the connection of technicality and practicality.
- **Non fiction reading mainly in history will have far more benefit than fiction literature in the education of children.**

The benefits are;
- Children will read about actual events and people which will give much more credibility to learning compared to learning about imaginary people and events.
- Comprehension skills can be better developed discussing actual events and people.
- Knowledge gained can be applied to present day society showing how a different approach may have prevented some poor outcome.
- Introducing early philosophers who generally encouraged moral values and knowing oneself.
- Revered historical figures showing moral values and social conscience can be discussed to highlight what we should be looking for in present day role models and leaders.
- Historical figures with poor moral values can also be highlighted to draw comparisons with some present day figures, so we do not make the mistake of supporting such flawed individuals.
- Traumatic events such as WW11 can be discussed to give children a concept of REAL STRUGGLE, SACRIFICE and LOSS.
- The real reality can be highlighted to give children opportunity of understanding this reality. This can encourage a better mentality to counter the excesses of the material world.
Some parents and students do not recommend homework because it may not be a benefit. What they may fail to recognise is;

- Reinforcement is essential to retain knowledge
- Continued commitment to some task is a form of discipline and can develop resilience which can be carried over to real life situations especially in adulthood.
- Parent involvement with a child can aid their education and most of all bonding of parent and child.

Subject 38
Old Age
I’m nearing old age and feel exhausted by the many highs and lows of my life. I’m sure many others feel much the same. If we as children listened more to our parents and became more aware of the pitfalls of environments and people, we could have saved ourselves some bad experiences.

We have seen many things and know what generally works and what doesn’t. If we could somehow get through to the young it could save them much heartache. I can best describe the situation as ‘I’ve already been to hell and back so why go there’

With society there has been definite decay in moral values and social conscience. Poor leadership over a long period has been the cause. Politicians recycle promises and rhetoric which we have heard all before. Nothing changes except the faces and we have reached the end of the line as far as opportunity is concerned. The young will now suffer as a result of it.

We, who can see clearly the mess in society, must unite to change things and give opportunity back to the young. I know this problem is discussed in other areas of this book but I believe it is probably the most important issue facing society at present especially for the young.

Subject 39
Counseling
I find it a little difficult to understand how people can counsel others when they themselves have not experienced the same. When you have truly experienced an event such as divorce or a death of a family member, you then can explain and counsel another. Senior citizens in many cases can be introduced to this task. I believe even in the education system the role of the older members of the community can be invaluable with the young.

Subject 40
Legal System
Is the legal system really a Justice System?
The problems with the legal system;
- Someone who severely bashed the owner of a car, then tried to run him over and then destroyed his car, was given a very light punishment because he suffered from some personality disorder. What sort of example is it setting to the wider community? You can cause destruction and retribution is minimal because of personal issues. What about the victims and the message you’re sending to other dysfunctional people, plead the right way and you get off.
• When a former high court judge lied over a minor matter and was convicted, it places a question mark over the whole legal system. Human nature shows poor behaviour exists in all levels of society. The legal system is rarely targeted because they are the law and can easily intimidate anyone who questions their lofty status in society. Even when a politician attempts to take to task the legal system they are normally silenced by the often used statement, ‘this is political interference of the independence of the judicial system’. What they might mean is we are the law so we are not accountable to anyone.

• Ned Kelly was to a large extent a victim of despotism veiled by law which lead to his demise. He was also poorly represented and possibly the outcome was already decided anyway. But there was an element of prophecy and moral justice when Ned Kelly told the judge they will meet very soon. The judge died twelve days after Ned’s hanging.

• Sentencing does not appear at times to be representative of the crime. Murderers can get light sentences such as the visitor who killed his new wife. Our legal system could only make manslaughter stick with a sentence of less than 10 years but his homeland believes their system can make murder one stick and hopefully execution.

• Then we get the situation where several Muslim youths received 40-year sentences for rape of females who in some cases chose to be in their company. The hysteria generated by the victims and the media, gave them sentences which in hindsight were disproportional to the crime. I believe this event has created enormous resentment in the Muslim community, which one day may come back to haunt the community.

• You can be convicted or otherwise of a crime and new evidence comes to light, it can be difficult to overturn the original judgment.

• The fear of expensive court cases can prevent innocent people seeking justice. So is that really a justice system.

• The truth can be suppressed by the fear of litigation by those who must protect their profit or moral injustice.

• How can a legal eagle be convicted of so many speeding charges but still be allowed to drive.

• In our society, if you do not own much you can do just about anything as the legal system will not bother you too much. If you have some assets and you cannot afford to protect these there is a good chance you will lose them in a prolonged court activity. But if you have a lot you can generally buy your way out by using the best legal representation possible.

• During the 18th century the great English moralist and law reformer Jeremy Bentham became the greatest critic of the English law as it stood. He once thundered at his contemporaries “Magna Carta shall be denied to no man, justice shall be sold to no man, denied to nine-tenths of the population it is sold at an unconscionable price”. I do not believe things have changed.

• A small time inventor tried to take the government to task for stealing his invention. The authorities arrogantly told him government pockets are a lot deeper than his so do not even bother.
• Plea bargaining generally favours the offender. Many times the statement of facts is watered down to the substantial detriment of the severity of the crime – therefore the victim and justice are short changed.
• The fear of defamation by deep pocketed instigators of injustices can prevent the truth ever being exposed.
• How do so many in the drug trade get bail and rather lenient sentencing even sometimes when they were embroiled in murder- maybe money talks.
• Threats against judges are escalating; maybe in part it is due to the frustration of victims who are disillusioned with the inconsistencies in the legal system.
• The legal system appears generally immune from corruption or poor behaviour. This appears to make them unique to all other sections of society. We only really hear of some suburban solicitor ripping off their clients funds or some barrister failing to put in a tax return.
• Judgments involving large amounts of money depending on the outcome. The use of a judge especially near retirement may not be recommended.
• We hear of brilliant constitutional, corporate or criminal lawyers but in essence we only need the ten commandments- short and sweet. Moral justice does not need procedure and protocol as such where legal practitioners can ply their trade at great cost for those accused. Legal maneuvering and argument can cloud the truth to get outcomes not appearing to be morally just.
• The law society is supposed to be there to maintain standards and investigate problems with their members. It is a bit like self regulation and we know how well that works.
• Many gain compensation by just threatening to take it to court backed up by some lawyer. It has become fairly common practice for insurers to not risk court action which can end up a bit of a lottery.
• A judge told politicians to keep out of the legal system after they complained about the third suspended sentence for a mother. The last case was for supply of alcohol to her 5 year old son who went .09. What can I say!
• Be wary of your legal representation, at times they can liaise with the other side and not work in your interests.
• My experience with the legal system, my divorce and the ‘crimes’ against humanity which I will discuss in chapter 1 shows what most believe occurs when you are an ordinary person especially with some assets. The system can be daunting, even your legal representation may serve you up. Your outcome may have already been decided and all that is left is how much will be extracted
• There has developed another lucrative side line, the breaking of wills by individuals not satisfied with the wishes of the dearly departed But I believe the wishes of the dead should be always respected because I am sure not all of them could have been of an unsound mind when alive.
Some law firms can use celebrities to advertise their presence and their specialties which is normally compensation. Some clients have had to give up to more than half the payout for legal fees, in their defense their legal representation maintains their great ‘skill’ and ‘hard work’ is the reason to charge so much. Complaints for excessive overcharging are very common as there isn’t any regulation of fees. Who can argue with a lawyer?

It is possible to lose your license by an accumulation of trivial offences such as being 5 to 15 km over the speed limit and end up with substantial fines and long periods off the road. Whilst someone who killed twice in two separate road accidents a few years apart for failing to look to the left, would you believe, at the same intersection.

Their penalty was a small fine, one month prison and 18 months loss of license. So you tell me where is the justice?

The legal system can be easily compromised by some regimes especially totalitarian. With western society, the lack of accountability and excessive autonomy by the legal system can lead to inconsistency of sentencing. This has developed into a major problem in the community especially for the victims.

What moral justice is there when a driver was wrongly booked for speeding, found innocent but had to pay a substantial legal bill to show that the police were at fault. The authorities did not appear to encourage moral justice. The need for legal representation only serves the legal system and the authorities who are well aware many cannot afford to take them on so the victim takes the lesser of two evils the fine and the loss of points. This empowers a morally corrupt system to continue on.

Landlords cannot remove feral tenants and their possessions quickly. The system allows them to stay there to generally further damage materially and financially the landlord. Maybe the system believes all landlords are rich and can afford such losses.

Discussion

Lawyers in general are of high moral standing but there is a perception some lawyers see victory for their client at all costs is paramount even if they know they are guilty. The lawyer can use some technicality, intimidation of witnesses to destroy their evidence, misinformation and any other technique possible to get the result they want. You will find people of high moral values could never behave like this as their conscience will never allow for whatever size of the fee.

The average person has lost a great deal of confidence with the legal system. The need for lawyers is very expensive and outcomes may not reflect moral justice. The litigious environment suits the legal fraternity but not the masses.

How do we change the system?

Government that truly represents the people should control the legal system and should reflect what the general community wants, not the very few that rarely function in the real world.

Using courts with very experienced judges not necessarily well versed in legality but more in wisdom of the real world. This form of court already exists but could be expanded to many areas thus eliminating the need for legal representation and all its costs.
It could work well in compensation cases in effect the claimant could end up with better payouts without a lawyer.

- Why not use truth serums? One day this could be an option. I know the legal profession would not agree because it would affect their bottom line.
- Advertising should not be allowed. All advertising has done is encourage a litigious environment when the main beneficiary is the legal system and fired the minds of those who can see financial benefit with at times suspect motives.

Subject 41
Compensation
When the legal system was allowed to advertise its services especially in this area it helped contribute to more litigious environment which caused the following.

- More stress in society
- Closure of some physical activities due to major increases in insurance premiums due in part to unscrupulous individuals making frivolous claims knowing they can get some financial gain.
- Some parents suffered substantial payouts for an injury caused on their property to a visitor, most times trivial.
- Some unscrupulous individuals used the litigious environment to claim and receive enormous payouts in many cases by faking or exaggerating personal injury.
- The legal system helped fuel the need for substantial increases in the health and safety industry at great cost to the community. Even when safety courses are completed there is a need to repeat them within a few years adding further costs to the employer.
- We all end up paying higher premiums to compensate for a significant number of false claims encouraged by a legal system more bent on profit.
- Stifled productivity and thus progress.

How to reduce this problem?

- Eliminate the advertising of legal firms encouraging litigation
- Use independent individuals or panels to adjudicate on compensation claims, thus removing the need for the legal system.

Subject 42
Companies and Trusts
These can be set up to protect assets. Individuals can do this for two reasons;

- The honest way
  - To protect assets from unscrupulous individuals such as ex-partners from failed relationships.
- The dishonest way
  - To protect assets from creditors by transferring assets from that company to another entity. This causes the creditors to lose their investment. This behaviour is quite rife. Those perpetrating these schemes manage to defraud many honest and decent people.

Why don’t governments fix this problem? It would not be too hard to prove where the assets came from, but I guess moral justice type legislation is not a priority.
Subject 43
Police

Good leadership is the key for the proper functioning of any police force. This seems simple but the lack of it has seen many unravel from corruption.

I BELIEVE THE PRESENT SELECTION PROCESS FOR LEADERSHIP IS FLAWED.

We see leaders who suffer from some or all of the following.
- Little operational experience
- Questionable moral values.
- More technical or political than practical

An independent body should be set up with the experience to select the right candidate. When it is left to the devices of chance many times the more ambitious and conniving manage to aspire to these positions and the rest is history.

When a large police force was found wanting, a very experienced overseas individual was employed to reform this force. They at least got that right.

But –
- Political interference.
- Obstruction from within the force.
- Heavy scrutiny from the media at times ill informed.
- Managed to derail the reform and he was forced out.

Effectively those with self interests or personal agendas failed to see the common good. If he was allowed to complete his task it could have become a model for other police forces to follow, as Theodore Roosevelt had accomplished with the New York Police force at the end of the 19th Century. Positive leadership can filter all the way to the frontline. It inspires those that are morally just and hampers those that are not.

We have a society now in decay from
- Poor parenting
- Heavily under the influence of alcohol and drug abuse.
- Organised crime directly attributable to the drug trade

These areas must be addressed and then police could take more a community based approach by interacting with the young through youth organisations and school education. This way police become more mentors with the young which can create a positive influence and can carry through into adulthood.

Police presence on foot patrols through suburban streets can develop a presence and bond with the community, as it was in the bygone days. Success will not be overnight but it will occur over a long period of time. What we have now is the band-aid approach, when problems arise, addressed, never really resolved, because the root cause is the decay of society.
Subject 44
Government Bureaucracy

Behaviour
- Some have the need to introduce the word authority in their charter.
- Some had a need to arm some of its operatives but were refused
- Some refused to accept their measuring devices could be inaccurate even when they had been repeatedly found wanting.
- Some have undue power in the legal system.
- When the media gets involved the bureaucrats on many occasions back off because even they may see exposure of their injustice would not benefit them.
- Some have great need for rules and regulations which appear to be directed at soft targets for revenue gouging.

Subject 45
Religion and cults

We have many religious groups and most believe in one God but have taken different directions to get there. I do not believe any one is better than another, as it is like a physical journey to a location. Once you get there who cares how you got there. Sadly in the name of God, we have seen some of the worst behaviour imaginable and most religions are guilty of this historically and even now.

We can take the Christian religion. It has developed different factions based on some injustice or greater need to focus on God. We have seen persecution of ‘non believers’, oppression, exploitation of people and the amassing of great wealth and power by some churches all in the name of some religion claiming they are the way to find God. I say what hypocrisy.

On one occasion Martin Luther and John Calvin living in the 16th Century called for reform. They felt the church hierarchy behaved more like princes, more concerned with pomp, wealth and dictorial behaviour. In the 20th century, what is missing is the dictorial behaviour. Lack of charity and the sexual abuse of the young by some have diminished the relevance of some religions even further. It is not hard to see why most people especially the young are not interested in the church.

We see some extreme individuals in some religions that kill innocent people in the name of their God. Essentially men with flawed personalities can hijack God for some agenda. It does not seem that many religions truly represent God.

Abraham Lincoln best summed it up by claiming he believed in the power of God but not so much in the power of the church. The prophets such as Jesus, Mohammed and Buddha maintained ‘Love your neighbour’ was all you need to do. We seem to have lost our way.

Organised religion appears more concerned with their existence first and foremost. We see behaviour like a particular religious hierarchy strip out the fittings of a local church and put the building up for sale. Problem was the local community owned the land, building and the fittings. When thinking people hear this self serving behaviour, why would they bother to commit to organised religion?
The growing emergence of the cults is to a large extent due to the decay of society which is a direct result of poor leadership in the first place. Our governments give substantial support and even the main parties showed a united front to prevent investigation of abuses within some of the Cults. Maybe the politicians see votes in all of this.

Cults are normally extreme in their approach to God with some philosophy which can enchant a following. Some of their leaders are charismatic and have on occasion exploited their followers financially and sexually, whilst other cults feel they are the only way and segregate themselves from society not only exploiting their followers but manage to exploit tax payer revenue to further their cause.

You will find their leaders are over protective and secretive so as to maintain their power. We repeatedly hear of brainwashing and extreme behaviour against followers, these incidents are not isolated. So if they are looking for God that is a very strange way of doing it.

There is only one thing to do ‘Love your fellow man’ and you do not need anyone to tell you how to do that, you will work it out yourself.

Subject 46
Terrorism, conflicts and armaments industry.
Terrorism in the main is a creation of the developed nations. Wherever they have interfered with some other foreign country, such as aiding or installed a despotic leadership, to prevent the influence of another rival nation or some other agenda, the people in these countries are normally oppressed and therefore resentment is directed at their leadership and those supporting them.

I believe a small element of these people will see a need to address this oppression. If a conflict arises in their homeland or another involving the interfering foreign power, then these elements referred to as terrorists or insurgents or freedom fighters, depending on whose side you’re on, will bear arms against the invaders. Generally the people in these lands give sanctuary to these freedom fighters. Such conflicts exist in

- Afghanistan
- Iraq

Vietnam should have taught the western democracies even with all the firepower or technology you have in your possession, you are very likely to be defeated by an enemy who lurks in the shadows and strikes when you least expect it.

I watched a documentary showing the Aircraft carrier Nimitz sending over aircraft worth many tens of millions of dollars each to do strikes in Iraq. I felt it was a futile and very expensive way of conducting these types of conflicts. This appears to show the Vietnam debacle being played out again.
These conflicts only drain the economies of the invading countries. This wasted revenue could have been put to better use alleviating world poverty. If the invading countries decided to rebuild the economies of the invaded countries as occurred after WW11 in Japan and Germany, it would have been much cheaper and humane. This would create real harmony in the world.

We could also reduce the armed forces to have more a defensive role. The problem will be the very powerful armaments industry will see little profit in this change of mentality. But ultimately the right type of leadership will see the benefit. The masses will be the beneficiary of much needed revenue to improve their quality of life.

**Subject 47**
**Climate Change**
This occurs throughout history, but how much is attributable from the burning of fossil fuels? One would look closely at the greenhouse effect, which I believe is occurring to some degree. That is the collecting of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) in the upper atmosphere reducing heat transfer away from the earth, thus causing warming of the planet.

If the effect is small then why bother taking drastic steps like taxing heavily the population to pay for emission reduction strategies. If the effect is large then we have a problem. But do you seriously believe the big polluting nations will shut down their economies? I do not think so!

Why don’t we look at home grown solutions which may inspire others to follow suit world wide such as;

- Introduce more solar power and develop it further for more efficiency. We did have more advanced solar powered technology being developed but our leadership saw little need to support the inventors, so they went overseas to find that support. I believe much effort should be given to make solar power cheap and make householders self sufficient. But would that suit the coal industry?
- It could be worth pursuing individual household wind power producing technology with power storage facilities.
- To reduce CO2 plant millions of trees in conjunction with better water management of the river systems to support them.
- Develop effective carbon extraction and storage technologies and strategies. This could help address the CO2 problems.

We must have practical people in leadership to drive these solutions, not those who see only heavy taxing of the already overtaxed and financially exploited population.

**Subject 48**
**Water conservation solutions**
The construction of desalination plants is not the solution as they are very expensive to build and require vast amounts of electricity to produce salt free water. This will impact significantly on the environment by the use of power generally supplied from coal powered plants producing even more pollution.
These solutions come from politicians and bureaucrats who fail to look at cheaper more practical alternatives, such as:

- Even more subsidies for installations of large rain water collection tanks.
- Divert some of the vast amounts of rain water from channels and creeks to man made reservoirs or tanks incorporating mini treatment plants, not owned by overseas concerns and the treated water can be connected to the existing pipe system.
- Further encourage the recycling of household waste water with simple and cost effective solutions and subsidies to support installation.
- More dams. If revenue was not squandered to the level it is then revenue would be available.
- A bit more foresight by those in power to look at water consumption saving devices like the one they failed to support which ended up going to more enlightened overseas concerns.

Subject 49
Same sex relationships
There is nothing wrong with anything that you do, as long as it does not impact negatively on another. Everyone is entitled to carry out their journey as they see fit and because someone else is different this does not make it wrong.

Subject 50
Gun Control
The Role of Guns in Society.

THE GOOD
- Many use firearms as a reason to go camping, bushwalking, enjoy the clean air, mate-ship and to get away from the stresses of the city.
- Many shooters like myself do not shoot animals.
- Many of all ages use firearms for target shooting as a sport, teaching discipline and commitment.
- Opportunity for physical exertion, discipline and develop resilience in physical environments.
- Shooters aid farmers by reducing the number of feral animals that destroy livestock and crops.
- Opportunity for generally more practical people to enjoy a physical environment.
- The strict gun regulations work effectively to keep those with questionable motives away from legal firearms.

THE BAD
- The anti-gun lobby tend to look at guns as evil. It is the user that is the real problem.
- If you want a gun, the black market will source one out. I do not like it but that is the way it is.
- Even when handguns were removed from the English public, handgun crime increased. Commonsense will tell you that the criminal element will always be able to obtain what they want.

THE UGLY
The massacre at Port Arthur Tasmania; There appears to be far more questions than answers for this tragic event, such as:

- How can the shooter with little shooting experience be so clinical and accurate?
- The shooter had significant mental problems and possibly had murdered two others before this event. Were they sufficiently investigated?
- Witnesses claimed they saw several lasers targeting victims, implying more than one shooter.
- His semi-automatic weapon came into his possession somehow after it was originally handed into the police
- The local police were sent on a wild goose chase before the event.
- Many feel some authority may have used this event as an excuse to disarm the general public of military type weapons.
- The rather quick way the offender was locked away with no trial is suspicious.

I am not insinuating a conspiracy but it would be beneficial for the authorities to clear up misinformation that is floating around the community. This would give more closure and allay the concerns that our governments may be not transparent with us.

**COMMENT**

People kill people; guns are another means of killing. Cars kill people, all substance abuse slowly kills people and lack of proper pool fencing kills children and so on. This is where the real focus should be applied. Not the reduction of gun use which gives more benefits than most other activities.

**Subject 51**

**Prostitution**

Since the dark ages prostitution has been serving a need for men and women, single and those in relationships. Sadly it is a fact of life that many relationships can stagnate from the sexual perspective. So prostitution serves as a generally physical release with little or no emotional involvement. I believe in most cases the offender still loves their partner but feels the need to fulfill that what may be lost. That is sadly the reality of the situation.

If the activity is exposed the victim normally the woman in the relationship can look at it two ways;

- Leave their wayward partner even if the love is still there, or
- Stay with their wayward partner.

I know some women will disagree with me. Men are far more susceptible to take on sexual liaisons without emotional commitment and regard it as only that.

**People involved in this business**

- The prostitutes – they use the generally high tax free income for;
  - Drugs
  - Gambling
  - Lifestyle
  - Supporting themselves
Nearly all treat it as just a job their clients should treat it as little more than a transaction.

- If men are the owners of these establishments they are there for the profit and/or ‘glamour’ of the environment. Men in some cases may feel empowered, especially if they are not particularly desirable specimens and the workers can and do play up to them. This can make them feel ‘desirable’ in this phoney world where money buys ‘love’

Subject 52
Cult of celebrities
Celebrities in the main come from the entertainment and sporting arenas. They can serve as role models for the young and impressionable.

What we have seen in the last few decades is increasingly poor behaviours by many so called celebrities such as;

- Arrogance
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Promiscuity
- Rudeness
- Violence
- Extremes of Prima donna behaviour such as-
  - The need for a food taster
  - Large entourages
  - Police escorts
  - Extravagant amounts of the best foods and drink
  - ‘Common people’ must not touch or even look them in the eyes, so much is their worth that the ‘commoners’ must know their place.
  - ‘You know who I am’ is a common phrase used by someone who is not recognised, it displays a lack of real intellect.

Those who want to be like these ‘high profile’ types should spend some time with them. You will find many have very little to offer morally.

The media is particularly guilty of making celebrities so newsworthy, especially if the celebrity has little real abilities or values.

In bygone days leaders such as Theodore Roosevelt and David Lloyd George, Lenin and so on generally displayed high moral justice and social conscience, did not crave recognition or wealth but felt their duty was to society to alleviate their plight. They were real role models.

I believe we have people of this caliber but are generally suppressed by self serving elements in our society and a media which does not promote the truly noble who can serve as role models, because they may be less newsworthy. Many well known celebrities support ‘feel good’ charities and causes. That is all okay, but I believe their efforts should be directed at changing the type of leadership we have, then there would be no need for charity.
Subject 53  
Heritage Listing  
Heritage listing of a property creates many problems, mainly for the owner, such as:  
- The value of the property generally goes down due to many restrictions placed on it by being heritage listed.  
- Renovations may not be allowed unless strictly conforming to the ambience of that property, generally much more costly at the owners expense.  
- Having to deal with some bureaucrat who may think they are on a mission to save our heritage with little consideration for the owner and their financial position.  

There have been a number of cases where the authority may pick some aspect of your property for listing or the whole property without your consultation and you are ultimately at the mercy of some bureaucrat who may have a stunted view of the real world and dictate from their self created rules and regulations.  

I do not believe when you own something and forced to generally pay excessive council rates and then you are dictated to by an authority displaying a type of oppression we can live without.

Subject 54  
Overregulation  
Overregulation has become a real blight on western society. Generally it comes from the fertile mind of some bureaucrats with little or no practical experience of the real world. Granted there is a need for some regulation but most are questionable.  
The main reasons driving it are:  
- Need for some bureaucrats to justify their existence.  
- Means of controlling society.  
- Source of raising revenue.  
- Some misguided idea the world will be better for it.  
- Vehicle for authorities such as local councils to charge more fees and charges and worst of all penalise for some contravention of an ordinance, fines can be up to 1.1 million dollars for ‘crimes against humanity’.  
- Legal system benefiting from more areas to increase income.  
- Just a natural evolution of society when you allow too many impractical and non business type people to hijack the authorities.  

THIS IS THE RESULT OF OVER REGULATION  
- Stifling of development and therefore progress at great cost to the community, with delays, added fees and charges and conditions to comply.  
- Reduced the number of companies quoting goods and services especially for government because of the need to comply with many rules and regulations increasing quotes significantly. Substantial documentation is required before anything physical can be done. One beggars the question. If you have the documentation are you better off than one who hasn’t?  
- Created an enormous health and safety industry in physical endeavours no one disputes the need for safety but when it is taken to extremes and stifles productivity is it worth it. It is also required to repeat the same safety course every few years, which is another burden on the employer.
• Greater involvement of the legal system in the physical endeavours which only adds costs and stifles progress.
• When Australia is trying to increase productivity we are reducing it with overregulation.
• The bottom line we are very significantly increasing our costs to do anything, so we are burdening and stifling development.

We have created a society over emphasising the need for mountains of paperwork and over the top Safety and Health regulation especially in the physical areas. If this approach was around in earlier days, the Harbour Bridge, Snowy Mountain Scheme and Hoover Dam may have never been built or cost some crippling amount due to stifling safety procedures and delays. The fear of litigation has also become another stumbling block to development.

If we were serious about saving lives why not put the effort into areas such as
- Poor leadership
- Poor parenting
- Rampant substance abuse.

These are destroying society but bureaucrats focus on destroying our productivity instead. Good leadership will see the need to emphasise progress and not stifle it with too much unnecessary rules and regulations.

Subject 55
Real Estate Industry
Some Real Estate practices.

1. The Management of Properties such as unit complexes where substantial contributions are given to the real estate agent for:
- Paying normal outgoings such as land rates, insurances and water rates.
- Maintenance of common infrastructure such as repairs to lifts, outside fittings and mowing of lawns.
- Fees to the Real Estate agent.

There appears to be much complaint in many complexes that the contributions are excessive. The only area the residents can really be exploited is in the maintenance of the property. I will only cite one case where in a complex for the rich the mowing of a small grassed area cost $75,000 a year. This blatant rort shows profiteering does happen and it is typical when you give money to anyone and expect them to spend it wisely in your interests.

How to fix the problem?
To eliminate this universal problem you can form a small committee of owners to do the function of taking care of that property. Give them a fee to do the task. This committee could number say (3) three which should keep each other honest and collectively they will generally want the best outcome when quotes are concerned in the maintenance of their property.
2. When you're selling

Practices that can occur
- No one begrudges real estate agents making reasonable commissions for selling your property. In the high end of property sales, some make easily six figure commissions for one sale, but when one individual used her family members to purchase properties, she purposely undervalued, resold them a few months later for 6 figure profits, then that is criminal. She defrauded the original owners.
- Purposely overvalue your property to get you to sign up only to find out later it is worth less and you settle for that.
- Purposely undervalue your property for a quick sale and quick commission.
- Agents have in the small print the ability to charge commission even on a failed sale.

How to fix the problem
The purchase prices of many properties in your general area are on the Internet. From these you can establish a reasonably accurate value of your property.
- There are many D.I.Y. selling internet sites, outlining how you can sell your property.
- There are companies that can do most of the functions of selling your property for a reasonable fixed fee.
- You can eliminate the need for using the legal system to do the transfer of property. There are people who do the exact same task at a fraction of the cost of the legal system.

3. When you're buying

Practices that can occur.
- Real Estate agents can understate the reserve of a property to attract you to an auction to discover you’re not in the picture.
- Can exaggerate or even give you incorrect advice on the suitability of a property for some application.
- Gazumping is common. Do not expect when money is involved for integrity to play a big role.

How to Fix the Problem
- Look up the internet for purchase prices of properties in the general area this can give some indication of its value.
- Check with authorities on suitability of that property for your proposed usage.
- Do not trust anyone when your money is concerned.
- You can eliminate the need of the legal system for the transfer of property. There are people who do the exact task at a fraction of the cost of the legal system.
Subject 56
Technocrats
These are Individuals who are in Government, society and industry functioning from a position of being technical experts, individuals who generally lack practical experience.
Includes
− Bureaucrats
− Engineers
− Legal practitioners
− Accountants
− Many others with university qualifications

There are many who do not impact negatively on society, they just carry out some process or procedure in a chain of some activity. The remaining lot are those that damage society from design or ignorance.

The following is typical behaviour of many technocrats especially government bureaucrats.

• Introducing rules and regulations with little consideration of its real impact on society. Those introducing them rarely have practical experience in the real world.
• These rules and regulations are normally introduced as a basis for control of society, fees and charges and maybe to create a ‘better’ society from their perspective.
• Ultimately they stress society, stifle development with delays and cause substantial added costs to the economy.
• Some rules and regulations are used also as a source of obtaining large fines. A form of revenue gouging.
• Many of these rules and regulations if looked at from a direction of commonsense do not have as much credibility as some bureaucrats maintain.
• Who gave life to many of these rules and regulations? I know the community did not!
• No one has real issues with building standards being maintained but when bureaucrats become so intrusive in what we can build and must know everything and charge us well for this ‘wisdom’ then they have overstepped the mark.
• Sometimes you will find some construction was done before your time but was not council approved and you can be ordered to demolish this structure. It is easy for a bureaucrat with little concept of a practical world and so engrossed in their power they rarely see a commonsense approach to these ‘problems’.
• Local Governments in their wisdom have created large ordinance arms to hunt out parking fines and penalties. Again did the community ask for this sort of behaviour considering they should be working for us?
• We repeatedly see bureaucrats completely ignore the concerns of the community with respect to some developments and the introduction of parking meters to name a few. Who are these bureaucrats serving?
• We see very highly paid council operatives allowing their workforce to grow in size, which are renowned for poor productivity and efficiency.
It is always easy when revenue comes from the community forced to pay excessive council rates and if they default can be forced to sell their property.

- The blatant squander of revenue on low priority projects is indicative of impractical people very highly paid who basically do not care. Again who in the community sanctioned salary packages in excess of $300,000 dollars for some of these bureaucrats?

- We saw even in Russia, Gorbachev taking on the bureaucrats, who were controlling the economy, because they had practically destroyed it with behaviour little different to the above. But they resisted being reformed because their power would be eroded.

- We saw in post war England, the bureaucrats controlling the rationing of food prolong its existence because they feared they would lose their power over the community.

- Some bureaucrats need power to compensate for inadequacies in their personalities and can also apply this power with moral injustice against those they may even resent.

- Bureaucrats prevented a television comedy using a skit incorporating a chook raffle because it contravened a regulation. Now we know the time has come to diminish their influence in the real world.

- I believe many of these individuals lack a degree of moral values and social conscience and worst of all lack the qualities to be able to distinguish between what works for society and what doesn’t.

- Technocrats can even damage a country’s security. We have in the US an intelligence industry with little communication between the numerous agencies. Failing to pass on vital intelligence between themselves fearing another may receive more recognition than them. This is typical of a mentality that is more self serving and failing to see the greater good for society, which requires a unified approach, especially in this case to defeat a perceived enemy.

- We have the Technocrats in the US agencies dealing with the Alien presence maintaining a stance that the general public must be cocooned from this reality. This maintains a sense of power over society – HOW DISSOLUSIONAL.

- Lack of experience by many University graduates such as engineers leads to major differences in solutions to the same problem, causing substantial development cost blow outs and even worse incorrect advice which can lead to some catastrophic failure.

- Over the last 50 odd years we have seen many Technocrats becoming involved in businesses where many have no real experience in. They can only see the bottom line in most cases. If they understand people and how the practical side really worked, then the bottom line could have been far greater.

- Bureaucrats can prevent elderly grandparents from caring for their grandchildren. Who gave the bureaucrats the right to breakup family members caring for each other? This is a good example of lack of understanding of the importance of genetic bonding and failure to respect the role of ageing members of our community. Maybe it is the sense of power that drives them knowing they can control the lives of others.
• Can use the art of technicality to complicate something that should be simple.
• The legal system contains some passing judgement in areas where they have no experience or understanding.
• How can you put a technocrat in control of vast revenues when they have little experience or worse commonsense in dispensing it wisely? They tend to look at more cosmetic projects than maintenance or urgent projects.

COMMENTS
• You will find many handling other people’s money cannot even look after their own, so how do you expect good outcomes for the community.
• Why do some bureaucrats have no problem squandering revenue and accumulating enormous budget deficits? Why should they? The tax payer will always foot the bill.
• Excessive paper work expends large amounts of energy, time and money, leaving little to actually do the activity.
• You leave certain types of bureaucrats unsupervised and they will gradually create a power base to shore up their position using the revenue stream from the taxpayer.
• Some bureaucrats and their equivalents in the corporate world create the illusion their impact is so important an organisation will not function without them.
• When things finally crash and burn what will the bureaucrats do then?
• Simple practical and cost effective solutions come from those with a balance of practicality and technical knowledge.
• We are in the middle of a recession but some bureaucrats feel we must follow a path of unreasonable compliance with fees and charges.
• Most technocrats would struggle building an outhouse but are controlling at times arrogantly and with intimidation those who can truly achieve.
• Development confidence has been erode d by a constant need to satisfy bureaucrats and their whims.
• I see contempt by some bureaucrats towards the general community and in particular those of different ethnicity.
• When the community is in fear from rising taxes, council rates, parking fines, fees and charges and fines for some ordinance violation, then we are well on the way to having a truly oppressed society.
• I believe there is resentment by some bureaucrats of individuals who can achieve.
• How can some bureaucrats sleep at night knowing they are damaging ordinary people in the community from some misguided action? Some bureaucrats may not consider taking bribes but those who do at least allow things to happen. Whilst others oppress the community and stifle progress where their will be no winners.
• Those bureaucrats who are damaging society should reconsider. They are helping to create a society even they and their families will find oppressive.
- There are many thousands of laws created by bureaucrats impacting on the community. The arrogance of some bureaucrats fails to see these only help stress society. One day down the track later societies will look at this time as a dark period in our history.

- It is not uncommon where a so called professional such as an engineer or an accountant can make unforgivable errors placing their clients at the mercy of the authorities, who then see opportunity to target the innocent client for financial gain or persecution. What sort of society have we become!

- Some bureaucrats must always be strictly controlled. If not read the papers and watch the electronic media, that will confirm their excesses.

- Can exaggerate significantly so called problems to pump up their importance.

**How do we fix the problems of the Technocrats?**

- It must come from our leadership! Once we start to vote in individuals who have succeeded in the practical business world. They will see the need to encourage people more like themselves to infiltrate all levels of government and the business world.

  Good leaders will also see the need to
  - Reduce overregulation.
  - Reduce the influence of the legal system.
  - Increase auditing at all levels of Government spending.

- Those planning to function in the practical world should be encouraged to do part time studies whilst working in the industry of their studies. What we have now are many highly qualified individuals lacking experience making decisions without considering all the variables for a successful practical cost effective solution.

- In local Government encourage individuals who have actually worked in the environment to give guidelines and advice.

- Any Government department dealing with large expensive purchases must have more practical and technical people to give advice on these purchases. This will prevent the large squander especially in armaments purchases which normally prove to be less than successful and very expensive.

- In the business world, start to look more at those who have proven themselves in that industry from both the practical and technical aspect.
CHAPTER 1
MY LIFE EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS

The period was from the mid sixties to the end of the first decade of the 21st Century. My high school years were the first real conscious start of my experiences and observations. I only realised later on that it mirrored what I would find in the adult world, such things as racism, success, failure and leadership in its different forms and the role of learned behaviour.

Many students such as myself came from parents of ethnic origins which I will refer to as the lower group, who in most cases lacked good English speaking skills. The remaining students, which I will refer to as those belonging to the higher group, came mainly from parents of English speaking backgrounds.

What I did find was that racism was alive and well. Many of the higher group tended to treat my group with a degree of contempt and I believe now most of this poor behaviour came directly from the attitudes of their parents and some of us suffered more than others from this abuse. There were some individuals who tried to curry acceptance from the higher group but were wasting their time as this acceptance was only when it suited the higher group.

Also within my group there were a small number from English speaking backgrounds. They tended to have average academic abilities and generally less affluent families. Most of these students displayed no real racism and bonded well with us. When it came to academic grading in the school system it came down to our English ability and this made the segregation complete.

Student activities such as the annual sports carnival required the student body to be divided into four teams. It is also required the election of a captain and vice captain for each team and as we all expected, those elected came from the higher group.

On the day of the carnival neither of the elected individuals fronted up to organise the competitors of one of the teams. The teachers were forced to ask another student to carry out this task. He accepted and from his efforts and organisation, helped win the carnival for his team. On the presentation of the winning trophy his name was called out to accept the trophy but he wasn’t there as he did not consider what he had done was anything special and did not seek the publicity or recognition.

Not long after, the time arrived for the whole student body to elect the school prefects. This student received the most votes which seemed strange, considering he was not from the higher group. I believe looking back now the students must have seen some worthwhile qualities in this individual to overcome his less privileged position in the student body. Some teachers even asked if he was interested in becoming school captain.

He declined because he considered these positions required certain protocols and behaviour which he felt unsuitable and most of all, his ethnic background would have antagonised the racist elements.
True to form the new captains and vice captains of the students came from the higher group. Some of their acceptance speeches indicated what they have ‘achieved’ was some prize or honour.

Granted these leadership positions were only those of a student body, but even then I believed the concept of leadership entailed duty and commitment for the good of those who had elected you. Not some ego driven desire for position, power or recognition.

Leaders as I saw then and more so now, are elected more on their profile, ability to communicate and physical presence and not on values and qualities that would give better outcomes for the masses.

Discipline was strict at school and this was attributable to the headmaster. This school prior to his coming was regarded as one with many social problems and he turned it around. I give him much credit for this outcome.

Physical discipline was not uncommon, I being a recipient on a few occasions. I do not believe it damaged students psychologically. Parents generally supported this physical punishment and they dispensed the same and sometimes this may have been excessive but in the final analysis we did not have the major issues society has now, with rampant bullying and antisocial behaviour. I know the do gooders and civil libertarians will have issues with the physical discipline but I know which society I would prefer to be in.

What I also observed was many from the lower group tended to work reasonably hard to compensate for their less privileged backgrounds and it showed better outcomes in their adult lives, whilst other more gifted students from the upper group in many cases did not find much better outcomes. I believe what I was seeing here was the less pampered and maybe the less gifted became more resilient and developed a greater drive to succeed in later life, which held more challenges than the cocooned environments of school life and family units which tend to create less resilient personalities.

There were also students from more troubled family units who failed to do as well as they could have and this tended to follow through into their adult life. This seems to indicate you need the best possible start to give impetus to succeed in later life.

I remember one particular student who was not doing very well in English and was offered some tuition by a female student. When he fronted up to her parent’s home, he was coldly told to go away by her mother. I guess she was trying to protect her daughter from someone she thought was detrimental to their daughter’s social standing. In the future the daughter did marry into an affluent respected family, which ultimately would have fulfilled their ambitions to see their daughter attain the best social and material outcomes.

Another thing I felt was a truism; one’s personality from young was essentially the same in adult life.
Whenever I met anyone I knew from school in later years their personalities appeared much the same but maybe more magnified.

In the final year of school we were asked to outline our achievements to date, so references could be given for our future employment. Remember the individual from the earlier discussion with the school sports carnival; he did not outline any of his so-called achievements because he felt it was up to the others to recognise these, not him. His reference ended up being so disappointing he was too embarrassed to show it to anyone. He did meet the writer many years later at a school reunion all was forgotten by the former student but he was given the cold shoulder and just walked away. One wonders what justified this poor behaviour by a man well into his nineties. I feel now that there was a strong resentment maybe coloured by racism.

During my high school years all my weekends and holidays were spent at the family takeaway. At first I was less than happy with this situation but in time it became acceptable which in later life it did help me in the sense it taught me discipline and responsibility. I had to deal with customers, remember orders and give change when cash registers did not have the ability to do this function. I believed it helped develop my mental abilities because I was not a particularly gifted individual. It also kept me on the straight and narrow and committed me to a routine, which in later life reaffirmed the life skill of starting and completing tasks, even if you did not like doing them.

On the completion of my schooling I was quite prepared to go into the business with my father but he did not offer any opportunity so I took up a metallurgy traineeship at the local steelworks. The steelworks at that time had an enormous workforce and I also discovered later much of the plant was outdated but still quite productive.

During my training I was sent to many of these plants and what really impressed me was the personalities and camaraderie of many of the older workers who in the main grew up during the depression and war years. I was very fortunate to see this very positive side of humanity which effectively vanished in the early eighties from the developing ruthlessness of management. My boss at the time described the exponents of this type of management as having computers for hearts. He was so right!

I did manage to build up a level of financial security during my traineeship, though wages were relatively low. I managed to purchase a house, new car and block of land and had paid them all off soon after finishing my traineeship. Most things were in reach of ordinary people and during this period my parents gave me the opportunity to save. My father in particular helped me in the repairs and maintenance of this house.

At the time I did not appreciate what my parents had done for me. My father had passed on some time ago and I believe I never really thanked him for all his efforts but I know he is still with me guiding me along and I will eventually meet him in the spirit world when my time is up.
My upbringing was in an environment alien to present day society. Social activity was limited, and night life shut down about midnight. If you did not do drugs, smoke or alcohol you had the ability to save, if you had been shown how to. The cost of living, land and housing was well within the reach of ordinary individuals and gambling was less entrenched.

I can go on and on, I think most people get the picture. I believe these conditions could have been maintained but insufficient leadership by our politicians slowly but surely destroyed opportunity, as I will outline throughout this book.

Soon after finishing my Traineeship I decided it was time to find a partner to compliment me. My conceit thinking I was a reasonable catch prevented me pursuing certain girls who would have best suited my personality. These girls normally were more reserved and needed some effort to woo them. I lost my way and ended up marrying someone else. This union produced a girl and a boy. During this period after much effort, I managed to construct a family home.

The steelworks environment had changed significantly and I saw little future in staying there. I saw a need to do more with my life and a more practical environment could be more fulfilling. So I took voluntary redundancy, left and found employment as a laborer in a concreting company.

Some thought this was a backward step from where I'd come from, but sometimes we need to go backwards to go forwards. I had aspirations in becoming a concreter and hopefully start a small business sometime in the future.

One project I was working on at the time was the construction of a new building for local government. I used to witness high level council operatives, one in particular checking progress. Not once did he ever acknowledge our existence. I believe this arrogance and lack of humanity for others helped contribute to this council’s systematic problems which led to it going into forced administration many years later.

Soon after I decided to leave this employment and managed to sidetrack myself into several different ventures. Eventually ending up becoming a concreter and formed a small business to allow myself to do concrete construction, mainly in the domestic market.

Unfortunately about the same time my marriage unraveled. I take full responsibility for its demise by marrying someone who did not share my philosophy, that to succeed and obtain a level of security means short term sacrifice for the long term benefits of financial security. What I had noticed with many people, they love the by products of much effort by others but fail to appreciate the sacrifices required to achieve these. Before I knew it, all the family accounts were drained of funds leaving me almost penniless and to compound this I found myself in the family law court trying to save something from this mess I got myself into. It was the first experience of the legal system and I was described essentially as a self serving individual who had amassed large amounts of cash and hidden it away.
Where was the evidence for this? There was none. I was just an individual of ethnic origins in a small business who did not appear to have received a very good outcome from the system.

Somehow my legal representation did not work in my interests either. My solicitor did not bother to even turn up. It was left up to my barrister who had little or no briefing to defend me. It appeared I was being served up as a victim and in the end result; I lost nearly all my assets and was forced to pay my ex-wife $52,000 on top. I was very lucky they left me an industrial block of land which was not worth much at the time but was now heavily mortgaged after getting a loan to pay my ex wife out. At the end of the day I knew my children would somehow benefit financially from my misfortune. I was concerned about the proper raising of my children and in hindsight these concerns were justified.

Fortunately my parents took me in, but before I had the chance to pick up my personal belongings my ex-wife had shoved them into a taxi in black plastic bags and sent them to my new address and of course I had to pay the fare. Strangely I have no animosity for this individual because that is life and it was my mistake getting involved in the first place.

What really disappointed me is how a system allows so many men to be stripped of most of their assets, many times the woman is the instigator of these proceedings and the man in many cases is forced to pay crippling child support, effectively destroying the men’s capability to rebuild their lives. The damage to the children’s development in most cases can never to be justified. Moral justice or social conscience does not appear to play any real role in the way society has evolved.

I joined the singles scene and met many divorced men and women, most trying to rebuild their lives, most looking for new partners. The females generally wanted a good man but the problem was most men had become disillusioned by the breakdown of their previous relationships and subsequently ruined financially by the system and therefore a little mercenary with women. Many women become used and abused in the process.

The singles scene I found after a period of time was becoming a little depressing. If you just wanted to indulge yourself in a superficial way it was okay in the short term, but it did not create stability in your life. The selection of partners tended to follow the usual procedure such as

- First was physical attraction
- Their financial security
- and a distant last, positive compatibility

I did not follow this procedure, I stressed positive compatibility as the main reason to develop a relationship and eventually someone came my way. She has been with me for approximately fifteen years, though at times I do stress her with my focus and determination to achieve and the need to right moral injustices.
She maintains I have changed, although I believe I am the same person but the environments have allowed me to experience many things which have culminated in the publishing of this book. That is my journey.

The building industry had been reasonably good to me but I saw this was changing in the last few years. Increasing consumer debt, escalating land and house prices and cost of living saw a decline in the building industry in particular. I felt it would reach the point of no return. Of all the predictions I have made, this turned out right but even worse than I had imagined.

To compound the problems in the building industry, the quality of the concrete had deteriorated. The obsessive need by some of the concrete suppliers to increase their profits by adding this and taking out that, has caused cracking of concrete. I on several occasions was forced to remove jobs because of this. The suppliers just blame us for the problems knowing we generally haven’t the financial resources to legally find justice.

I believe the building industry will stay depressed for a very long time. There will be nothing that will significantly change to reverse this slump.

− General debt will be much the same for most people
− Wages will stay much the same
− Cost of houses and land will only go further up
− Cost of living is always going up

So how is the slump going to be reversed?
I decided to try other ventures; first of all a business with someone who I discovered soon after to be the classic conman and here I lost out as expected. The second was with someone from the XY Generation with particular skills. He was so grateful for the opportunity which I completely financed. But I discovered the hard way that he lacked the motivation and resilience to see it through.

To top it off, when the last remaining equipment for this venture was sold off, I did not receive the proceeds. All that was received was a heap of excuses. The problem for him the truth eventually comes out and I was very disappointed, not with the loss of the money but the poor behaviour of an individual given a golden opportunity and failing to run with it.

My last attempt was to team up with someone who once had a very lucrative company but lost the lot from alcoholism, gambling and lack of control of this business. We tried to make it work but a combination of the downturn in the building industry and poor reputation of this individual prevented us from obtaining work and so it failed.

Some might say why did I bother but I believed if just one of these ventures succeeded we all would have benefited. Maybe I was a little naïve and too trusting of people, especially when my money was involved.
But that was my journey and this book essentially grew from my experiences with this motley lot and others I met along the way. I believe none of the individuals I dealt with had found any subsequent success. These individuals lack the qualities of commitment, motivation and possibly the integrity which is needed to achieve real success.

So I stuck with concreting which now only pays the bills. Most of which are government rates and taxes which are going up all the time as the government and bureaucrats become even more squandering of our tax revenues. Fortunately what I had saved from working I poured into building a warehouse to support my future retirement.

Because a potential tenant was showing some interest in the warehouse, I expedited the connection to the government infrastructure. This necessitated the need to use agents of the utilities. They were from the private sector that was the go between the consumer and these utilities. These agents I had discovered were financially mercenary and played on my ignorance of the rules and regulations, to charge me for supposed services which invoices were not even supplied. One even overstated the amount of work they had done, which I later confirmed from the actual authority that was not the case. Due to my desperation to finish this warehouse I tolerated this poor behaviour.

When the utilities controlled all aspects by connection to their infrastructure there was transparency and consistency in costs for connections. But the decay of the utilities supposed ‘reforming’ of the system has caused.

- Isolation of the utilities from society.
- Possible exploitation of the consumers by the agents.
- Increased fees and charges.

We repeatedly hear of politicians talk about productivity needs to increase for our survival. Productivity to occur needs less rules and regulations in the development of projects but it has gone in the opposite direction.

During the completion of this warehouse I commissioned an engineer to design another warehouse for the rear of the property. I received the plans and paid for them in full. Soon after another potential tenant came on board requiring the whole property but needed a semi-truck turning area. The rear of the property was more than wide enough but needed a hard surface. I contacted the engineer, told him the situation and he said just go ahead with the construction of the building slab and put in a Development Application (DA) when I decide to build the warehouse.

On this advice I commenced this slab constructing it over a period of seven (7) months as per engineer’s specifications and inspections. Everything was going well until the last pour when council ordinance officers fronted up claiming what I had done was a major contravention of council ordinances. I fronted the engineer but did not receive any satisfactory explanation why I was not given the right advice.
My disappointment with this unnecessary problem caused me to commission another engineer to put a DA in for this slab. I was told it should be able to pass this slab with some minor modifications.

Then the council summoned me to court citing what I had done was a major contravention of local government policy. I was forced to seek legal representation. My situation was very serious. It was recommended that I plead guilty to limit significant financial losses because my guilt was essentially cut and dried. I decided to give a report to this council of the extenuating circumstances that placed me in this situation. I heard no reply so I contacted the General Manager and the reply was essentially we will see you in court.

In the meantime this council considered the DA supplied was not comprehensive enough so a meeting with those concerned basically summed it all up as ‘mission impossible’ to pass this slab. I was stunned by the very negative unhelpful attitude, so I decided to involve the engineer who put me in this mess, to try and fix the problem. He said he will do the necessary work to get it passed. After some delays he rang me claiming the solution was to be handed into the relevant department.

Now came the day of my sentencing for the ‘crime’. They even gave me a special sitting. It was stated that the council will be the beneficiary of the penalties. I knew straight away that I was in serious trouble.

The ‘evidence’ and the ‘facts’ were basically as follows according to the legal system.

- I had contravened council regulations
- I was a rogue developer who just went ahead and constructed this slab without consideration for anyone including the local authorities.
- This was a ‘rushed job’ to satisfy my greed for profit.
- Even the offending engineer who was sight unseen was considered a victim of my rogue actions.

My legal representation meekly sat through all this and I was not allowed to speak, although I don’t believe it would have made any difference.

This whole sorry episode mirrored pretty much what also happened in the family law court. If I was allowed to speak, I would have said “Why would a general nobody like myself spend well in excess of $100,000 borrowed off family members, to construct this slab when simpler solutions would have sufficed?” “To place myself in this totally destructive situation my crime was to naively take the incorrect advice of a so called professional engineer dealing with council on a regular basis”.

The end result of my ‘crime’ was my one man company was fined $30,000 and me personally another $30,000, which I was very lucky to obtain a loan to pay this council and I even had to pay for their legal team.
Now it gets even worse. The offending engineer was contacted on the progress of the DA. He claimed he did not put it into council because it would not pass. He just walked away from the mess and stated trying to sue him would be a waste of time. I assume he prepared himself for this eventuality so he just strung me out, probably to give him time to sort out how he was to protect his assets.

The potential tenant had also put in a DA earlier on to pass this slab for truck movements. By the time this council had finished with them it was not possible to bring a garbage truck on site. The potential tenant walked away amazed by the obstructive behaviour of this council. If this approach was applied to the industrial estate nearly all sites would be shut down, because most are totally unsuitable even for average sized trucks.

Not surprisingly during this period many local factory owners and businesses were targeted by council ordinance and many suffered infringements with substantial fines but they feared taking any action against this council’s oppressive behaviour in case of further retribution.

Now I will look at this slab and its impact on the community.

- It was constructed as per an engineer’s specifications and was sound.
- There was no pollution or destruction to the surrounding area.
- What was the ‘environmental impact’? This slab is halfway down a hill, the upper property is up to 3 meters above mine and the lower properties are approximately 4 meters below my slab. So will it somehow ‘flood’ the hill and impact local properties? I hardly think so. By the time flood waters reached my slab, nearly all the city will be well under water.
- There exists a massive water course through the middle of my property which only functions during rain periods. I cleared the overgrowth and lined the water course with concrete to keep it permanently clean.
- The council in bygone days used to clean it but they have been sight unseen for many years whilst further upstream the water course is choked with rubbish and overgrown. There also exists a single storm water pipe servicing the whole area that is significantly blocked. So what I had done had improved the environment to maintain good water flow free of overgrowth.

This is the part that is difficult to understand. Just 60 metres down from my slab, a warehouse was allowed to be constructed recently, encroaching almost into the water course which was okay.

Before I knew it, this council sent me a demolition order threatening five figure fines per day, if it was not removed. I had enough of these injustices so I wrote a comprehensive report outlining what this council had done to me. Copies were given to the councils General Manager and to his ordinance arm. I received no reply. Then I gave a copy to the local news media, which ran with the story but only looked at part of the problem. I also decided to picket the council building.
I was alone although many others supported the need for action, because they too had or are presently being unjustly targeted and felt they may be further targeted for retribution, if they were seen there supporting me. My stand did confirm there was also enormous resentment of this council by the general public but considered it would not be easy to change things. Anyhow this council sent out representatives the following morning to call me in for a meeting.

I believe their only real concern with my stand if continued, the media could take it much further and worse publicity would be heaped on this council. It was already in administration for alleged corruption with developers and not surprisingly only those of ethnic origins were charged, except for a low level council operative who allegedly was sleeping with some of the developers. I leave others to make sense of all this.

After some discussion with council operatives I asked for the opportunity to get another engineer to resolve the DA issue. They accepted this request. In my search for an engineer, I had discovered there are very few engineers capable of addressing the voluminous information and subsequently very expensive approach required by this council. Their two dimensional approach requires tens of thousands of dollars to accomplish, which if they used the three dimensional approach it would suffice such as council go to the site and actually see what is there and use some analysis to show the massive water course is capable of handling the ‘biblical floods’.

Finally I found an engineer capable of doing this work and he also being of non ethnic origins should also give me a better chance of getting a positive result that would satisfy this council’s ‘concerns’.

AFTER A VERY LENGTHY PERIOD OF TIME AND AT GREAT COST, IT TRANSPRIRED THE SLAB WAS OK AND IT WOULD NOT FLOOD THE HILL ALTHOUGH THE ENORMOUS WATER COURSE NEEDED SOME MODIFICATIONS.

THIS I PREDICTED WOULD BE THE CASE, SO WHY DID ‘MR MISSION IMPOSSIBLE’ FEEL THERE WAS NO SOLUTION FOR ME? AND WHY DID THIS COUNCIL FEEL SO OBSESSED THAT TO REMOVE THIS SLAB WAS THE ONLY SOLUTION?

So what did this council achieve and what were its general effects on the community?

- Almost effectively financially ruined me, so far it has cost me in excess of ¼ million dollars.
- Prevented further development on my part from the great losses incurred.
- This only stifled more business activity in the community from loss in building another warehouse and possible housing of another business.
- It showed the community, a victim placed in some contravention of a ‘law against humanity’ by flawed professional advice, can be destroyed by a regime which would not be too out of place with the oppressive regimes from the first half of the 20th century.
Council’s very substantial financial benefit in fines could never be justified in a society where moral justice and social conscience should have sway.

We the community are forced to pay very substantial council rates and in my case in excess of $7,000 for the warehouse site. FOR WHAT!

A very highly paid council operative has forewarned of possible rate rises of up to 300%. This will see the demise of many house holders lacking income to pay these rates.

Soon after they claimed there was a maintenance budget black hole of around 200 million dollars. This could be the future trigger to justify substantial rate rises

Very substantial increases in outdoor workforce and vast squandering of revenue on many ‘cosmetic’ type projects.

To compound the grief, this council has targeted business for substantial fines for contravention of some ordinance, fees and charges and obstruction of development in the community.

I believe I have only exposed a small part of the problems of this local council. We as a community are in serious trouble unless we confront this small element orchestrating this oppression on the community.

What this element fails to realise historically, all oppressive regimes small or large are destroyed one way or another by the righteous. So I leave it to them to see their final outcome.

Most of the problems in society come directly from the type of leadership we keep electing that allows

- Bureaucracies to oppress society.
- Big business to flourish from the banks to the supermarkets.
- Allowing us to get involved into pointless conflicts around the world which only makes us targets for extreme elements whilst squandering lives and revenue.
- General squander of revenue leaving little to address shortfalls in many areas such as health, roads and education.
- Substance abuses and gambling, when they should be eliminated or at least reduced from society.
- State governments to exist when they are squandering vast amounts of revenue to run themselves. They also squander vast amounts on poorly conceived projects and outcomes and fail to work in the interests of society.

These problems are only the tip of the iceberg

Poor leadership tends to grandstand and focus on small issues whilst ignoring the real problems. For example; the obsession recently is to rank schools on their performance. So instead of fixing problems they go off on a tangent to highlight of the results of their poor leadership. The public system suffers enormously from poor discipline and education methods and worst of all seriously under funded compared to the insane amounts given to the private schools.
We seem to elect a type of leader based more on their rhetoric and what we want to hear. The party machines orchestrate the whole process and we end up with poor outcomes for the masses. A real leader will focus on what is best for the masses. Many of the leaders from the first half of the 20th Century had qualities that helped the masses. Now you need to find those who share these qualities because only they will work for us.

Nearing my sixties I see it as the final stages to finding financial security and stability in my life. When reflecting on all the trials and tribulations I have discovered the gains and losses financial and social did not really matter. The journey and what has been gained from the experiences seems to be what is really important. I believe if many sat down and really thought about it they may come to the same conclusion. I say if you belonged to the group that exploits and damages your fellow man, it may not be a very pleasant period of your life when you realise you only achieved giving misery to others.

Finally if you want to find harmony in your life and you are a reasonable and fair person, steer well clear of most of society because you will attract less evolved souls. In my case without them I would not have been able to write this book with real conviction. Because one needs the bad experiences to really know and based on this, I can forewarn and hopefully help people to confront and not become the stepping stone for these undesirables.
CHAPTER 2
RELATIONSHIPS

Chemistry is an overused term in the creation of a relationship. This mainly refers to a more physical attraction, with little emphasis on compatibility which invariably becomes obvious in time.

The purpose of relationships and all life is to decide who you really are, not to have another complete you, but to share with another your completeness. You must be selfish and must have your own life in order to co-exist with others.

My father’s generation, pre-baby boomers, the men in most cases were the head of the family. The women played the role of raising the children. I believe women were the more important part of the relationship. They instilled many qualities necessary for the child’s development, whilst the father was more the disciplinarian and the bread winner.

The baby boomer generation has seen a marked decay in stable relationships. Much of this was fuelled by the liberation of many women in the early seventies, the proliferation of substance abuse and poor leadership, fueling many dysfunctional relationships. The by product of all this is children growing up with little or no proper parenting. Many of the children have grown into adults with qualities not conducive to developing good stable relationships. This problem will keep perpetuating unless there is a radical change of mentality.

The following is a breakdown of most types of relationships;

1. In the ideal relationship there is a degree of physical attraction with a significant amount of compatibility in personality. Both partners generally have similar goals, communicate and show a genuine united front when dealing with their children and the outside world. Both partners should live their own lives and neither partner should dictate to the other on how to conduct their lives.

2. Drug and alcohol damaged relationships, are becoming more common. Either one or both partners are affected by substance abuse and it generally leads to a dysfunctional family unit. Domestic violence and poor parenting is generally the end result.

3. When one partner chooses another, substantially on the basis that they will be a good provider, not so much on compatibility. This is more a union of convenience and may not lead to a long term stable relationship.

4. In relationships where one partner controls another physically or emotionally, the submissive partner normally has a poor quality of life. Sometimes down the track that partner may rebel and leave this one sided partnership.

5. Relationships where one or both are obsessed by the need to be materially or socially better than others, generally they can live beyond their means and may not nurture a genuine stable relationship based on family values such as love or compromise. Their focus is more on a being better than someone else which leaves little for building a strong relationship.
6. When one partner or both may feel their physical beauty is their greatest asset, this asset will fade with the passing of time. Then if that is all there is then do not expect the union to last.

7. If one or both partners are too full on, romance can easily mask lack of compatibility. In time the mystery of a new partner fades away and little is left.

8. If one or both partners are full on sexually, it will rarely last, when they realise that sex alone means very little in a stable relationship.

9. When a motivated individual forms a relationship with a less motivated individual, it may not fare very well. Even though the less motivated may appreciate the better quality of life, resentment can develop from:
   - Not spending enough quality time with the other partner
   - Resentment of the other partner's abilities and drive, causing them a sense of insecurity sometimes fueled by outside influences envious of their financial security

10. Relationships in name only, can exist between partners who are only there for the material lifestyle and little else. They may have other interests which generally do not involve each other.

11. Many relationships in time can become brother, sister types where the lust has gone. If there is still a bond based on love do not move on, as many do and find where they have gone is generally a lot worse.

12. This is generally the worst type of relationship. The one between a much older partner and a much younger one based on
   - Wealth
   - Opportunity

  The older partner will only deteriorate further physically. The younger one will find you’re far less desirable and invariably move on leaving you alone and will generally relieve you of much of your assets.

**Why so many relationships have failed or are failing.**

- The feminist movement in the late sixties grew very strong and encouraged less compromise. This extreme was no better than male chauvinism, with many finding out the grass was not greener on the other side. Recently there have been rumblings by some women claiming was it really worth it? The collateral damage of many children with behavioural problems and stressed out lifestyles having to work to maintain some independence is a common unhappy result.

- Stigma of divorce was watered down by a society becoming more liberated aided by exposure to some television shows, showing the virtues of independence and so called freedom.

- Governments not encouraging the family unit and gave license to the legal system to get really involved. Some might think it also serves as a strong source of revenue for lawyers. By the time many of these relationships dissolved the main winners were the spouse and the legal system.
Many children developed behavioural problems due in the main from poor parenting which created even more strain on the family unit. There is less contact with older more mature people who could give some stability. Financial debt has become the norm, bringing much stress to the relationships. Loss of face to face contact by partners, who have become overcommitted to working to maintain lifestyles they can ill afford. Poor upbringing where moral values and life skills were not taught or reinforced. Substance abuses such as drugs and alcohol have created big inroads into society causing major social problems. Government policy allowing proliferation of all night drinking venues and such with little consideration to the social impacts, creating environments not conducive to creating stable relationships. Escalation of gambling by Government policy placing financial strain on relationships. I believe post natal depression plays a big role in many failed relationships, most commonly after the second child is born. If the families from both sides and the health system united to ease this problem, it could only benefit everybody.

**How to help create a stable relationship and things to look out for.**

- We could develop questionnaires where both partners can outline their personalities, answering such questions as:
  - What goals do you aspire to?
  - What are your likes and dislikes?
  - What is your family background?

The questions must be answered honestly and can give some guide for possible compatibility. Do not commit to a relationship till you get to know each other a lot better. Too many start off with the sex and companionship and end up realising that without significant compatibility the relationship ends quickly or it becomes a dysfunctional one if they remain together. I know the romantics may feel this approach maybe a little clinical but it could reduce the number of failed relationships.

- Steer clear of people who can derail your relationship such as:
  - Those having dysfunctional lifestyles
  - Those maybe envious of your relationship
  - Those that interfere.

- A good indication of the type of company your partner mixes with will tell you what sort of personality your partner has. If they appear problematical then more than likely your partner is little better.

- If you see problems early on you know in time they will magnify and become worse. Because people tend to hold back early in a relationship and show more of their real personality as time goes on.
Proper government leadership can

- Re-establishing the family unit as a priority; introducing programs, guidelines and education to promote it.
- Reduce the lucrative benefits to single mothers producing children with many different fathers. Noting there was one case in mind seven children born to seven different fathers.
- Reduce the vast squander of tax payer revenue. So more revenue available to reduce the oppressive revenue gouging, selling off public assets and services including the crippling road tolls. Taxes could also be reduced in the process and reduce the financial stress on society.
- Encourage decentralisation and increase the supply of land for building. We have plenty of it! Cut the taxes on this land development and thus reduce the cost of land to encourage more home ownership.
- Encourage more counseling of failing relationships.
- Encourage education of the young of the need to emphasis compatibility as the most important aspect of a relationship. Parents can also become involved in this education.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- If you plan to achieve something above the normal, steer clear of those who lack motivation and the desire to achieve.
- When a male strays from their partner, it is normally only sexually motivated. Rarely would a man leave his partner if there is a reasonable level of stability. Men are men, and I am not condoning infidelity but that is the way it is.
- When a female strays from a relationship, they are either promiscuous or looking for love. That is all okay, but sadly the children suffer losing one of their parents.
- I do not condone domestic violence but when a wayward partner sets out consciously or unconsciously to destroy a relationship with infidelity, financial ruin or substance abuse, then some individuals may snap, especially when they see that the children will suffer ultimately.
- When a partner leaves another and uses the line ‘I need time to sort out my life’ can be translated as I’m seeing someone else or in the process of finding someone else. Just move on, even if they come back they will go again when the conditions are right.
- What is the fascination by some physically attractive women for men with characters involved in the drug scene? Most are physically and mentally on the lower rungs of the ladder.
- Young females tend to have a disposition towards more physically endowed males with little else. Most of this obsession goes as they move into their mid twenties and finally realise the male had not that much to offer.
- If you need to conform to certain behaviors and expectations to please another and if it does not best serve your personality expect that the relationship will eventually end in ruins.
• You will find your ex partner can easily turn your children against you using a form of brainwashing which will benefit no one in the end.

• Whenever you hear the reasons for a breakup of a relationship by the individual partners, there nearly always appears to be a wide discrepancy of the reasons by the ex-partners. At least one of them is lying, so it pays not to get too involved.

• If you want to hear real moral injustice then listen to the lies of a partner in deep pursuit of the assets of the other. The legal system can support these actions especially if they get a good slice of the cake.

• There is a ridiculous situation where a person can move into someone’s dwelling under the auspices of being in a relationship and after a relative short stay can lay claim to part of these assets.

• Some people believe having many liaisons with the opposite sex makes you somehow wiser in choosing the right one in the end but I believe there is no merit in that logic.
  - If you know your partner has had an army of different partners you may be less inclined to show too much loyalty.
  - When things become a little strained in these relationships, you’re more likely to dissolve it due to having done it many times before.
  - Having one partner for those who have had many before, can become dull and boring so infidelity is likely to occur especially if compatibility is not in abundance.

• When a partner has done very little in the other partner’s success they can easily take the lion’s share of the assets, because they were there. The excuse conjured by the legal system is the partner somehow gave them the ‘environment’ to allow the other partner to prosper. I believe in most cases it is more the contrary. Essentially moral justice plays little role in this just the greed of the less capable and the high fees of the legal eagle.

• If someone with children remarries or forms a new relationship especially in later life, they normally leave their assets to that partner when they pass on. Their children may not receive anything. When the surviving partner passes on those assets normally go to their family. Where is the justice in this? I blame the first deceased partner giving little consideration to his own family.

• Family Law Court has normally a huge backlog causing major delays. This allows the combatants more time to stress each other out and give the more mercenary one a greater slice of the cake.

• The mentality of having the perfect wedding day does not normally reflect the subsequent journey. I know many will say why kill the dream, but sadly the reality is most relationships end in disaster even when couples don’t divorce. So why waste so much money on the perfect wedding. It could be better used to start the relationship.

• Many relationships seem to fail after the birth of children, particularly the second child. I believe post natal depression plays a significant role. Input from authorities and both families can aid in counseling both parties in maintaining the relationship.
• One does not have to be ‘Einstein’ to see the frivolous and degrading behaviour of many individuals in the late night life environment.

• Drinking to intoxication and promiscuous behaviour does not tend to create a mentality for stable long term relationships.

• When many relationships crash and burn most will end up in a worse relationship but become more compromising.

• High maintenance partners tend to suffer from the following
  - High need for money and possessions
  - Require much attention or adulation
  - Petulant behaviour if the above points are not addressed

CONCLUSION

Prevention of ill conceived relationships is the key to creating a better society. Educating children in the concept of compatibility can become a priority in early life, in conjunction with being taught moral values and life skills. This can help them to understand they will be better off suited to some sharing the same values.

In adult life one’s personality can be outlined in some form to allow comparisons with potential partners and obviously a degree of physical attraction is also important. I know some romantics may feel this process is too clinical, but I believe a proper lasting relationship has more chance of occurring from compatible partners.

The hit and miss technique generally used causes so much damage and unhappiness. Many relationships dissolve or remain in name only, bringing much disharmony and damaging the children of that relationship.
CHAPTER 3
PARENTING

Parenting essentially shapes the personalities of children, especially in the very early part of their lives. There are some genetic influences, such as the degree of intellect but the bulk of the developed personality comes from learned behaviour. My personal observations have shown when parents are firm but loving, there appears to be good outcomes with the personality development of children. The critical years for learning, as far as the personality is concerned starts from approximately 2 years old to roughly 12 years old.

The following strategies can be used by parents who feel they really want their children to develop into good adults. Parents can;

- Encourage reading of non fiction literature, geared for young children emphasising historical figures and events and the influence of the real reality. It is a means of
  - Introducing revered figures who displayed high moral values and social conscience.
  - Gaining knowledge of past events and their causes which can aid in understanding why things happen and maybe prevent repetition of poor outcomes in the present.
  - Understanding of the real reality can reduce the influence of the material world and all its excesses.
  - Introducing philosophy mainly from the early philosophers, to instill many positive qualities in the young. The approach of Plato is simple and direct.
- Limit the use of pre-schools which appear to serve more as child minding centres.
- Encourage older members of the community especially family members who can pass on wisdom from experiences good and bad and to introduce reading and discussion of nonfiction literature with the young. I am not against fiction literature, but I believe there are far more benefits in encouraging non-fiction reading because it is the truth
- Encourage children to perform tasks and ensure they complete them to develop the concepts of discipline and commitment.
- Show unity when dealing with children. Disharmony between parents will only frustrate the child and possibly develop a rebellious or stressed personality.
- Ensure parents are firm but fair and most of all consistent. This will create a similar mentality on the child.
- Reduce the negative influences such as
  - Violent computer games
  - Some internet sites
  - Other children displaying poor behaviour by keeping them a way from your children.
The do’s and don’ts in the development of children.

- Ensure discipline is always maintained. If children are not taught limits they generally will push the boundaries and can continue this into adult life.
- Try and highlight your better qualities and suppress the negative ones because children will tend to mimic your behaviour.
- Reward children with a kind word or a treat if they do something well. This can reinforce the concept that reward comes from good behaviour.
- Encourage outdoor activities such as scouts, girl guides, and organised sports and so on. This can instill discipline, healthy lifestyles, commitment and most of all develop a degree of resilience.
- Put effort into remedial programs in areas where the child may be lacking. Possibly your input and extra tuition can be just enough to prevent them being left behind.
- Maintain complete transparency. If you lie or deceive, the child can develop the same attributes.
- Resist being too generous and overemphasising possessions especially expensive ones which can give them a false idea of the real world. Showing restraint in giving material things can reduce their dependency for the same when they are older.
- Teach children to save money. This is lost on many of the young who are developing the concept that debt is okay. Explain to them debt is okay when it is manageable not when it controls your life as many have found. Which leads to financial stress and poor quality of life.
- Teach children not to be wasteful with money, food, time and energy.
- Teach basic safety procedures such as how to lift correctly, working safely and vigilance.
- Reduce or eliminate processed food and drinks which are known to cause many health issues including obesity.
- Highlight poor behaviors in society to reinforce what would not be in their best interests.
- Be careful not to favour one child over another, because if a child feels they are maybe inferior in some way especially at a young age, insecurities, resentment and low esteem can develop.
- Highlight the issues with all substance abuses. But if you suffer from any it would be a little difficult to reinforce the negatives. Maybe you can refrain from that abuse to set a good example.
- Encourage education in the requirements for good relationships especially for when children become adults. Teach them the concept of compatibility as essential for strong relationships. This can instill more care in selecting friends or partners in later life.
- Ensure poor behaviour is always addressed. By allowing the child to go unpunished this only empowers them to believe poor behaviour is tolerated.
- Introduce practical tasks with a technical side such as air fix and Meccano. This can develop a constructive and practical mind.
Poor parenting can result from

- Breakdown of a relationship which reduces the impact of one of the parents normally the father, thus hampering the development of the child’s personality especially discipline.
- Dysfunctional family units suffering alcohol or drug substance abuse which discourages proper input into teaching good values and life skills.
- Government policies which encourages feral females producing a number of children to different fathers.
- The large number of dysfunctional family units with different partners floating in and out of these relationships tending to encourage physical, mental and sexual abuses. This generally results in children becoming damaged adults.
- Parents allowing their child to run feral in a nocturnal environment with dysfunctional older role models don’t expect big things when they become an adult.
- Not controlling the negative influences from outside sources, they can in time contaminate the behaviour of the child.
- Being obsessed with the material world thus reducing the quality time with the child. So what is the point of having maybe an affluent lifestyle, if your child has developed a dysfunctional personality?

CONCLUSION

Good parenting is the key to producing good children. We the baby boomers have failed them dismally, by not giving them the environment to nurture into good functioning adults.

- They generally suffer from lack of moral values and life skills. This explains why so many young adults suffer from
  - Major debt
  - Wastage of income
  - Lack of parenting skills
  - Poor relationships
  - Poor quality of life
  - Not saving.

THIS PROBLEM WILL TAKE TIME TO FIX. IT MUST START FROM OUR LEADERSHIP WHICH MUST ENCOURAGE THE STABLE FAMILY UNIT BY

- Trying to reduce the debt in family units to allow one partner to service commitments and allow the other to raise the children.
- Reducing the enormous squander of tax payer revenue allowing reduction in taxes and allowing more revenue to go into infrastructure and services.
- Reduce the cost of land to stimulate the building industry to give young adults the opportunity to build without enormous loans, encouraging decentralisation is an option.
- Encouraging the stability of family units by counseling, guidelines and programs emphasising the importance of maintaining strong family units not just for society but for the well being of children.
Discouraging the practice of dysfunctional behaviour found normally in the lower socio economic levels of society where many children are produced with different fathers to the same woman. This is encouraged by very generous Government welfare payments.

- Making efforts to rid society of most of the substance abuses as outlined elsewhere.
- Encouraging television programmes to have more family friendly content.
- Reducing the negative aspects of computer games and internet.
- Encouraging educational programs, emphasising values life skills and most of all the historical figures and events, philosophies and real reality.

I do not believe what I have discussed is unreasonable or unattainable. But have we the will to change things. It has become too easy to float along and do nothing, allowing our children to grow into adults with little chance of having a good quality of life, and worst of all we also have to suffer the anguish of seeing them mess up their lives as a reminder of our shortcomings as adults.
CHAPTER 4

Generations born from the mid-sixties onwards.

The child’s behaviour is essentially learned. The contribution from genetics is mainly the intellect this governs the extent and depth of learning ability. The immediate environment is the main influence in the development of a child’s personality. This comes from the parents influence or lack of it. The child’s personality can be shaped soon after birth to pre-teens, after that it is essentially too late.

The main approaches to a child’s development are;

1. When parents have some involvement, not so much in education that is normally left to preschool and the education system. There is much influence from television, computers, internet and other children. Many children fit these criteria.

2. Children from dysfunctional family units with very little quality input from parents or parent. Schooling same as above but children may suffer from
   - Sexual abuse
   - Physical abuse
   - Mental abuse
   - Verbal abuse

I believe more and more children are coming from these environments.

3. Parents who involve themselves directly in the education of their child complementing the education from outside sources. This direct approach will generally show very positive results, such as accelerated learning abilities. This is effective especially if the child has some inherited intellectual abilities. These can significantly produce adults with enhanced mental prowess. To a large extent parents also reduce the outside influences which in most cases are disruptive and damaging to the child's development.

It is not difficult to see the most successful children are those where parents have invested heavily in their time and effort. Instead most leave children to their own devices and with a society with many negative distractions, has caused many problems for the younger generations.

THE FOLLOWING OUTLINES MANY PROBLEMS WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS AND THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS.

- Selfishness and unreasonably high expectations. Parents giving children too many material possessions, many times, creating financial strain on family budgets. Most children can become desensitised by the flow of generally expensive gifts. This can develop a mentality where -
   - Rewards come with little or no effort.
   - Debt is acceptable to maintain the flow of those possessions.

Most of the time these presents are put aside and rarely appreciated in the long term.
This mentality can flow into adulthood with dire consequences. One only has to look at the mess so many adults get into by not budgeting and squandering incomes with little consideration for long term security.

- Consumption of processed foods especially junk foods and drinks are causing damage to short and long term health of their bodies. Many of these foods are poor in nutrition and some contain many chemical additives. This can contribute to behavioural problems and obesity.
- There is greater availability of addictive drugs which are very potent and can lead to a myriad of mental and physical problems and at the same time wasting income to maintain the flow of these drugs. Dysfunctional parents can directly or indirectly introduce children to drugs.
- Alcohol abuse coupled by Government policy allowing all night drinking venues has created a more violent society with even more mental and physical health issues. Also the waste of income just to be out of your mind does not make a terrible lot of sense. Some parents even encourage alcohol drinking at an early age.
- The advent of mobile phones has caused in the main a drain on income, reduced face to face communication and possible health issues from electromagnetic radiation.
- The proliferation of celebrities with questionable moral values is influencing the young in a negative way. It would be better to find those in the community who truly have qualities worth emulating and at the same time educate the young of the many revered figures who have passed into history who had the qualities worth copying.
- Many problems such as insecurities, anxiety, poor attitude, rebellious behaviour, substance abuse and lack of respect for older people, comes from the breakdown of family units and dysfunctional family units.
- When discipline is not forthcoming from parents, then you get what we have now. Bullying is going to extreme levels and children showing little respect for parents and older people in general. I am not condoning physical abuse but some controlled punishment as we the baby boomers had as children does instill better behaviour.
- If the do-gooders and civil libertarians feel we have ended up with better behaved children using their approach, then I and many others must be seeing something else. Some recent studies are showing results of better behaviour from children that have been physically disciplined.
- Promiscuity has always been around. The breakdown of the family unit, escalation of all night social activities, substance abuse, lack of discipline of children, has made promiscuity more prevalent and can cause the instability of future long term relationships. Because relationships between partners desensitised by having had many short meaningless liaisons in the past only creates a mentality that finds it hard to remain loyal and committed in the future.
• Lack of the following and their reinforcement has lead to the problems we have now.

Moral and Life Skills

- Integrity …… Learning to save
- Wisdom …… Prioritising
- Compassion … Organising
- Humility …… Focusing
- Honesty …… Determination
- Loyalty …… Resilience
- Tolerance …… Manners
- Fairness …… Respect
- Compromise … Planning

• Education for the more average student could be more focused on practical endeavors, comprehension, development using more non-fiction literature at the same time acquiring knowledge of actual people and events. This would be more stimulating and productive than using fiction literature.

• Encouraging growing of fruit and vegetables and raising livestock at school can serve several purposes
  - Putting children in tune with nature
  - Will help in making them more practical.
  - Will encourage them to do the same in adult life which will unfortunately hurt the bottom price line of big business.
  - Revert back to consuming more natural foods.

• Many older children see little future prospects to further themselves due to the expense of housing and cost of living. This can develop the ‘now’ mentality living for the moment with little consideration for the long term.

• Laziness and lack of motivation is generally a result of a pampered upbringing. If children are encouraged to do tasks early in their lives with a reward on completion of that task it can instill a work ethic.

• Another problem with pampered children when opportunities are given to them they tend not to follow them through. The resilience and determination is not normally there.

• Lack of self esteem generally comes from the following-
  - Lack of physical attributes
  - Lack of intelligence
  - Abuses from poor parenting and/or others.

This can lead to-
  - Overeating and obesity
  - Depression
  - Celebrity worship to escape their mundane existence
  - Substance abuse
  - Behavioural problems such as violence.
  - Over emphasising the need for possessions such as name brand clothing.
• If children are given a broader and concentrated education in moral values, life skills and non fiction literature, outlining revered historical figures, historical events and the real reality, it can develop a mentality with less need for the material world with all its short comings and inequality. They can live in society realising that there is much more to life than acquiring acceptance and the obsessive need to compete with others.

• The general breakdown of the family unit, with much of it from outside influences, has damaged the bond between parents and their children. This has created much friction and therefore lack of passing on valuable wisdom from parents; and children not wanting to hear.

• The young in general are obsessed with interaction amongst other young people but what they fail to realise with the passing of time, many of these interactions will go sour and then they will realise parents and other older people, would have been of far more benefit in their stability and their development.

• Continual sleep deprivation from extensive commitments to social activity can only damage the health of those involved could contribute to diabetes, heart problems and depression.

• Lack of a proper father figure for children comes from
  - Broken family units.
  - Dysfunctional family units.
  - Fathers with personality issues.
  - Lack of quality time with fathers too involved in maintaining a lifestyle they can ill afford.

• Our leadership is failing to see the benefit of encouraging strong family units and failing to apply strategies to reduce this problem.

• Children can become more involved in outdoor activities which can instill discipline and helps develop resilience. Such organisation’s include
  - Sports (team generally)
  - Scouts
  - Girl Guides
  - Army Cadets
  - Navy Cadets

Many have programs that commit the participants to start and complete some course or skill

• Children can tend to feel they are almost immortal because old age is so far away. This mentality can make them less cautious with their life living more for the moment and not considering their long term future. I know it may sound morbid but take children to cemeteries containing family members; this may give a perspective of their mortality and possible realisation that life is short and efforts are needed to make the most of it.

• I believe when you treat children like young adults it would be more beneficial.

There are certain practices which could be avoided.
  - Adults behaving in a childlike behaviour for entertainment
  - Delaying the development of more adult behaviour in children.
• Some may not agree but encouraging more maturity in the children can reduce the vulnerability to negative outside influences. If these critics feel maybe this is too drastic think again; are children generally developing into good adults in this present environment? I hardly think so.
• Preschools are essentially an invention to mind children for many parents forced to work to service a lifestyle they can ill afford. The fees alone can substantially erode one income; the real damage is the lack of the interaction of parents with children in the critical early years.
• One mother seven children seven different fathers, this is the tip of the iceberg. Society at all levels should be ashamed it has got to this. The victims, the children, will in most cases become dysfunctional adults propagating the same rubbish.
• When a single parent allows a child from the age of ten to run feral in a nocturnal environment with older children who have dysfunctional behaviour, do not expect the child to develop into a proper functioning adult.
• Saving has become a lost art especially amongst the young. Parents have failed to teach them.
• Encourage children at a very young age to
  - Use construction kits like Meccano which can produce everyday items that can co-ordinate the brain and hands.
  - Use jigsaw puzzles
  - Do any practical endeavour which can co-ordinate the brain and the body.
  - The use of Air fix kits to produce models from aircrafts to the human body as a teaching device.
  - Doing crosswords helps comprehension and spelling.
These sorts of activities can develop a more practical mentality, thus reducing the predominance of impractical people especially in the authorities and management of business.
• Children are not taught enough on how to be wise. A fragmented knowledge on its own is meaningless. Learning how to think in a constructive and organised way is a far better option. Much of this comes from reading non-fiction literature and comprehending the content and creating discussion. The significance of dealing in actual events and people, gives it much more relevance than fiction. Simple programs can be developed along these lines.
• Applying more experimentation and practical examples of the sciences can improve greater understanding.
• Continual reinforcement of acquired knowledge is essential to gain confidence and retention.
• I am not glorifying war, but I believe the young would get great benefit from the knowing the great sacrifices of the combatants from say WW11. The young could get a greater perspective of the enormous hardships and loss and therefore maybe look at life with less frivolity.
• The young in particular have lost such values as manners and respect. Much of this is due to poor parenting and the many negative outside influences. One guarantee I will give the young, if they reach old age, they will not appreciate the lack of these values from the young.
• Sex education for young children as young as five outlining such subjects as same sex relationships, contraception, abortion etc. are they really necessary? Teach children values first and teach them to think before you even consider this type of education.

• Some parents have become so disillusioned by the behaviour of their children and are spending the future inheritance of the children. By reverse mortgaging their homes, charities even encourage parents to contribute to them. This only serves to make the financial position of the young even more difficult in later life.

• Some parents suing others for some injury for non-permanent damage to their children, has only caused the following
  - Enriching those parents
  - Removal of equipment which aid in the physical health of children
  - Reduce the practical side of their education
  - Creating children with diminished resilience to physical adversity

• Children throughout history have suffered bumps, bruises and the odd broken bone. This can aid in the toughening of children for the future rigors of adulthood. We are now ending up with many children ‘wrapped in cotton wool’ with little resilience thus failing to cope with life generally.

• Isn’t it amazing we pamper our children then we suffer their shortcomings as adults? I do not care what the do gooders think, if you don’t take your children to task. Give them proper education to aid them in adult life and all done with compassion, do not expect them all to develop into responsible adults.

• The authorities are in a quandary with the level of violent crime of pre-teenage children. I say just look at all the dysfunctional family units in the main encouraged by Government policy and you will see where most are coming from.

• We have animated shows on television going well beyond adult themes. Some might say that is the way it is. These shows are not even funny. They show demeaning and vulgar behaviour, typical of the worst elements of our present society. We should be encouraging children to see the better side of society, to reinforce this side before they see the ugly side. To make it even worse some junk food corporations sponsor these shows whilst promoting their products. Sadly many family units are dysfunctional and probably fail to see the damage caused by these shows. There is no excuse for the Government failing to address this major problem.

• Computer games displaying violent behaviour does desensitise the young and impressionable and can overflow into their reality.

• The internet accesses sites which can influence and put children in touch with elements of society which see them only as some form of gratification and even some junk food corporations use it to promote their products via some animated programs to target the very young.
• If a child is tormented by an authoritative parent, they can develop resentment which can carry through to adulthood with all authority.

• Incorporating simple philosophy, emphasising many qualities such as moral justice, social conscience and wisdom can only help in the young to develop in a more positive way.

**CONCLUSION**

The younger generations have many problems. The baby boomers are fully responsible for all these problems. We must admit our capability as a parent, which also includes our leadership.

We have damaged them by
- Pampered them reducing their resilience
- Not emphasised moral values and life skills
- Allowed substance abuse to proliferate
- Encouraged the debt mentality as good
- Significantly reduced their options to own a house
- Made the cost of living expensive
- Not encouraging them to think in a constructive way.

There are many more which will make you even more depressed, so I will stop here. We could apply some strategies as outlined in parenting, to roll back the damage to the younger generations.
CHAPTER 5
LOCAL COUNCILS

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1. INTRODUCTION
We are seeing major problems with local councils. A number are already in administration for all manner of reasons, from corruption to incompetence. Many have expanded their outdoor staff that is generally less efficient compared to outside contractors. This contributes to higher revenue expenditure and coupled with doing many projects not crucial in nature, has caused substantial revenue blowouts. This has created a need to increase revenue substantially which has become oppressive and is causing much disharmony in the community. To make matters worse, some councils have also become even more obstructive in their behaviour to development, stifling the local economies.

2. WHAT LOCAL COUNCILS SHOULD BE DOING
- Maintaining local roads.
- Eliminating trip hazards.
- Constructing essential infrastructure.
- Maintaining community facilities such as pools, halls and libraries.
- Keeping drains and creeks clean of debris.
- Maintaining garbage retrieval and disposal.
- Encouraging development, industry and business.

By
(1) Cutting red tape
(2) Reducing the myriad of fees and charges
(3) Reducing the passion for over regulation
(4) Speeding up development applications.
- Building multi storey car parks if they are so genuinely concerned about parking problems in the city area.
- Reduce council outdoor staff, their enormous inventory of vehicles and so on. Use far more outside contractors with proper experienced council supervision with some auditing system to reduce possible corruption or inefficiencies.
- Encourage experienced and practical people to work in council.
- Maintaining infrastructure such as kerb and gutter, drainage and so on.
3. WHAT LOCAL COUNCILS ARE ACTUALLY DOING INCLUDING EXAMPLES OF POOR BEHAVIOUR, POOR PRACTICES AND REVENUE WASTAGE

- Creating a myriad of exorbitant fees and charges for:
  - Development Applications for construction and business occupancy
  - Garbage disposal at council tips
  - Work done on council land (which actually belongs to the people) such as council crossings
  - Pruning or cutting down trees on your property
  - Food inspections
  - Contributions to council coffers by developers for say parks, parking etc. are extreme and only increases the costs to develop and is passed on to society in the end.
  - Causing delays, obstruction, conflicting advice and lack of urgency to help.

- Some have built up ordinance sections to rival small police forces to hunt out parking fines and fines for all types of ‘crimes’ against some council ordinance. Many of these fines appear to come from the creative mind of some bureaucrats.

- Council outside workforce has grown in size significantly at most local councils and workers, fed by ratepayer’s revenue, are rarely as productive as outside contractors. I am very impressed by the number of council workers working weekends maybe there are grassed areas in need of urgent mowing!!

- The incomes of top management are well into six figures which I believe are hard to justify.

- Some councils even having their own businesses in direct opposition to some in the community. Rate payer’s revenue can ensure its success even if they are inefficient compared to those in the real world.

- Our council rates are very substantial and according to some council operatives they will be going up to ‘maintain essential services’. But somehow I see more squander.

- There is an obsession with constructing cycle ways and footpaths using council workers. Once upon a time when times were tough, councils downsized and reduced their squandering on low priority infrastructure. We are now seeing the opposite.

- I have heard the statement by some bureaucrats that they have big challenges ahead concerning development and such. Sounds very much like they are trying to justify their positions or salaries or they have no real comprehension of what needs to be done for things to happen.

Those with good practical experience, knowledge and commonsense will be able to see these ‘problems’ as opportunities for solutions. Too many bureaucrats are stifled by their inertia and little comprehension of the need to focus and deal with development quickly, because investors need this to ensure they make a reasonable profit on their investment.
This approach is applicable to all levels of development. If the community and outside investors feel a council is obstructive, they will not develop or will go elsewhere and then the community loses in the end.

- Bureaucrats that create rules and regulations with heavy penalties up to 1.1 million dollars, is a form of intimidation, control and means of revenue raising. Moral justice and commonsense does not appear to play a significant roles with some of these ‘laws’.
- Also creating much bitterness and animosity against some council is the revenue raising exploits of council parking rangers and compliance operatives.
- Councils are generally controlled by many lacking practical experience, which may not realise most developers are not always flushed with money and need all the help to achieve their project. By being obstructive, only reduces development in the community and economic prosperity
- Now some local council wants to limit the sale of junk food in the community. I agree junk food is not good for the community but what right has a local council have to dictate to us what we can eat. Eventually they will control our lives, this is heading towards complete oppression of the community.
- Highly paid council operatives are warning of up to 300% increase in council rates to maintain ‘essential services’. I guess if that occurs some will need to sell their homes, so even more unnecessary and low priority projects can come to fruition.
- It is immoral to resume properties for council car parks and so on at bargain prices, then down the track reselling to developers for big profits.
- Councils trying to introduce parking meters when the vast majority of shopkeepers and residents are universally against it. I guess those in power have their own agendas.
- There is a passion by some council operatives to have ‘study tours’ and ‘conferences’ normally of five star standards.
- The cost of cycle ways and footpaths are significantly increased by the strange specification of over excavating natural ground and replacing it with road base and then compacting this material before placing concrete. Does this make sense?
- We have some council development which blew out in budget by multi-millions. Some council operative justified it by praising the final product and its joy to a small section of the community, who will benefit. Did they consider the vast majority of the ratepayers who will have to foot the bill?
- Because many councils resist tree clearing around properties, some residents have lost their lives due to
  - Bushfires
  - Falling trees

One resident had the audacity to clear around his house so he was fined very heavily. He did however manage to save his house whilst others did not during the bushfires.
- Council ordering removal of a paddle steamer from a lake drained of water. The council used a ‘jack boot’ approach ordering its removal if not within a very short period, council will remove it at the owner’s cost. Problem the media got involved, then the council backed down and decided to put a fence around it.
- Council tried to force residents to pay very significant amounts for council footpaths in front of their homes poor and rich alike which were never asked for. Surprise, surprise council reversed the decision when media got involved about the same time one council operative received a $50,000 pay rise.
- There are some ‘crimes’ against the council using the ‘legal system’ to obtain big penalties with little consideration for circumstances. Some council operatives will try to say these ‘crimes’ were against the community, but most know better.
- A ramp constructed for the handicapped, at a major pool. Several very major compensation payments to victims injured due to broken tiles on the bottom of the pool. The ramp only serves a very small number but squandering ratepayer’s revenue by not repairing the pool defies all logic.
- Council fined a dog owner on a minor matter. The decision was reversed by the courts, for its injustice, council in a vindictive squandering way is using ratepayer’s money to take it much further. Litigation is great if you can use someone else’s money.
- Critical infrastructure essential for traffic flow was delayed whilst priority was given to building of cycle ways, footpaths and cosmetic enhancing projects.
- There are some councils with very lucrative cash cows such as their own subdivision. But where has the money gone?
- Many children die or are permanently brain damaged each year because of inadequate pool fencing but I guess there is not enough profit in fixing the problem. The ordinance section could do much more to potentially save lives.
- Councils trying to eliminate illegal brothels did not get very far, but like anything that is too hard to fix, walk away and go to the industrial areas and start fining the ‘rich’ factory owners.
- The ordinance from hell like threatening a pensioner with up to 1.1 million dollar fines who had inherited a farm house in the middle of nowhere, not being council approved. There were issues with the new owner, such as some walls not being lined etc. This type of intimidation and dictorial behaviour is better suited to the oppressive regimes of the past.
- The case of the council passing a Development Application for a commercial property with handicap access, then on the final inspection required even more ramps by the council. They insisted an access from another direction also, this unnecessary condition caused-
  - Loss of tenant
  - More expensive fees for council
  - Long delays
  - Expensive ‘rectification’ to comply
  - Great financial cost to the owner
What some councils fail to realise obstructive behaviour only destroys confidence and business incentive when councils behave in this manner.

- A refusal of a Development Application for a new business. A neighboring rival business claimed the new business car park and entry belonged to them. Council operatives did not bother to go to the site to check. Council’s error caused much longer delays for re-advertising and thus financial loss for the owner. The owner suffered other problems which appear systemic, council operatives giving flawed and contradictory advice.

This comes from;

- Lack of experience
- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of commonsense
- Arrogance

- Believe it or not! Local council tried to charge individual local residents many thousands of dollars for a bridge to a subdivision for the rich. The developers refused to pay so the council targeted many pensioners in the mix of ‘victims’.
- Believe it or not! A local council tried to charge local residents individually many tens of thousands of dollars for drainage of a private development.
- Passion by some councils for pavers that tend to move and create trip hazards. If the public perpetuated this type of problem, council retribution would be swift.
- Some councils have allowed trees with vigorous root systems to be planted in front of many residences causing major damage to infrastructure and private property.
- A council approved the building of a supermarket for one of the duopolies. Though there was overwhelming opposition from the general community, this was just ignored. This is just another example where a few, in council for some reason feel they know what is best for their community.
- I will cite the case of our lake. It once had two entrances which flushed out the lake efficiently, but some authority in their wisdom decided to close off one of the entrances. This significantly reduced the proper flushing ability of the lake. Countless millions of dollars has been wasted in dredging and loss of revenue because of the lake’s degradation.

- P.S. Once a vessel was introduced to the lake which proved popular for tourism but there was obstructive behaviour by some sections of the community which made the venture unviable so the vessel left the area altogether.

- We are now seeing a crusade by some councils forcing established businesses in commercial and industrial areas to comply to rules and regulations forcing some to close because of great costs to comply. Most of these requirements are more the whim of some bureaucrat with little or no practical experience.
- We have one council which allowed residents to incorporate unused laneways into their properties and then residents developed this land incorporating paths, shrubberies and so on. Now the council years down the track wants them to pay for this land. This was never the case when it was first given.
WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH WHY TARGET THOSE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE.

COMMENT
I do remember years ago councils downsized during tough times and even tried to encourage new businesses to come to the community, sometimes offering incentives. Now we have a mentality which must exploit and oppress the community. Not much different to regimes that existed in the dim dark ages.

4. WHY HAS THIS HAPPENED?

- The poor selection of councilors that have the following problems.
  - Flawed personalities with extreme views, some negative which can work counter to progress.
  - Using it as a spring board to politics thus not really civic minded.
  - Developers who are in most cases self serving.
  - Self servers, opportunity to enrich themselves from opportunities gleaned from inside information.
  - One with little or no experience in the real world. Unfortunately they tend to promote projects with a more cosmetic outcome and rarely see the cost effectiveness of most projects.
  - Those councilors with political affiliations with the main parties in particular can vote as a block that could encourage developers to ‘donate’ above or below board.
  - See it as an opportunity for lurks and perks such as ‘study tours’ conferences, normally at five star standards.
  - Causing resentment with some council bureaucrats with their corrupt behaviour and at times their ethnicity.

  This type of councilor has in general caused the major problems with councils and the subsequent suffering of the community.

- Too many council operatives having little or no experience in practical solutions dictate to those who generally can. The function of council is to guide not obstruct and stifle development.

- Overregulation is the favourite weapon of some bureaucrats who generally overstate their importance to justify their existence and a means of asserting themselves over the community.

- Some councils have become arrogant and out of touch with the community. Much of this can be placed at the feet of the politicians who should oversee the proper control of local councils. When governments are performing badly, control of local councils appears to become more problematical.

- Why spend many millions on capital projects most of dubious merit, and then complain there are not sufficient funds to repair deteriorating infrastructures. You can put all the spin in the world to justify it but people are generally not fooled by the lack of priorities.
5. **HOW TO SHOW YOUR DISPLEASURE OF LOCAL COUNCIL**

- The land from your boundary to the kerb is under council control. Do not mow it that is council's responsibility. So the council will be forced to mow it for us. The more people refusing to mow it, will make the council realise the power is with the people.
- Every trip hazard outside your property such as uneven pavers, damaged paths and kerb and gutter breakages (many caused by wrong selection of trees by council operatives) must be repaired for safety reasons. If councils refuse or procrastinate, residents can take it further.
- When tree roots from these trees damage your property in anyway, council has some responsibility to pay for all repairs. If they refuse take it further.
- If drains are blocked or creeks clogged with debris take. Confront council to clean them. If they don’t then take it further.
- Picket council if necessary to show your displeasure and once they realise they are working for us they will have to start modifying their behaviour. Do not pity them, they are and in the future will make our lives even more miserable if we do not take control.
- Front your politicians in numbers then you will see rapid action on their part. The smarter politician will see great benefit in a just cause and I am sure the people will remember their efforts when it is time for re-election.

6. **HOW TO IMPROVE LOCAL COUNCILS**

- **SELECT COUNCILORS** with certain backgrounds who:
  - Come from successful small to medium business which are more practical in nature.
  - Have integrity.
  - Have organisational ability.
  - Can prioritise projects.
  - Will not squander revenue.
  - Have a social conscience and genuinely desire to serve the community to give the best outcomes.

A possible mechanism to obtain the best candidates for councilors could be as follows:

- Set up a committee (say 5 individuals) of mature citizens who have succeeded in business in practical areas such as construction, but have reached a stage in their lives where they can give their wisdom and experience without some self serving need. Some may say these qualifications discriminate against people lacking practical experience but it must be emphasised if you are dealing in construction and building as such, target people with that experience.
- Residents can nominate potential candidates which can be passed onto the committee which evaluates their suitability. Once a given number are selected they can be voted on by all the residents, to choose those to represent them.
- Once these councilors are elected they should liaise with the other councilors, local representatives, the residents and council operatives to analyse the viability, affordability and priority of community projects.
ENCOURAGE more practical and experienced people to work in council. These types will generally be less obstructive and more understanding of the real issues involved in development.

The more technically educated staff should just maintain proper building standards and guide those who are capable of accomplishing community projects.

All outlay of large amounts of revenue should be examined for its need, value for revenue spent, priority and proper supervision by capable individuals to reduce squander and inefficiencies. Auditing of some projects is needed to ensure proper expenditure has occurred.

Proper supervision by capable individuals reduces squander and inefficiencies.

7. GENERAL COMMENTS

Some councils require two dimensional solutions such as extensive flood studies at great cost to the developer, when a three dimensional approach would suffice. Council should go to the site, see what is there then apply some analysis thus reducing delay and costs to the developer. Some in council are so out of touch with the real world they feel expensive technical solutions are the only solutions.

What can be really galling about some councils with their squandering of revenue, obsession with revenue raising and obstructive behaviour. They feel they are doing a great job.

We the people are the real power. If we lobby the government for the councils in administration to re-establish elected representation they will have very little choice in the matter. When you succeed remember if you choose poorly you will continue the cycle of poor behaviour by local councils.

Individuals with education in bureaucracy can be useful if they have a degree of practicality and commonsense.

Those who support;
- High council rates
- High council fees and charges
- Squandering revenue
- Empire building
- Stifling progress with delays, unreasonable conditions and obstructive behaviour
- Indiscriminate or morally unjust, fining the community through ordinance arms for the sake of revenue raising.

DO NOT BELONG IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Some politicians may be using local councils especially those in administration as a means of revenue raising for cash strapped government.

I know the vast majority of council operatives are of high moral character but, there may be an element that harbors resentment of those who can accomplish practical endeavors or their ethnicity.

If the residents procrastinate it will only get worse. Enormous rate rises have been forecast by some very highly paid council operatives.
• Some council operatives must think the ratepayer is there for their benefit. These operatives do as they please, oppressing the community with many injustices. Don’t they realise the day will come when the community will seek retribution.

• I expect some of those who may feel targeted by the truth, will seek to discredit or damage me even further. Then this will only further confirm their moral injustice.

• If some councils in the past were not so obstructive and dictatorial then maybe there would have been less reason for corruption to occur which unfortunately could have been the only way to make things happen.

• You will find in some councils the upper management even intimidate its lower level council staff.

• One particular local council was riddled with corruption. Some of the management saw what was coming, so moved on before this council was finally put into administration.

• Who gave council operatives so much power over our properties? They usurped this power whilst we were not looking. They can roll onto our properties then ‘make out’ we have done some ‘crime’ in many cases based on our ignorance the ‘crime’ very rarely impacting on anyone else but the owner. Then the operative can treat you as some criminal taking photographs of the ‘crime scene’ and in most cases prosecuting you for fines which appear more like a revenue raising exercise.

• No one begrudges very high salaries for wisdom, thrift, moral values, productivity, care with spending other people’s money; this can go on and on. I am sure those in power have these qualities.

• Government authorities should not waste revenue advertising their efforts and how innovative they are, the results do not appear to match the rhetoric.

• One council forecasting enormous rate raises claiming mega million dollar black hole for deteriorating infrastructure I would question:
  - Why things have been allowed to deteriorate to the point that now we are in ‘dire straights’ according to that council.
  - Why was so much spent on capital expenditure? Such as cycle ways, footpaths and many cosmetic type projects.
  - Much deteriorated infrastructure comes from poor selection of trees by council operatives, root damage of kerbs, gutter, paths etc. and the use of pavers with the continual problem of movement and subsequently becoming trip hazards. Are the problems exaggerated just to encourage future large rate rises?
  - Are the estimates of repairs based on using council workers not generally as productive as outside contractors?
  - Can we tolerate a degree of ‘deteriorated’ infrastructure which has been the case for decades without having to further fleece the ratepayers?
• Bureaucrats from the authorities can target a ‘victim’ for many reasons such as;
  - They deserve this attention
  - Trying to impress their superiors with their zeal.
  - Resentment of the victims more affluent status.
  - Resentment of their race.
  - The bureaucrat not having a particularly evolved soul may feel unjust behaviour by them is acceptable as long they are not the victim.
  - May feel their ‘crusade’ is justified due to some contravention of a law which in most cases is the creation of some other bureaucrat who may feel they are essential for a better society. The penalties can be up to 1.1 million dollars.
  - One day well into the future we will look back at these ‘laws’ as having little merit but I guess they serve as a reason to give power to those who need it.
  - If the agenda is revenue raising then it is morally corrupt.
  - By using a ‘victim’ it can send the message to the general community that the authorities are all powerful – just a form of intimidation to control us.

• The community should decide what developments can take place not politicians or bureaucrats who in some cases appear to have strong connections to developers.

• Some local council operatives may disagree, many councils have become self serving. They appear to function for their existence first and foremost. Then from this lofty position they dispense their ‘wisdom’ to the community at great cost.

• Those in power may claim people power will bring anarchy. It just means the community can directly reduce problems such as excessive council rates, oppression and revenue squander.

• There are skeptics out there who believe that things cannot change. I say to them, you allow a few very highly paid individuals to dictate and financially cripple you and stifle progress in the bargain. Why is it so? Ultimately if we allow things to continue as they are, things will become even worse. If you are not willing to do it for yourself then do it for your children because if you don’t they will really suffer in the future.

• My experience with my local council is well documented elsewhere, but what I can say above all. It was not just the few hundred thousand dollars in fines, the loss of a tenant and possible removal of an engineered slab. What really affected me was the morally injustice of some who felt my ‘crime’ deserved my financial ruin. I am sure those who perpetrated these actions must see some injustice in all of this. If they don’t then I feel they have a long way to go as far as their soul is concerned.

• Local councils generally have the same systematic problems in most government institutions. The result being the vast majority of people suffer from the actions of a very few.
Some directives, conditions and laws forced on the community by local councils verge on the side of the unnecessary and unreasonable. The community should have the final say on what is required not the select few in the local council.

Who gave the authority to bureaucrats to create ordinances which stifle progress, intimidate the community and carry big penalties? I know we did not.

This is a warning to ordinary rate payers. Once some local council has revenue gouged the business community for some breach of an ordinance, what will stop them targeting you.

My search for just one ratepayer satisfied with council performance has been fruitless. So why do we put up this totally unacceptable situation.

8. CONCLUSION
I believe most people are aware of the many problems caused by poorly run local councils. The main concerns are that things will only get worse and create significant financial burdens in the community. This is only a small element in local councils orchestrating these problems and if the community united to confront this element, nothing can stop us from achieving a just result. The media can aid in this effort, if we don’t we will be going down the path of becoming a really oppressed society.
CHAPTER 6
POLITICIANS

1. TYPICAL BACKGROUNDS OF PRESENT DAY POLITICIANS
   - Legal
   - Union
   - High profile - celebrities
   - From the bureaucracies of the major parties
     (Very few come from a practical business environment)

HOW DO THEY GET INTO PARLIAMENT

a) The main party system is the vehicle for most people to get into parliament. These organisations have a structure with a bureaucracy, with the main aim to select candidates who have the best chance of being elected. Generally there are two main parties one in Government and the other in opposition
   - In Australia Labour vs. Liberal
   - In USA democrats vs. Republicans
   - In UK Conservatives vs. Labour
   The main parties receive substantial ‘donations’ to help promote their candidates to the Voters.

b) Minority Parties generally have strong agendas sometimes verging on extreme and can support either party depending on their convictions and also aid in receiving consideration for their agendas.

c) Independents can be of high caliber at times having a profile in their community especially if they have served that community. Their influence in parliament is fairly minimal unless the main parties have no clear majority. Then they can tip the balance either way and can also receive some consideration for their agendas.

2. PROBLEMS WITH THE POLITICAL SYSTEM AND IN PARTICULAR THE PARTY MACHINES.

   - THE PARTY MACHINES
     - Candidates mainly come from within the party machine or selected sections of society limiting the pool of quality candidates.
     - The party machine is concerned mainly with its own existence.
     - Independent thinking is not encouraged, the party line is paramount.
     - Factions develop with their own agendas causing disunity in that party.
     - Those elected are essentially under the control of the party bureaucracy which gave them the vehicle to become elected. So they have two masters, the people and the party machine. So which do you think has the real influence?
     - Donations to a party come from many sources, mostly big business. Many voters would see a problem with this.
Lobbyists with connections to these parties especially those in
government can become the go between. Big business, developers and
government there can be a perception that corrupt deals could be
struck for some action.

Power brokers controlling party factions can use this influence to
further personal ambitions which may be not in the interests of the
masses.

Having essentially two similar parties means votes are generally
shared and there can be undue influence of minority parties or
independents which may not benefit the masses.

There does not appear to be much difference in policy between the
main parties and much time and effort is wasted between the main
parties jockeying for supremacy.

Main parties seem more concerned with candidates that will attract
voters. So good media performers and high profile types are
couraged.

Unsavory behaviour by a member of a party can be swept under the
carpet if the party feels it may damage the party. The opposition may
not pursue this because they too may be exposed to some of their own
poor behaviour.

Lack of unity does not help solve problems within the party and
between the parties, does not lead to good government.

With the party system there is more chance of corruption and intrigue
by the nature of the type of personalities who in many cases are there
for self serving benefits.

The main parties can try and perpetuate a sanitised history to give it
credibility; problem is the older members of the community have long
memories.

Being in a party machine gives you great access to opportunities to
enrich yourself. So the more members of your family and supporters
you have, not only shores up your position, it also makes it very
lucrative for all.

One only has to sit in parliament and observe the government and
opposition trying to discredit each other and generally failing to unite
in the common cause of helping the masses. To see why it does not
work.

The main parties have over a long period of relative world peace
become very powerful and self serving. Far more concerned with
maintaining their existence. Does that really serve the masses? I do not
think so.

Most of the elected representatives of the people going into the main
parties are I believe only the pawns of the party leaders. The main
parties appear little different and the only real difference is the name
of the party.
Free thinking is not encouraged. Prior to the 1950’s you will find politicians especially those revered by the masses, changed from one party to another depending on what best served their causes, which invariably was based on what was best for the masses.

**IN SUMMARY THE PARTY SYSTEM DOES NOT WORK.**

- **THE SENATE**
  It also functions under the party system, which is just another area for political animals to play politics at our expense. The Senate is supposedly a safety to ratify or not the decisions of the lower house, which contains the representatives of the people.

  I gather they are not competent enough to get it right the first time. So we have another level of government to ratify its decisions. When both levels of government are of the same animal, strangely they agree. When they are not, there is conflict. The Senate is only a political construction for generally self serving individuals, some pumped up by the self importance, taking us for a ride at our expense.

  **COMMENT**
  A bipartisan approach was used during WW11 in some allied leaderships creating a united front where the best people were selected irrespective of party affiliations, given a clear mandate and the power to enforce actions without red tape. The western allies boomed industrially during the conflict and this contributed to the post war boom. Now we should encourage a bipartisan approach to face the many problems caused by poor leadership.

  I believe we as a society should look at a political system to remove the waste and so called obsession with a type of democracy which only appears to serve those applying it and does not seem to benefit the masses.

3. **GENERAL BEHAVIOUR OF PRESENT DAY POLITICIANS**
   (Where do I start and where do I finish)
   - Rarely look at the causes of our many problems.
   - Many lack any real experience in the practical world which needs practical solutions.
   - More are concerned with their existence and benefits.
   - They manage to give themselves very lucrative remunerations.
   - Networking into the public domain is a priority for some. This is the real payoff for them.
   - Most solutions to problems are superficial where far more drastic action is needed.
   - Most have little practical experience and commonsense which really comes more from functioning successfully in small to medium business areas.
   - Many lack a social conscience because if they did they wouldn’t do things that make it worse off for the masses.
• Why do bureaucrats with affiliations with the party in power, obtain so many jobs with incomes ranging up to ½ a million dollars per year.
• Some see the political scene as a stage or way of life, not as a sacrifice to eliminate the plight of the masses.
• They appear to be more predisposed to big business. We are seeing big business becoming even more predatory and devouring of competition.
• They can get sidetracked by trivial issues especially if there is a headline in it such as the relocation of a convicted pedophile while real issues are glossed over.
• Some have developed a celebrity status with little substance.
• If a politician fails, they can obtain a lucrative overseas diplomatic appointment even from the opposing party – how generous and convenient.
• Amongst politicians they can describe each other as distinguished based on what! Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill and Ben Chifley actually achieved something. I would say they were distinguished.
• No one disputes wealth gained from honest hard work. How do so many politicians start off fairly poor and end up so rich. The politicians of old generally sort to serve the masses. Many present day politicians appear to serve more themselves.
• There is an over reliance on very expensive consultants spin doctors and advertising, to generate the illusion of positive action or damage control. All it succeeds in doing is to mask the deep seated problems in society.
• We repeatedly hear the bleatings of some politicians working so hard for their constituents. Are they really achieving anything?
• There have been some television comedies such as ‘Yes Minister’ and ‘the hollow man’. What they depicted in these shows, I believe, could be the way it is in present day politics.
• Some politicians may refer to a million dollars squandered here or there as ‘trivial, as compared to the budget as a whole. What they fail to see is many of those ‘trivial’ events or ‘glitches’ when added together create great holes in the budget revenue. People from successful businesses would not have this mentality.
• One only has to look at the extravagance in the infrastructure to house their decision making, such as federal parliament and the very generous lucrks and perks that go with the job of ‘running’ the country. One can see they live in another world. Politicians prior to the 1950’s would be turning in their graves seeing what is happening.
• The squander of revenue is directly attributable to the mentality of most politicians that we vote in. Most of our society’s problems stem directly from shortage of revenue for essential services such as healthcare, roads and transport.
• When the squander becomes more crippling to the strained budgets, politicians cite ‘reform’ which normally means more taxes or the selling of more public assets.
• These public assets in some cases have been sold off to overseas concerns which leave us at the mercy of foreign ownership and their obvious need for substantial profit.
• What sort of mentality allows tens of billions of dollars worth of Australian property to be purchased by overseas interests. Some of these properties are left vacant awaiting better times for substantial profits on resale. This reduces accommodation for a country suffering from lack of properties for rental.
• Whilst many others are the country’s assets and are now in the control of foreign interests, some of which have issues with our way of life.
• After the sale of a major airport to private enterprise, a report by a custom’s officer found the airport security left a lot to be desired. This report was suppressed. Someone leaked the contents to the media and all hell broke loose. The government was forced to fix the problems at great cost. The private enterprise did not have to foot the bill. Now the government needed a victim, so the author of the report was chosen. The government aided by a draconian law claiming if someone placed the nation’s security at risk must be punished and backed by the legal system wasted millions to bankrupt the victim. It transpired the opposition of the day had done the whistle blowing which was to the benefit of the security of our country because it fixed the problem. I believe their motives were more to discredit the government of the day than anything else.
• Are there too few female ministers in parliament? I would prefer to always steer towards the individuals who gave the best results for the masses. Why concern ourselves with having the ‘right’ number of one gender verses the other. I would have no issue if they were all females if there’re competent.
• There is a failure of governments to place good quality managements to run the utilities and lack of investment in these concerns has been the main reason why most are in decay or have been sold off.
• Politicians will generally support more benefits for politicians. Some even claim if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys. What can I say?
• Politicians who want to deflect attention away from the many problems can promote feel good events, such as saying sorry to a section of society that has been ill treated in the dim dark past. No one disputes the need to say sorry, just their motives.
• Some politicians are related to Nostradamus. Somehow they can forecast policy outcomes many years into the future. The only prediction that will come true if we persist with the type of leadership we have, it will only be the ruin of this country.
• Others try to promote a supposed difficult or disadvantaged early life to highlight some bond with the common man. For these politicians in most cases is just fiction.
• Some politicians talk tough, but are they really tough or just spinning us the illusion of what they should be.
• When the camera is running, some politicians feel holding other peoples babies as an opportunity to show their human side.
• If more politicians were more practical and suffered from commonsense, then the need for the oversized bureaucracies would be unnecessary.
• If many governments at all levels were businesses most would be bankrupt. Some of their management would be in gaol and many others would never be given another job. But the political system we have, they are rewarded all the way.
• With the system we have we do not really know the candidates. Basically all we get is a sanitised resume of their ‘attributes’.

CONCLUSION
The above problems I believe are just the tip of the iceberg. We the vast majority sit back and let a Political System which does not work and continues to drag us further into financial and social decay, laced with oppression.

The vast majority must say “enough is enough”! Start to vote in more leaders with real abilities, with a moral and social conscience to lead us.

Our political system can be the best described as being run by individuals with no idea at great cost to the masses. The politicians feed us an illusion of competence, commitment and concern for the masses, whilst the reality is completely the opposite.

Over government can be ‘justified’ by the need for ‘checks and balances’ of decisions made by parliament. But what checks and balances are there for poor leadership allowing enormous squander of revenue and the exploitation of the masses for even more revenue.

4. THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS WE SHOULD BE TARGETING TO BECOME POLITICIANS.
The type of individuals should be essentially those from successful small to medium size businesses, preferably in more physical endeavors and displaying the following character traits and skills.

- INTEGRITY
- ORGANISATIONAL ABILITY
- SOCIAL CONSCIENCE
- MORAL JUSTICE
- COMMONSENSE
- PRACTICALITY
- THRIFT
- BEING ABLE TO PRIORITISE
5. **HOW DO WE CREATE A BETTER POLITICAL SYSTEM?**

The following section is probably the most important part of this book. It essentially outlines the removal of the Party System but first a little history.

Remember the One Nation Independent Pauline Hanson. She managed to tap into the large reservoir of discontent existing in society. She unfortunately may not have always used the best approach or at times not so politically correct on some subjects. Her agendas centered on a more Australia first mentality, where local issues took prominence over those that occurred outside our shores. The major parties saw her approach could galvanise many more to her cause and could be a threat to their dominance. Both parties sort to marginalise and discredit her at every opportunity and they eventually succeeded.

If there was a degree of support from some politicians, who felt there was merit in her approach then the outcome would have been a little different.

One politician from the past Stanley Melbourne Bruce, who was a less than successful Prime Minister in the 1920’s admitted towards the end of his life “You only need to select a small number of businessmen to run parliament.” maybe this was a little exaggerated but he was on the right track.

Now I propose a bipartisan party to break the control of the party system, which hampers free thinking, especially when the masses are concerned. I believe many politicians from both major parties can see the problems in society but are intimidated by the party machine. They can unite with the independents that feel the same way. Support can also come from the business world, ex politicians, the media and most importantly a big section of the masses. We all have a vested interest in making the system better than what it is. Once control has been implemented a coalition of the elected representatives can then start to focus on the causes of our many problems.

- **The following model can be used to later select the best people to represent the Federal seats (by now state governments should have been consigned to the waste bin where they belong)**
  - Set up a committee (say 5 individuals) of mature citizens who have succeeded in the business world, preferably from more practical areas. People like Gerry Harvey, Lindsay Fox and Dick Smith for example. Other western countries have their equivalents. These people will know the qualities needed to lead the people. Candidates to be supplied by the community. These candidates could largely come from successful small and medium businesses, preferably in practical areas. The committee can analyse their qualities using various methods, to ascertain their integrity, commitment, social conscience and so on. A number can be therefore selected.
  - These selected candidates using the assessments from the committee can campaign in their respective zones. From this number the voters can elect the candidate they want to represent them.
  - Once those have been elected then place them together and maybe call this party the party of social justice and commonsense.
They can then select a leader and portfolios given to the most capable of the elected representatives.

Make terms say 8 years. The present system uses shorter terms which does not encourage long term solutions, only ‘Band-Aid’ ones. With so many politicians coming and going on a regular basis few have the conviction to make the hard decisions to solve the problems. I believe many develop the mentality “I did not create this mess so why should I put myself through hell and high water to fix it”.

- **HOW TO DISPENSE REVENUE PROPERLY?**

  The elected members in conjunction with the community and most importantly a small group of individuals experienced in the areas where revenue is to be allocated should decide on its allocation.

  Considerations that should be given before, during and after the dispensing of revenue.

  - National and domestic issues are the first priority – what effects the masses.
  - Is it really necessary?
  - If it is, how much is to be allocated.
  - Properly budget the allocation.
  - Look at the best and most cost effective ways of undertaking that task.
  - Ensure that the best people are to control the task.
  - Follow the task through competently to ensure it is completed on budget.
  - It would not hurt to analyse and audit the project once completed, to see if it could be done better the next time.

  This will sort out any irregularities that may have occurred

- **REMUNERATION FOR THE NEW BREED OF POLITICIANS**

  Many politicians prior to the 1950’s rarely became affluent from their stays in parliament. The sense of duty to the community was their payment. Some reading from the histories of many of the revered politicians will see this is the case.

  The new lot will generally come from successful enterprises, so some consideration could be made for their businesses to continue whilst they are in parliament.

  Remuneration for their stay in parliament can start with some base salary. With most importantly some criteria to be used to compensate for good performance based on the proper spending of tax payer revenue.

- **THE FEAR OF NOT CHANGING THE SYSTEM AND THE EXPECTED RESISTANCE TO THIS CHANGE.**

  The fear of not changing the present political system, will only see more hardships placed on the masses which can eventually cause extreme responses by some elements of society.

  The resistance to change will come from the present day politicians and big business that has been nurtured by a procession of government failing to control them. Some politicians may claim democracy has been violated and anarchy will reign.
What they really mean is the gravy train has stopped and now the masses have finally woken up to themselves and realised that the political system had only worked for the politicians and not for the masses. What is really important is the masses not the indulgent self serving of a very small minority of individuals.

**CONCLUSION**

What you will see now is a truly bipartisan approach where a genuine united effort to be applied to overcome the many problems generally ignored by present day politicians. The grandstanding waste of time, energy and revenue should vanish.

Granted this system gives much power to the few but if you select wisely the most able and honorable, they will move mountains to achieve their given tasks.

Remember such revered historical figures David Lloyd George, Ben Chifley and Theodore Roosevelt; achieved great change which benefited the masses. But on their passing their efforts were diluted.

We can create a mechanism that encourages more like thinking individuals to support the direction emphasising what is best for the masses. Very special attention must be taken to discourage individuals who lack these qualities.
CHAPTER 7
LEADERSHIP INCLUDING POLITICIANS

Leadership from the last 50 odd years?
A significant number do not compare too favorably with those of the past.
Some lack
- Strong moral values
- Social conscience
- Practicality
- Strong sense of thrift with tax payer revenue.
- Focus on the many problems in society.

The present system used to find leaders does not appear to allow those who can really help the masses to come to the forefront. We only have to see the decay in society to confirm this. The party systems fueled by ‘donations’ from the private sector seems to encourage candidates who could serve several masters. The masses who voted them in, seems to be the neglected one.

I may appear cynical but when I observe some leaders and their antics I see flawed personalities with very few qualities indicating true leadership.
Some show the following
- Big on rhetoric but short on action.
- More concerned on grand-standing the world stage whilst their country is inundated with systemic problems.
- Squandering vast amounts of tax payer revenue, this is indisputable and the cause of most of our problems.

We have seen such leaders as Richard Nixon unravel from poor moral behaviour which ultimately disillusions the masses who should look up to their leaders. We have seen the sell off of many state owned utilities to the private sector. Margaret Thatcher for example championed the sell off of many utilities. All it succeeded in doing was leaving the masses at the mercy of the private sector, which are exploiting them.

This obsession for selling off public utilities is world wide and I believe no utility essential to the basic services of the masses should be in private hands.
The general reason for these sell offs are
- A need to finance budget shortfalls.
- Decayed utility infrastructure from poor management and lack of investment due in part to vast squandering of tax payer revenue elsewhere, leaving shortfalls for essential maintenance and capital investment.

All these problems are directly attributable to poor leadership. Some leaders refer to ‘sell offs’ as ‘reform’ further insulting our intelligence.

Leaders such as Ronald Reagan managed to more than double the national debt by significantly increasing military expenditure. The armaments industry benefited enormously from this direction.
It was partially justified by the collapse of the Soviet Union which was obsessed with maintaining parity with the US. Vast revenues are squandered at the expense of the masses who suffer from lack of proper health care, reduced employment opportunities, high cost of living and high taxes.

There are other leaders who feel the power of position far outweighs all else, craving celebrity and generally failing to make real efforts to help the masses. In the end there are no winners. The leader moves on, normally without the reverence they would have wanted and leave behind a frustrated and further damaged society.

**What qualities we should be looking for in our leaders.**

- Moral justice
- Social conscience
- More practical approach
- More on action less on rhetoric.
- Willing to make decisions that will benefit the masses.
- Spend revenue wisely.

I’m sure there are many more. I believe, if the masses got leaders with these qualities the world would be in a far better shape.

There were a few leaders in the last 50 odd years which saw it as it was and did try to change things

1. **Mikhail Gorbachov.**

A son of Russian peasants in his early years he drove a combine harvester on a state farm and joined the communist party. Gradually he worked his way up through the party and in 1985 became General Secretary of the Communist party. He called for rapid technological modernisation and increased worker productivity.

He tried to make the cumbersome Soviet bureaucracy more efficient and responsive. Gorbachov also encouraged more transparency and reform of the economy and political system, freedom of expression, in particular the press and broadcasting. But he encountered opposition from bureaucrats who did not want to relinquish control over economic life. Why am I not surprised by this? This problem is world wide.

In Foreign Affairs he made major concessions with the US to reduce nuclear weapons and also develop trade links with both West and East. Gorbachov was the instigator of the end of the cold war by not supporting some eastern bloc regimes which required military support in further oppression of their people.

Unfortunately he tried to maintain power without the shift to profit, ownership and free market mechanisms. There wasn’t a clear blueprint to sustain the major reforms or sufficient allies to support these reforms.

If somehow he had managed to alleviate the plight of the masses quickly then he would not have been put to the side.
2. **Jimmy Carter.**
Son of a peanut warehouser served in the US Navy in nuclear submarines. After his fathers death he resigned to manage the family peanut operations. He then went into politics, joined the Democratic Party, became governor of Georgia and in 1977 was elected President. He tried to reinforce his image as a man of the people, pushing ambitious programmes for social, administrative and economic reforms. He was hampered by congress.

Also he had many foreign policy successes with China, Middle East, Panama and the Soviet Union. But eventually domestic issues and little support to create change caused his demise. Like all reformers more concerned with change that is focused on the disadvantaged, they tend to get little support from the establishment. It is no secret the next administration escalated the armaments industry at great cost to the masses. Not surprisingly after politics, Carter committed himself to housing and eradicating disease for the disadvantaged.

3. **John and Robert Kennedy.**
I believe the Kennedys had a social conscience and a sense of moral justice in particular Robert Kennedy. This appeared to contribute to their killings. The controlling interests of the establishment may not have wanted too much to change.

4. **Martin Luther King.**
He was a black Baptist preacher who led the civil rights movement, seeking to give the black people of America equal rights and desegregation but ultimately he suffered the fate of many who buck the establishment, they pay with their lives for trying to help the less fortunate.

5. **Robert Oppenheimer.**
Robert was the director of the Los Alamos Laboratory during the development of the atomic bomb. He developed a moral issue with the destructive power of atomic weapons after the dropping of the bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. He opposed the expansion of atomic weapons including the hydrogen bomb. His opposition attracted the advocates for an arms race with Russia. He was eventually placed on trial and accused of being a communist sympathizer for his opposition. The trial effectively finished his career when his security clearance was revoked and his opposition removed. The legal system was used by the government to discredit him and we ended up with

- Continuation of escalation of the cold war
- Countless billions wasted to feed a hungry armaments industry.
- Countless billions taken away from easing society’s burdens, home and abroad.

Many leaders from the first half of the century showed qualities that tended to serve the masses. Some even changed parties if they felt it would best serve their causes. They did not receive great remuneration for the many sacrifices they suffered in their journey to achieve what was best for the masses.
Such leaders were

1. **Ben Chifley Prime minister.**
   Had humble beginnings, a locomotive driver who showed a down to earth personality infused with a compassion for his fellow man and a distaste of employers who exploited their workers. He became a politician to continue his fight to get the best outcome for the workers. He shunned the limelight and pompous display and though he was not a polished orator, he meant what he said. Can any of you see him in any of the present day politicians? He saw the need to reduce the influence of state governments and the power of the banking sector. The trials of trying to achieve such goals contributed to his early death.

2. **Winston Churchill.**
   He was not particularly gifted academically, served as a soldier and journalist during the late19th and early 20th centuries. Though handicapped by a speech impediment, he was successful in the political arena and was regarded as a man of action, with stubborn determination.
   There was a practical side to this great man. On purchase of a rundown house he set about personally constructing rock walls, landscaping etc. This I believe made him a more balanced leader compared to most present day politicians. He also never sort affluence and was driven by a sense of duty to his country.

3. **Clement Attlee, Prime Minister for two terms after World War 2.**
   At his eightieth birthday he gave the stirring advice “the great thing is never to give up”. This basically summed up his character. Though from an affluent conservative upbringing, he developed a very strong social conscience. He declared poverty was really attributable to the failure of human beings to run the affairs for the well being of every member of the human family. The interests of the people were paramount.
   From a global perspective he felt we cannot make a heaven of our own country and have hell outside. He really attempted a socialist approach in nationalising many aspects of industry in Britain. If this approach had received more support during and after he finished politics it could have been a successful model.

4. **Mahatma Gandhi.**
   He was the driving force behind the achievement of Indian independence from British rule. He used non-violent passive resistance and civil disobedience to win freedom. He was a lawyer with a social conscience and unpretentious simplicity. He galvanised the masses to overcome those who were there to exploit them. He too suffered at the hands of an assassin.

5. **Franklin Delano Roosevelt.**
   Born to wealthy and intelligent parents, his schooling showed considerable resources but little scholastic ability. He eventually attained a law degree, then went into politics and showed a practical and determined ability to get things done such as modernising the Navy and its building and repair facilities. During this period he suffered a crippling and permanent paralysis.
   This did not hamper him when he became governor of New York. He championed the forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid and when he became President he surrounded himself with the best minds available.
He was dynamic and accepted his mistakes and corrected where necessary. He was no prima donna like some present day leaders who tend to drag us further down some economic hole even when it is plain to see it is the wrong action. During WW11 he collected the best people irrespective of political persuasion, to continue the great expansion of the US industrial base, which to a large extent supplied most of the allied combatants and later fuelled the post war boom.

6. Essington Lewis.

Was encouraged to be self reliant, from a very early age he was rounding up sheep on horse back. His home life was stern but still affectionate. On completion of his schooling he started at Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd. As a laborer and worked up to become General Manager. Much of his success came from moral values and life skills, qualities such as -

- Prioritising
- Organising
- Inspiring others
- Seeing the big picture
- Determination
- Humility
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Resilience

These qualities came from his upbringing not from great academic achievements or networking in the right circles. In the process he carried BHP through the bad and good times.

Essington’s foresight of Japanese intentions during the 1930’s drove him to galvanise the industrial capacity of Australia by improving port infrastructure, introducing more special steels, munitions and aircraft manufacture. During the war the government chose him to be Director General of munitions and aircraft manufacture. He did not want remuneration for the great challenge. He also picked the best people around him to aid in the challenge and was given great powers to cut red tape.

This helped us to industrialise to the point we were supplying England with war material. He also did not seek recognition or celebrity status from his enormous contribution to the war effort. Much of the post war boom was attributable to the industrial base created by Essington Lewis. He believed that Australia was capable of making anything.

Not surprisingly his greatest dislikes were the telephone which reduced direct human interaction and the typical politician who I believe have only become much worse. Looking at photos of him towards the end of his life, you can maybe sense a feeling of sadness and realisation that people like him would be overrun by a new breed of management. Those with academic qualifications and little else. Many have little or no experience in these businesses and are normally only driven by profits at all costs with the spin off of great self serving remuneration. Without realising or understanding that profits are only part of the equation. Essentially the souls of these companies have vanished bringing on a far less happy environment to work in.
I was lucky to have seen the tail end of the old environment and unfortunately witnessed the birth of the other. One thing is certain, much job morale, loyalty and contentment died with the old environment.

7. **Woodrow Wilson**
A contemporary of Theodore Roosevelt was a brilliant orator whose background was academic. The Democratic Party bosses encouraged him to nominate for governor of New Jersey. It was hoped he would serve as a figure head but he disappointed them by targeting corruption and his success was much appreciated by the masses. When he became President his efforts to kerb the excessive repatriation placed on Germany by the Allies failed and subsequently contributed to the failure of his health. His moral and social conscience was never questioned but sadly he lacked the fierce determination and drive of Theodore Roosevelt.

8. **Theodore Roosevelt President.**
He was a sickly delicate child born into a wealthy family. After his law studies, he joined the political environment on an independent platform of anti-corruption. He was shocked by some of the excesses of politicians from both sides of the major parties. When out of politics he cleaned up the New York Police Force, he obviously was not restrained as was Peter Ryan with the NSW Police Force.

He became Governor of New York with the support of the party machine but once he was governor he set about hunting out all the corrupt behaviour. To get rid of him the party bosses nominated him for Vice President which he was successful but was really in a politically impotent position. The President was assassinated and Theodore became president.

Now they really rued their original efforts because now he continued his campaign against corruption. He was much loved by the common man and despite nationwide clamor to draft him into a third term he refused. Some of his great achievements included the Panama Canal, Nobel Peace Prize for contributing to the end of the Russo-Japanese war, defeat of big business monopolies and the wholesale cleaning up of politics, the services including police. He was without question one of the greatest individuals of all time. If somehow his legacy was perpetuated with greater support by similar minded contemporaries, then it could have prevented the slithering in of the self servers.

9. **David Lloyd George.**
He had an enormous social conscience and his chief interests were temperance reform, the lot of the aged, the unemployed and succeeded in reducing the influence of land owners controlling government who exploited the masses. Lloyd George also pushed social reforms including sickness benefits and funeral grants.

During WW1 he saw the uncoordinated and inefficient strategies of the war effort. When he was chancellor he saw the shortfalls in the munitions for the army. He created a ministry of munitions to escalate the production of the materials for the war effort on becoming Prime Minister. He compelled the admiralty to adopt the convoy system to protect shipping that was importing vital supplies from the German submarine attacks and more importantly he unified allied command to make it more efficient.
He and Winston Churchill one of his contemporaries were regarded as fighters when faced with some problems, they would decide the course of action and act whilst most other politicians just debated and criticised.

On the completion of WW1 he was recognised as ‘the man who won the war’. Soon after the war his crusade for women’s suffrage was passed, electricity commission was set up to develop and coordinate the nation’s electricity supplies. Pushed the Government of India Act which laid the basis for the ultimate independence of India and much more, but like all great reformers with a high social conscience he was obstructed by those who felt that he was ‘too radical’. He was without doubt also one of the greatest individuals in history. If he had received more support to repel the obstructive factions then society would have only benefited in the long run.

10. Lenin.
He was the leader of the Bolsheviks during the Russian revolution in 1917 against the autocratic monarchy rule. He advocated the uprising of the workers against the monarchy which succeeded, but ill health prevented him from removing Stalin from the ruling body and on his death Stalin set about exterminating all opposition.

If Lenin had lived a little longer then maybe socialism could have worked. But unfortunately like most systems around the world somehow the self servers either craving for power or wealth come to the fore, thus causing the masses to suffer.

From the 19th century and back into ancient times many leaders were despotic and autocratic, functioning at times from a religious stance or a monarchy. The masses suffered enormously from their actions.

The few revered figures were;

1. Abraham Lincoln.
Born to poor illiterate parents, despite his lack of education and rough upbringing’ was an intelligent and sophisticated man. He had the moral values of great honesty and integrity. After becoming a lawyer one of his main motivations was the opposition to slavery. He did not seek wealth, power or recognition. He would be rather unique compared to many of those of the last 50 years. He advocated unity and most of all stated if our institutions did not serve us, we have the right to amend or even overthrow them. It did not appear that Lincoln imparted his values to his son Robert, who did not have a good relationship with him. He too became a lawyer but his aim in life was to enrich himself materially instead.

He was a wealthy plantation owner who fought with his distinction against the French. His strong character held the American forces together during the war of independence against the British. His standing and respect aided in uniting the states and served as its first President.

He died prematurely from pneumonia after being caught in a blizzard. Washington like many leaders pre 1950’s regarded themselves more as servants of the people, not their masters and expected little from the public purse. Current leaders in some cases go into the private sector with salaries well in excess of those in parliament, join the very lucrative speaking circuit and receive unbelievable retirement packages and that is only referring to the more morally just ones.
3. **Watt Tyler died 1381**
Watt lived in a period of English history where the common people were essentially ‘owned’ by the aristocracy backed by parliament and at the same time the government taxed the people heavily for this and that. A movement for equality grew and Watt Tyler was an important figure in uniting the down trodden in their quest for justice. He was almost at the cusp of changing the system but was struck down before it could be implemented. This is typical of individuals who truly want to see best by their fellow man and end up suffering at the hands of those who want things to stay the same.

4. **Mohammed 570-632 AD**
He was a wealthy merchant who was a messenger from god. He received visions and in many ways was very little different to Jesus. He preached ‘love thy neighbour’ and for the wealthy to give to the needy. The only real difference was he created many allies by a series of marriages (nine in all) amongst the tribes. This helped him from being killed by the establishment.

5. **Jesus Christ 4BC – 30AD**
He was a humble man, a carpenter by trade before becoming a preacher. During his period on earth he healed many by the power of his spirit. But like many prophets before and after him suffered at the hands of those who felt threatened by their power over the common people.

The typical path of a prophet
- Common people initially see them as a savior from those exploiting them.
- Then resentment by the establishment and subsequent persecution for trying to change the status quo.
- Then after death the masses realise they should have not deserted them at their time of need.

6. **Buddha 560-486BC**
Means enlightened one and his name was Siddhartha Gautama. He taught equality brotherhood and the achievement of peace from suffering by self sacrifice, contemplation and the denial of passion. These were the qualities needed to reach ‘nirvana’ (final enlightenment). Though he displayed many of these qualities he did not claim to be a god or a savior simply a teacher to help others to attain a true way of life.

7. **Socrates 469-399BC**
His philosophies were centered on
- Knowing yourself clearly
- Clearing one’s head of ignorance by probing the mind
- Questioning convention

He eventually antagonised the establishment enough for them to condemn him to death.
DISCUSSION

We only need to compare the leaders from the first half to the second half of the 20th century to see where it has all gone wrong. Those of the first half were generally more practical and had much social conscience in addressing the plight of the less fortunate. Some of these leaders died in office or soon after from the strain of trying to achieve the best outcomes.

Many of these leaders were much loved by the people but at times were hampered by their contemporaries, who in the main tended to be more self serving and saw more need to fulfill personal outcomes and not of those who elected them.

But I believe it all really started going down hill by the increasing dominance of the party machines, which attracted a different type of leader, essentially endowed with more of the following attributes.

- Lack of moral values
- Lack of social conscience
- More self servers there for the all lurks and perks and opportunity, especially after politics.
- Lacking will or desire to confront big business
- Not very practical
- Not willing to make the difficult initial effort to fix the causes of the many problems.

We have seen the unrestrained dominance of big business especially the banks which are exploiting the masses, the breakdown of the family unit and worst of all the vast squander of the tax payer revenue.

This is a direct result of a succession of poor leaders who have failed to act on the growing problems. For example the global recession leaders who failed to realise or admit to their lack of control of the financial sector which led to this catastrophe. Ultimately the masses will be forced to pay for the greed of the few.

The real leaders with the qualities to help the masses are out there. But you need a better system to source them out and when you do give them the power to carry out the real reforms. It will be a long battle but the results will justify the journey.

Remember most of all you must support these leaders and most importantly encourage those who can share the leadership, to maintain the momentum, it needs many like minds.
CHAPTER 8
MORE ON HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

- Seek out those who share your values and concerns and then you will have far less dramas in your life.
- Many impractical people who are given power or usurp this power are damaging society. They tend to overemphasize the significance of rules and regulations which stifle productivity and progress.
- When you meet people who continually cite problems with other people doing damage to them it could mean the following
  - These people are damaging others who are just returning it in kind.
  - They want to curry sympathy for themselves to lower your guard. Ultimately if you join their environment you will more than likely suffer some damage.
- When dealing with damaged people and you are not, expect your relationship to be rocky. Much of this is due to their lack of values and tormented personalities, which prevents them from reacting in a rational way.
- When you deal with people who have suffered losses from others, you might find yourself targeted to make up for the losses they have incurred previously.
- Some people simply cannot be helped if they are not disciplined and lack motivation. Your efforts are normally wasted and ultimately they more than likely resent your efforts. They may even damage you in the process.
- The singles scene selection criterion seems to rely too much on physical attraction and/or material affluence.
- Those who have never been taught to save generally squander for the rest of their lives.
- There is a type of person when in your company has much to criticise about others. Expect them to do the same to you when they are in someone else’s company.
- There is an adult type, normally spoilt from young who is particularly self-serving, who feels everyone around them are only a support act. When they need you, they will even flatter you to secure what they want from you. But when they have obtained what they want, you are normally discarded.
- You must accept personal poor behaviour as being your own creation. By doing so you are giving yourself the opportunity to modify this behaviour.
- One can normally tell what a person is like by the way they treat the animal and plant world. The more evolved the more aware humans are of their importance in their own evolution and do not seek to destroy them.
- People looking for continual highs and thrills in life are rarely satisfied for example
  - Sexual gratification taken to the extreme can lead to deviancy, there are well known cases of those pushing the boundaries and unraveling.
  - Those obsessed with power and wealth end up losing their wellbeing eventually. They take very little with them to the spirit world.
  - Normal people becoming too obsessed with the material world, end up little better than the latter.
• We tend to over emphasise the presence of some lacking in any merit, if they have some celebrity status.
• The criminal mind is mainly the result of wrongly learned behaviour.
• Some young men think they are men because they can physically dominate another. What is not realised is there is no need to prove they can. Efforts should be channeled into becoming the best you can spiritually and in the process help your fellow man to aspire to do the same
• Jesus had the power. This power if anything was underplayed and never abused. Some, who grab power at every opportunity, oppress those around them because of some inadequacies in their personality.
• One of the greatest thinkers of all time Bertrand Russell had the commonsense belief that all knowledge comes from experience. So why allow so many people lacking exactly that to control those who have.
• To find stability and contentment in your life, you must control your environment by
  - Limiting the influence of those who do not share your values.
  - Attaining a degree of security with as little debt as possible.
• My spin on attaining success, firstly confront any problems you have before you undertake any new goals. These goals should be achievable and most of all steer well clear of those who can derail your efforts.

1. AFFLUENCE
The quest for material possessions has damaged society. Some people need to exploit others whilst many are forced to go into heavy debt to acquire and maintain material possessions. Our wellbeing and spiritual side has suffered in the process.

Many people who have accumulated many possessions but when the time comes to pass on, the realisation may set in, that their approach was not really the best outcome. Their possessions move onto others, many of which will not respect them and squander them. So what was the point?

Security for a better word can be accomplished from a direction of well being. This entails you developing the concept ‘I have enough’ replacing ‘the need to want’ which is rarely satisfied. You will find once you have enough more tends to come your way. This is a by product of your well being.

2. RELEVENCE OF HISTORY
The relevance of history has great benefit for the very young to the very old. The young can get an insight into the many historical figures and events that helped shape our past. The more revered individuals can serve as role models to inspire to.

The many events, the good, the bad and the ugly can be studied to see the influence of leaders and the policies that created these events.

For example we have in the last 50 odd years, many conflicts which have been rarely
resolved and have caused great grief for all concerned. Take the Vietnam War, why did the US and its allies get involved when the French had already failed dismally to quell the insurgents. The paranoia of communist expansion was the main reason to get involved. After countless billions squandered and many lives lost, the invaders were defeated. Vietnam now seems to have a healthy way of life after the wars. So what was the point?

Then we saw Russia invading Afghanistan and were sent packing years later. Then the US and their allies filled the void. They too are suffering the same medicine.

The ill conceived invasion of Iraq has given exactly the same result. In the end countless billions were ripped out of the invading countries economies, causing suffering to the masses. The only winner is the armaments industry.

History has shown invading forces irrespective of their superiority will have a poor outcome when dealing with insurgents in their own homeland. The foreign power driven by some idealistic or hidden agendas are driven by ill informed or plainly arrogant leadership. If they bothered to look at the history they would see that they will have little or no success.

So why do they go there? Those who instigated these conflicts rarely admit it was a mistake. If they did, then future leaders may reconsider such drastic actions which only destroy their economies and ultimately whatever credibility they may have had. If they showed real wisdom and helped to rebuild these underdeveloped countries, it would be much more cost effective and everyone would get a better outcome.

Failure to understand history also gave the US the current financial crash. Franklin Delano Roosevelt introduced controls to stop the greed of the banking system which had caused the great depression. Ronald Reagan may have not realised this was done to protect society, so he removed these controls. The banks rejoiced with the result and another Global Recession occurred.

Now there is a President, who receives significant donations from the banking sector, has bailed out the banks to the tune of 100’s of billions. Why? So the management can continue to give themselves more bonuses like 30 billion dollars.

**IN SUMMARY**

If past events were properly analysed to obtain knowledge, then many of the bad experiences would not have to be continually repeated.

What I have also gained from reading about the more revered historical figures was the strong influences of their parents who imparted their values, vocations and desires which they took to even greater heights in adulthood.
3. WHAT IS LOVE?

Is it lust, obsession or dependence for someone? I do not believe it is any of these. Love is essentially the meshing of the souls, where compatibility plays the major role.

The following are some types of relationships where love is the binding agent.

- **Parent and Child.**

  If a parent plays a significant positive role very early in a child’s life, then much of their personality can be imparted. Qualities such as moral values, life skills and desires can be mirrored in the child’s personality. This compatibility leads to a bonding and subsequent love and the genetic connection will play a far less role.

  We repeatedly see in many families where there is disharmony which essentially stems from lack of compatibility. Some may say they still have love for some wayward family member but I believe this is more an emotive feeling which lacks conviction.

  I will give you an example where love is not really there. Many offspring of aged parents encourage and even force their parents into retirement villages and in the process taking most of their possessions. If there was genuine love then the offspring would make every effort to personally care for their parents, as it was in bygone generations.

  Many excuses are used by their children not too look after them. One day well into the future, their own children will do exactly the same to them. This is only learned behaviour and I am sure they will realise that what they had done to their own parents was morally unjust.

- **Two people in a relationship.**

  Most relationships fail due to lack of positive compatibility, such as not sharing similar moral values and desires. Those that do share compatibility, generally will bond and love grows from there. When I see older couples showing genuine affection and concern for each other to me this indicates true love. I believe not experiencing love hampers your spiritual development. The converse having negative compatibility such as both of you being vain, self serving, selfish and so on the relationship will more than likely have little stability and little love.

4. WHAT’S IN A NAME?

In past times people of ethnic origins in particular, used to name their children after their parents. This practice has fallen by the wayside due to:

- Children’s grandparents having less relevance than previous generations, so why bother?
- Fewer children these days means possible conflict between parents with four grandparents this cannot always all be accommodated.
- Some parents prefer more exotic names maybe to give the child some uniqueness.
By naming a child after a grandparent can:
- Develop a bond between the child and the grandparent who can impart much wisdom gained from their many life experiences and aid in the child’s education.
- Create a feeling their life can be continued through the child and thus give them more purpose, relevance and maybe prolong their lives.
- Increase the influence of the grandparent and possibly reduce the negative influences of the outside world.

5. THE SOFT TARGET RULE.
Some bureaucrats and Authorities can target victims who cannot defend themselves. The victims are normally average people with few resources to protect themselves. Examples are:
- Global warming reduction strategies will heavily impact on the masses with more taxes and charges, to compensate the big polluters. Many farmers are being banned from clearing their land or even grazing animals. Some with little or no compensation, whilst big business is treated with far more respect and consideration compared to the average man.
- Airport security would sooner chase down little old ladies with nail clippers and somehow miss those who looked the part and managed to take a bomb on board an aircraft.
- We have the extraordinary situation of security overkill on ordinary air passengers whilst the following is occurring:
  - Extremely small volume of air cargo is inspected
  - Organised crime syndicates have infiltrated most levels of Airport staff.
  - Typical lack of co-operation between the law enforcement agencies can allow drugs or terrorists to come into the country.
- Bureaucracies are claiming an environmental ‘crime’ against the community by small developers such as constructing a concrete slab half way down a hill. Somehow their thinking is, this slab will flood the hill which is impossible. Some so called ordinances have been contravened but they have no basis in the reality. Big business rarely has any such problems.
- Some security people in the protection of government sponsored events have been known to target soft targets, such as father and his child. The father was assaulted for being in a location of little relevance. Whilst we had a comedy group dressed like Osama Bin Laden lookalikes passing through a restricted area of ‘highly’ trained security guards making a mockery of their professionalism.
- Police used over the top anti-terrorism laws targeting a foreign doctor who looked the part. They treated him like a major terrorist, no evidence was ever produced. We were ridiculed worldwide and justifiably sued for our poor judgment.
- Several rapists of ethnic origins received sentences verging on punishment for mass murder whilst murderers can receive paltry sentences. I’m sure their race has placed this in their memory banks for future retribution.
• Bureaucrats targeting small developers with rules and regulations that applies to soil contamination. Even small amounts of innocuous contaminated material can become very expensive to remove which benefits the authority with fees and charges while a big business dumped thousands of tonnes of contaminated material in a new subdivision where the residents were advised not to grow anything for consumption.

• A small developer of ethnic origins was targeted by a Health and Safety Authority which persecuted him for trivial issues. It reached the stage where the developer felt it had gone too far, so the authority ramped up their crusade through the courts. The victim suffered heavy fines for no good reason.

• We had a couple who were given incorrect and insufficient advice from one authority about clearing of some vegetation on their small farm. After the property was partially cleared another authority crawled out from under a rock and treated the clearing as a criminal offence, punishing the couple with fines and conditions which made their lives a misery.

• Small business is more likely to be targeted by authorities compared to big business. Those with some assets but little cash flow can be at the mercy of our legal system.

• Essentially what is happening is elements of some authorities are targeting ordinary people because they are easy to persecute and prosecute while big business and the real issues are not addressed because it is too difficult to gain a result.

• The legal system in the US in particular can target the poor, non white and intellectually deficient. Many innocent individuals have been incarcerated and even executed for crimes they never committed.

The above are all the signs of us becoming a really oppressive society. If it is not confronted it will take us to a very dark place, where drastic solutions may be the only ones that will reverse this problem.

6. THE ONGOING ISSUES IN SOCIETY ARE;

- Humans vs. Environment
- Male vs. Female
- Race vs. Race
- Young vs. Old
- Uneducated vs. Educated
- Rich vs. Poor
- Impractical vs. Practical
- Authority vs. Masses
- Bureaucrats vs. Masses
- Advantaged vs. Disadvantaged
- Religion vs. Religion

Once we realise we are one then there would be no need to damage each other.
7. THE HERD MENTALITY
This refers to the generally mindless way most of the masses conduct their lives. We lack wisdom which causes a multitude of problems such as-
- Overspending
- Lack of saving
- Committing to excessive debt
- Poor selection of leaders
- Poor selection of those they choose to be with
- Excessive substance abuses

Too many people do not make the effort to reverse these problems and suffer poor quality of life as a consequence. The leaders of the herd (our politicians) have generally failed us by not directing us in the right direction and have kept the best grasses for themselves.

The problem is the lack of education in the areas of moral values, life skills, history and the real reality. This can be introduced to the very young and reinforced for the older members of society. This approach can stimulate a more inquiring mind which will start to question actions which may not best serve them.

8. GIVERS AND TAKERS
There are essentially two types of people, the givers the vast majority (masses) and the takers, the small minority which includes
- Conmen
- Those obsessed with power and wealth
- The average self server
- Some in authority.

The givers are the prey of the above. When you deal with say conmen they use all manner of techniques to gain your confidence and then apply the sting. Many retirees and other investors understand what I mean.

I also believe those who are not using our taxes wisely are even worse than the conmen. We are financially oppressed by the authorities for more and more so they can squander more and more.

The masses are getting a very poor return for all the income they are forced to give to all levels of Government. Essentially money that is obtained with little or no effort is treated with little respect. Those who are controlling this money generally lack practicality, common sense and a sense of value for money spent. So the squander continually goes on.

I believe anyone who consciously damages another without good reason motivated by the need to exploit or oppress, has no place in our society. Sounds harsh! But why should the vast majority suffer. This has been going on for centuries, from despotic religious groups, monarchies to now poorly functioning elected governments with their bureaucracies coming up the rear.

It is time now to find those who will lead us with a sense of moral and social
conscience.

9. RETRIBUTION
When someone has damaged you unjustifiably you can walk away, this is the most common approach. That means you have empowered them to continue to do the same to others. Unfortunately in Australia, the systems we have, allow conmen and such to defraud with little or no retribution.

Now if we used the confrontation approach that could put the fear of God in the guilty, you may receive what has been taken from you and most of all, the guilty will think twice of continuing to damage others. At the end of the day moral justice must always be served not the continual damage we keep on seeing by individuals who care little for their fellow man.

10. THE HIERARCHY OF BIG TIME SPORT
You will find that there has been an infiltration of leadership who use the sport as a means to ingratiate themselves. Most of these individuals have little or no sporting history. Their backgrounds are more that of a Technocrat opportunist, drawn by the generally lucrative financial benefits of these positions.

Financial considerations tend to take precedence over the proper development of the participants in the sport and the sport itself. You will find that those who had great success in the sporting field are not encouraged to mentor the younger players. If there is any criticism directed at the hierarchy you will generally find swift retribution to silence the sources.

What we are not producing in some sports is a flow on of talented young players to successful adult players. The Technocrats see little benefit or understanding for the need to nurture young players in a controlled way, they are normally too involved in maintaining the cash flow and very little else.

We have seen some Technocrats receiving remuneration of enormous proportions to be involved in sporting events, and these remunerations they effectively give to themselves.

11. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POWER AND INFLUENCE.
Lord Beveridge best summed up the difference. He defined power as the ability to give other men orders enforced by sanctions, by punishment, by control, or by rewards.

Influence is ‘changing the actions of others by persuasion, appeal to reason or emotions other than fear or greed’. This is what is sadly missing from most present day leaders.
12. AN EXAMPLE OF A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY UNIT.
A couple adopted a baby boy and baby girl. The male parent was kind but weak the other was domineering, pill popping and emotionally unstable. This combination saw the ruin of these children.

The boy grew into an adult, squandered all his substantial inheritance and is now near poverty. The girl was mentally abused by the mother, showed no love and introduced to smoking, drugs, legal and illegal from a very early age. Sadly she became a drug damaged adult, not finding love or knowing how to give love.

Her intelligence was undoubted but now exists just above the poverty line, living the life of a prostitute. This tragic waste of humanity could have been prevented by the proper investigation by the authorities of those wanting to adopt.

There are many other types of dysfunctional family units most are attributable to the lack of good leadership by out politicians.

13. THE MASSES
They are roughly 90% of the population. There are several types of mentality within the masses and they are-

- Those who feel life is just to exist and little else.
- Those who think having a family and attaining a level of material security is all there is.
- Those who damage themselves from the effects of substance abuse and see little purpose than their self inflicted indulgences.
- Those who feel life has more to offer, many having a spiritual connection and realise life serves a greater purpose.

The two main problems with most of the masses is inertia and self denial.

Many refuse or lack the determination to address behaviour that damages them either from their own actions or from the actions of others. That is why from generation to generation there are always injustices that damage society but most fail to confront it.

Self denial the other is even worse. Many refuse to face the truth. One such truth the real reality is not even contemplated, another our behaviour. I believe if you can see it as it is or tell it as it is with conviction, you will experience well being and subsequently a level of contentment. One must break the confines of the physical world to achieve this.

Facing the many problems in society’s needs, those who are willing to make a stand. I believe the large group with the spiritual connection have the qualities to accomplish this task. All they need is some guidance.
14. THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHY
Many of the early philosophers such as Plato, emphasised an understanding of our environment, conducting your life with consideration of others and most of all development of wisdom.

Plato was on the money in most areas of human behaviour, though I disagree with the emphasis on excluding more practical individuals in the leadership of the people. With more modern philosophers they tend to be out of touch or cannot relate to the masses. I plan to go into more depth on this very interesting conception on life if I decide to write another book.

15. SKEPTICS
I believe most skeptics of the paranormal are morally just, but have lost the connection with the spirit world in part, from the chaos of organised religion and the obsession with the material world. Some may feel if you cannot see or touch something, it has no relevance or need for concern. The loss of connection with the spirit world has created a society where many regard their physical existence is all there is and even allow some of their group to exploit and oppress them and the rest of society.
CHAPTER 9
COMMENTS ON BUSINESS

- There is a section of so called professionals who have no idea of physical endeavours and when dealing with tradesmen can have an unrealistic perception of job outcomes.
- When dealing with some clients having issues with your workmanship, they can develop a magnifying complex, appearing to find more issues with the job and most are exaggerated or unreasonable. I say to these people “get a life”. In the scheme of things, your petty outlook to life demeans the greater reality as to why we are here.
- When you do any physical endeavours for others for profit, you are basically at their mercy. I sometimes use a rather crude analogy ‘Jesus started as a carpenter but realised working for others was too hard and the rest is history’.
- When quoting a job for a client who tries to significantly reduce the quote, alarm bells should start to ring. By no circumstances do the job for whatever price, because they more than likely will look for problems at the completion of the job to reduce the price even further?
- The bureaucracy which controls disputes between a client and the contractor to a large extent supports the client. The attitude of some bureaucrats is basically that the contractors are normally quite affluent and therefore the loss on some jobs should not affect their bottom line particularly. I always believe the ‘truth is the truth’ or ‘what it is it is’. Benefit should not be given to the guilty and deceitful because it only empowers them to do the same to others and encourages other people to do the same.
- When in an endeavour do not involve yourself with too many partners, especially if personalities are quite different. For example - a practical person partnered with a bean counter. Ultimately at the end of the day, differing personalities will not have the same perspective on going in one direction.
- Many companies can boast they have
  - Quality assurance
  - Long establishment
  - Many policies in place
  - Plenty of rules and regulations

All these do not make these companies any better than ones without all this paperwork and longevity in place just much more expensive to deal with.
- Some so called affluent people have problems paying people for work done. I guess by not paying they have more income to spend on themselves. I regard these types amongst the lowest forms of life.
- If you have a business, do not trust anyone to oversee its operation unless you are monitoring its performance very closely.
- If you have a business and you suffer any of the following.
  - Too much trust in people
  - Gambling
  - Alcoholism
  - Drug abuse
  - Squandering of profits
You're more than likely to lose this business.

- Certain races have a mentality that allows them to exploit the efforts of those who do work for them. They are well known to most tradesman.
- When business is going well save for the bad period which is normally just around the corner.
- Do not rely too much on the input of people who are not hands on because they will only see part of the big picture.
- If you do not like confrontation and substantial losses at times, steer clear doing work for the general public or be very selective with your clients.
- Most businesses fail before they really start - partnerships in particular. Normally one partner is very motivated the other hoping they will be swept along and succeed under the drive of the other. Disillusionment with partners and the normal difficulties in starting anything dooms many a venture to failure.
- If something can be done today do not leave it for tomorrow because you will find other issues may come into play and that something may not get done.
- One of the most dishonorable types includes some contractors and financial advisors who take advantage of elderly people for excessive financial gain.
- We have a situation in Australia which allows unscrupulous individuals to defraud tradesmen and people in general. If the Government really cared for the victims, they could set up a system which prevents the closing of a company and setting up a new one, sometimes at the same location. This leaves the creditors no recourse to be compensated.
- Many people think being in your own business is lucrative. You will find in the present climate the returns are very poor and the pitfalls are great.
- Some large companies exploit small contractors knowing they can not generally afford to fight for what is theirs.
- **Some clients in the building industry in particular have become more difficult to deal with due to**
  - Stressful lifestyles making them less tolerant
  - Knowledge that the authorities are generally against tradesmen and the client normally is given the benefit.
  - Tough financial times causing some people to become less inclined to pay for completed work.
- In bygone days if you thought you may have a problem with a client it was your imagination. Now if you can see no obvious problem with the job you are more than likely to find the client has some issue with you or the job.
- People who feel their material possessions or jobs done by tradesmen must be perfect, have to a large extent, not the remotest idea of what life is really about. They generally haven’t evolved very far.
- Those on set salaries may feel some resentment of those in business who appear to do well without realising those in business are at the mercy of many problems such as bad debts, bad clients, problem jobs, poor staff to name a few.
CHAPTER 10
INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIETY

- What inspired me to write this book came from the experiences naively gained by becoming involved with individuals and authorities lacking in moral justice and social conscience.
- If I had married the woman most appropriate to myself and her personality, my life would have been much less turbulent and I would have little reason to have written such a book. I guess I was very lucky.
- There are some who strive for wealth and power at all costs. Remember the day will come when you will pass it on to others who may not have respected your methods and will more than likely squander your efforts.
- Never blame anyone else for your woes. Your choices of people, including politicians will give you the bad experiences. If you become more cynical, questioning and less trusting of people you will have fewer problems in life.
- I believe if you come across as sincere and trusting, less evolved people perceive this as a weakness and can take advantage of this to exploit or damage you in some way.
- If you are free with your money expect to have many friends. But if you fall on hard times expect nearly all to desert you.
- When you have to deal with dysfunctional people it only takes roughly five minutes to become damaged by them, but a whole lot longer to get rid of them and the damage they have caused you.
- If you conduct yourself without consideration for others, you will ultimately unravel yourself. Wellbeing does not go hand in hand with self serving behaviour.
- If I adhered to most of the wisdom outlined in this book, my life would have been close to perfect, but I have never even got close.
- Unfortunately too many people lacking in some ability, resent those who have, instead of trying to copy that ability.
- If and when the day arrives and you become fully aware of the real reality, then you can start conducting your life experiences at a more spiritual level and not from jealousy, anger, greed, resentment and so on.
- When you are doing very well in any area of life, do not allow yourself to get carried away because failure could be just around the corner.
- In life good people can have bad experiences, in most cases good can come from this i.e. failure in some misadventure can steel them to succeed next time around.
- You will probably find the most evolved people are not the most recognised. They would shun celebrity status, fame and fortune. This eliminates nearly all people you know or hear about.
- Dwelling on trivial issues only reduces your effort on the main issues.
- The environment does not change the person it just gives them the opportunity to decide what best serves them. For example if someone is morally just, they will not be able to function in a morally unjust environment. Those who can, have been given the opportunity to function in
an environment that best serves them.

To enjoy final success is to suffer a degree of initial failure. Success which comes too easily can make you complacent and susceptible to poor decision making, especially with opportunities and maybe with people with poor intentions. Children when spoiled by parents tend to approach life without focus or determination. This in the long term, probably will not condition them to the rigors of the real world.

What sort of mentality allows the select breeding of some animals such as dogs to look cosmetically beautiful, but to be laden with physical defects, such as breeding dogs with small heads, unfortunately with brains that tend to outgrow its capacity, causing the dog a very agonising existence.

If you keep a low profile especially if you become successful it will make you less of a target with those who resent your success.

If you dwell too much on what has gone before you, it can reduce your focus on what is coming before you.

Arrogance comes from some misguided feeling of superiority over another. This is just a learnt behaviour.

If you ever want to improve or better yourself in anything you should endeavour to mix with people at least better than yourself.

Being pious in isolation does not really help anyone.

Motivated people tend to attract the less motivated because they hope to benefit from the liaison. If you are motivated do not bother to get involved because one way or another you will be used.

There are those who may want to borrow from you. The one to keep a wide berth show generally the following problems.

- They have no respect for their own possessions or squander their own money i.e. gambling, drinking, drugs or frivolous lifestyles.
- If these individuals have a tendency to lie they will lie to you when the occasion necessitates.
- Many of these individuals appear to be at odds with others i.e. they are owed money or some injustice. I believe most of this comes from their own actions which attract bad reactions from their own doing.

When it comes to your money very rarely trust anyone, you will generally find many people are unscrupulous and will exploit you at every opportunity to gain a benefit, especially if they feel you have more than them.

Even in a stable relationship you can still have feelings for another of the opposite sex. This can be based on a sense of compatibility or meeting of old souls.

Generally the more damaged the individual the more they are in self denial.

Learned behaviour is very hard to reverse. People rarely change unless some minor miracle occurs to them.

Throughout history, some have proposed some logic or theory but have been persecuted by mainstream thinking and with the passage of time have been vindicated. So it pays to keep an open mind on anything even if it does not conform to what most people think.

We repeatedly hear so called ‘expert opinion’ from educated people in such areas as human behaviour. What is commonly evident is the lack of uniformity of judgment, commonsense and logic, learning from experience is
better than from a text book, which should only be a guideline.

- In many cases the less educated, especially if they have some presence can display some arrogance and bravado. It can be a mechanism to compensate for their shortcomings.
- Single parents, who initially feel they are well equipped to produce well balanced children, need to think again! Many children end up suffering from some behavioural problems. There appears to be a need to have a dominant parent instilling discipline and the other less dominant parent to nurture the softer side of the child’s personality. It is a little hard for one person to have all these attributes to influence development of a child.
- If you have a really hard look at the Political environment you can get the distinct feeling we are being taken for a ride.
- If you want to experience class distinction wear a worker’s outfit in areas where white collar workers frequent. Don’t expect too many to acknowledge your presence.
- If this book somehow succeeds in its mission do not become complacent. Those who have been displaced or those who are seeking personal benefits, will try their hardest to take over.

Do not allow the following types to infiltrate the movement.
- Those that are self serving
- Those from the lunatic fringe
- Those that may use it as a vehicle to push their own agendas as Stalin did with Socialism.
- Those that want to destabilise the cause.

- If any of the rich and powerful have a social conscience and believe in reincarnation, make a stand to change the mentality of society, because if you don’t and you decide to comeback, there is a good chance you will be starting at the bottom of a society you helped nurture in your previous life.
- A truly evolved soul does not look at its social standing, material possessions or physical attributes, only how far they have evolved spiritually.
- Never blame anybody for your misfortune only yourself. Your wrong choice with who you deal with, governs your bad outcomes.
- How often are judgmental people quick to condemn another and with the passing of time are found to be no better.
- Once someone has tasted the fruits of some sin and saw some pleasure or benefit, even if they say they have repented, expect them to go there again.
- If someone repeatedly professes their honesty or integrity, be very wary. When one truly has values they have no need to convince others.
- Impractical people should not be overseeing practical people just guiding them.
- I do not believe there is much genuine empathy between impractical and practical people. This can be due to maybe a feeling of resentment of achievement of the other.
- Those who get some pleasure out of someone else’s misfortune will only meet a similar fate further down the track.
- Power is like an aphrodisiac to those of little merit or moral values.
- Morality is essentially a learned behaviour. If parents display and reinforce moral values there is a very good chance they will be learned as long as
Your destiny (fate) is another word for your soul’s journey.

- If you make a total mess of your life or the complete opposite, the end result is the same you will pass on. It’s only the experiences gained from your journey that interests your soul.
- Those who feel amassing great wealth especially from the exploitation of others, think again how much do you really need.
- Some elements of society may attempt to obstruct positive change because it may interfere with their self serving and mostly morally unjust behaviour.
- If those who worship many of the high profiled individuals, had a crystal ball and could see what they are really like, they wouldn’t even go there.
- Individuals are not particularly unique; they are just the product of a unique environment.
- Animals are normally a good judge of people’s characters. So be wary if your animal does not take too kindly to someone you plan to develop a connection with.
- Most of our problems come from mixing with people not as evolved as ourselves, especially if your money is involved. Being able to judge does require some experience. My main piece of advice is to not be too trusting of others.
- If you confide in someone with your interests at heart, such as an older family member, they can guide you by giving you an impartial assessment of other people or some commitment which may damage you especially if it sounds too good to be true.
- My advice to those who feel a good education, good job and a good woman is enough to get you through life, think again. Unless you develop a more spiritual mentality it may turn to dust.
- With too many people the more money they make the more they spend. Insufficient education when they are young contributes to this problem.
- Most revered historical figures did not become empowered by some authority, their power came from within.
- Never trust anyone with your possessions. For example, some unscrupulous individuals can start contractual documentation to purchase and you foolishly allow them to take possession. You might find they never had the intention to purchase, and then you are left with the dilemma of removing them. These individuals are normally versed in the legal system, knowing it can be manipulated to suit the unscrupulous at the expense of the victims.
- One must question the mentality of those affluent or wanabes who frequent expensive establishments paying ridiculous amounts for goods and services. So as to conjure a social standing amongst people who give pretentiousness a whole new meaning.
- I know that some may not agree that Wyatt Earp he had the right idea, when his brother was murdered in cold blood; he tracked the murderers and killed them. The ancient law an ‘eye for an eye’ applied which is considered as natural justice. The perpetrators suffered the consequences of their actions. It could serve as a warning to those who want to start an unjust chain of events.
- You will generally find those who are quick to condemn another for some failure have rarely achieved anything themselves.
Those who have tasted success know mixed with success are many failures.
If you have experienced many lows like I have, it makes you more aware and determined not to go there again.
If you are targeted by a much younger and normally more attractive individual of the opposite sex, know the situation is not a lasting one.
When you have affluence at a more mature period of your life, it is this which attracts younger ones of the opposite sex. You can indulge yourself, but do not make the mistake of forming a relationship because the outcome will only benefit them in the long run.
If your meal ticket is your physical attributes, the day will come when that asset will fade. So develop your intellect and personality before hand because if you don’t there may be little desire for others to be in your company.
Many wise people with moral values have existed throughout history and I am sure most had little or no legal training.
When you are at your lowest those who remain by your side are the ones you allow to share your highs.
The older I get the more I realise how much I short changed some people in particular my father. Now I understand the frustrations and disappointments they suffered from my poor actions.
Most on death’s door will tell you the real truth, what is really important and what is not.
People, who feel life is what you take and not what you can give, will find old age a very lonely experience.
This book was never meant to be a literary work of art just a possible road map to change the mentality of society. Most people are aware of much of the contents; all I have really done is articulate what you already know, what you are not too sure of and what you may not know.
Educating children in the concept of mortality can help curb the excesses of youth which not only hurts them but others in society.
Because you are ignorant of some subject, that does not mean it does not exist nor has little relevance.
If you want to have an emotional rollercoaster ride get involved with someone with a damaged upbringing. What makes it even worse is their self denial perpetuates the ride. At the same time they normally try and discredit you when you highlight their irrational behaviour.
If you are honorable, moral, giving, caring and so on you have little relevance in a world where power and wealth rein supreme.
When in an environment, you may get so involved you do not see the wood from the trees. I personally have found it can be easy to miss what is really important. These are the situations where you normally get damaged, so if you see problems then get out of that environment.
When dealing with people with significant personality issues, you can use the rather crude analogy that even if Jesus himself was in their presence they would end up having issues even with him! Because most are heavily in self denial regarding behaviour, there is very little you can do to help these types.
Anyone who thinks he is better than someone else should think again.
• What you get out of life is what you put into it. If you have desires fulfill them. I believe too many people go to their graves with regrets, If they only applied themselves then desires could have been fulfilled.
• Who really thinks what other people think of you. As long as you do not impact on anyone in a negative way who cares.
• Clement Attlee had a favourite saying “The great thing is never give up”.
• Your journey is no more important or less important than anyone else’s. You may find someone doing a menial task when compared to yours. Just consider they may have already done your journey and are nearing the end of their evolution.
• It is difficult to give advice unless you have had the experience and are practicing what you preach.
• The word hero has even been demeaned by some in society. A hero is one who genuinely risks his life for some cause, normally in the saving of another.
• Being genetically related can mean very little in the scheme of things unless you have a degree of compatibility.
• Always tell it as it is. The truth must never be compromised.
• A truly complete individual has no need to be empowered by any other individual or organisation.
• The more I read the more I realise how ignorant I was.
CHAPTER 11
COMMENTS ON SOCIETY

• In WW11 the harrowing experiences documented by the many combatants on both sides of the conflict can give a good reality check on many in our society, who have lost the concept of sacrifice and commitment.

• Australia is supposed to be doing better in its economic recovery from the Global Recession than the rest of the world. It does help that we are selling off our resources and assets to do it. The Government has put the Nation into further enormous debt by stimulus packages which have been ill directed and squandered in the main.

• Too many unnecessary choices in products such as milk products only serves the few who believe it is essential for their wellbeing, generally at significant cost which probably only really benefits the retailers profit margin.

• The plight of the Congolese peasants is typical, where the minority exploits the majority for little compensation.

• Crows are giving people hell but they are protected by fines in excess of $100,000. Culling is illegal and you wonder why the general public has little respect for most authorities.

• The way some authorities have become all that is missing is the firearms and then we will be little different to the really oppressed regimes from the past.

• Every generation needs a few to make sacrifices for the many who suffer from inertia.

• Society is in very bad shape. Most of this is due to the very few who exploit, manipulate, control and show little or no respect for the masses. Most will have issues with this lot; if the masses unite they will be forced to change their tune.

• I believe many who have it all may lack wellbeing, this comes more from giving. So they have an opportunity to give something back by supporting efforts to encourage better types of people to lead us.

• Why does the vast majority of people sit back and allow a very small number of people to spoil it for them.

• You will find many organisations including charities have acquired a management which serves more their own existence.

• Idealism is not a great bedfellow of many present day politicians. Idealism requires sacrifice and suffering, so I rest my case.

• If you really have a good look at many injustices, they tend to come from authorities who have become too powerful and fat on the revenue we are forced to give them.

• I do not believe in high density living, this is not the best way of living. A greener and less congested environment will give you a better quality of life. So we should encourage decentralisation.

• To reduce terrorism, give the oppressed and starving a better quality of life then there is less reason for discontent and terrorism to flourish.

• We repeatedly see poor judgment of people with little or no practicality.

• So many road deaths are attributable to poor roads. This can be prevented by
reduction in squander on revenue thus allowing what is saved to be directed to the critical areas such as this.

- Just because you are siblings means very little if your personalities are different you may as well be strangers.
- Ill gotten benefits gained fraudulently or with little or no effort are normally squandered – one could draw an analogy to tax revenue with the latter.
- If this book succeeds in its message I do not plan to get into heated debate with those who may feel it is a harsh assessment on society. If anything I’ve toned it down.
- Another frustration with ageing has been to see another lot of Politicians come in promising to fix the mess and knowing things will never change whilst we keep electing the same types.
- If you take many of the present politicians out of running the country and place leaders who actually understand and have experienced running a small to medium business you will see a complete change to what is best for the people.
- My advice to the young listen to your elders, they have done all the mistakes you are doing now and will be doing. They can save you some heartache.
- For all those who give grief to another, what goes around comes around.
- The lack of compassion can lead to loss of conscience. Those who suffer from this can develop a superiority mindset over others. If these people are empowered by some authority it can lead to a form of arrogance where they can easily justify morally unjust behaviour. The extreme cases existed in Germany in the 1930’s. We have a milder version of this in some of our authorities.
- We have allowed too many self-serving and generally impractical people to infiltrate management. This can cause loss of morale in their workforce.
- Government and their agencies are generally out of touch with society. They chew up large amounts of revenue to run themselves and generally what’s left they squander a significant portion of it. To make it even worse they keep demanding more, and to top off that, they oppress us in their efforts.
- Why do so many electrical appliances lack reliability? We appear to be a throw away society. This only really benefits the manufacturers and the retailers. The consumers and the landfills are left to pay.
- I wonder how many great developments such as the Hoover dam and the Snowy mountains scheme would have been built at reasonable cost if at all with the type of bureaucrats we have now.
- Many people who feel they have failed in life should realise they can’t blame anybody else but themselves. Poor selection of environment and people play a big role.
- Anti-discrimination laws can become a weapon for some to financially ingratiate themselves.
- You will only fix the problems in society by starting to fix your leaders first.
- Impractical people generally have problems in how to prioritise. They would sooner spend a fortune on a project with little real benefits than projects that
are necessary and essential.

- Keeping things simple, saves time and money. This is something the less practical fail to realise.
- The treaty at Versailles in 1919, where Germany was forced to sign off on enormous repatriation to the allies, set the seeds of discontent leading to the rise of Hitler. In Japan’s case the US exclusion Act in 1924 implied that Japan was less than a major power and embargoes imposed on raw materials were the seeds that encouraged Japan’s involvement in WW11.
- So with all actions there is a reaction. Maybe the reaction may appear unreasonable but you must consider the mindset of people who feel they have been treated in a morally unjust way.
- The contempt and greed of some food manufacturers, beggar’s belief. They claim they are doing us a favor by reducing the size and/or weight of some of their products for health reasons, especially if it may cause obesity, but still maintain the same retail price.
- Some legal eagles may realise towards the end of their lives that helping the guilty to escape retribution was not moral justice or in anyone’s best interests except the guilty and the legal eagle’s remuneration.
- You can reduce the impact of the impractical by forcing them to get practical experience.
- One can generally taste the difference between homegrown vegetables and fruit compared to what is served up at most retail outlets. Long fridge life and over use of fertilisers can contribute to poor nutritional and maybe long term health issues.
- I believe we have reached the point of no return. The global financial meltdown thanks to the greed of a few was the final nail in the coffin. I do not see much recovery for a very very long time. Many people are up to their eyeballs in debt that will not be changing. Wages are staying much the same. The cost of living is going up daily from electricity to foodstuffs and most of our governments have sunk us deeply in debt which someone has to pay back. So how will recovery ever take place?
- We have reached financial oppression.
- The local governments are waging war on the community with increasing rates, squandering of revenue, fines, fees and charges, obstruction of development and over the top need for compliance. So how can things improve?
- If you allow too many talking heads to control our lives then we end up with a society we have.
- If people need to compete with you and you do not feel you need to, unless you’re on a race track, steer well clear of them because they will irritate you in the end.
- Disinformation, half-truths and litigation can be a weapon of some and some in authority wanting to maintain some moral injustice.
- Why mix young males and females in the front lines of the armed forces when human nature will tell you sexual activity would be very hard to prevent.
• In a just cause the greater the number in support will greatly enhance its chance of success.
• If you could magically transfer people back to the 1960’s and the 1970’s very few would want to come back to the present. There were no credit cards, very little rules and regulations, much smaller debts, less drug problems; you could afford to buy a house, less stress and so on.
• Much medical evidence indicating processed foods can harm us – the solution is not to eat them but this will not suit big business.
• You are morally corrupt if you pursue any actions for whatever reasons, if you feel deep down it is an injustice.
• I know it is not politically correct but some in certain races have mindsets that will not assimilate. They may feel they are superior in some way based on some misguided ideology.
• We have allowed people in pinstriped suits and a brief case to take over. In bygone days the true achievers were those who rolled up their sleeves and actually did something.
• You can draw an analogy. If you had to go into a battle wouldn’t you get a better outcome if your leader had battle experience? So why do we vote people in to control our revenue who generally speaking lack the qualities to do exactly that.
• Maybe the more educated feel the less educated have little to offer in the scheme of things. If we could work together in a practical way so much could be accomplished. Each group will feed off each other so everyone prospers.
• Governments can change the goal posts as far as superannuation is concerned. So do not be surprised as they take us further down a black hole that they will find some mechanism to profit from your efforts.
• Every generation has its problems. We have seen the proliferation of big business, over regulation, increasing debt, the decay of public utilities and decline of essential services, much of this is due to the accelerating incompetence of poor governments.
• ‘Debt is good!’ Whoever made this statement wanted you to be in debt to them. In bygone days debt was a necessary evil to a point. But when it controls your life it only serves your creditor.
• Animal rescue programs can show a compassionate and non-confrontational approach when dealing with owners of distressed animals. Is this the normal approach or just a sanitized representation to ply donations and support from the public.
• The generations to come will have very limited opportunities such as owning a house. Who have we to thank for that?
• We repeatedly hear of questionable or extravagant behaviour from some of our politicians. They normally tell us to show restraint whilst they indulge themselves at our expense.
• We are encouraged in Western society not to retaliate against those who have done us wrong. Somehow I believe this mindset has come from the perpetrators, to allow them to ply their trade with little retribution.
• We have positions of pomp and ceremony fueled by large amounts of revenue to accommodate these who belong to the privileged minority.
• If you allow too much legality to rule your society all you end up doing, is oppress and stifle progress.
• You are at the mercy of the government when you own property. Taxes in all their forms ensure you are paying heavily for the privilege.
• Group sex appears to be more common amongst so called high profile members of our society especially the males. The recipients initially may feel they share in the fame or infamy of the one doing the giving. But it is a bit hard to accept the reaction of some recipients down the track that they have been violated. Possibly a conscience develops, that their actions were not in their best interests. This is good but to set out to ‘destroy’ those involved is not a solution and getting others especially so called ‘experts’ to back them up does not serve anyone in the long run.
• The farce of bottled water has been fired by well orchestrated marketing campaigns. Too many people are paying exorbitantly for water with special ‘virtues’. This has only added another unnecessary overhead to strained budgets and made some entrepreneurial type quite rich. The water from the tap is as good if not better without the cost. Some people fail to realise, the plastic or glass bottles use up resources and need energy from coal powered generators which further pollute the environment. And on top of that countless millions of discarded bottles end up in land fill.
• The research and manufacture of medicines should be under the control of the government.
• The best people to control the dispensing of tax payer revenue for Goods and Services should be those that are practical and suffering from a need not to waste revenue.
• When dealing under so called professionals in areas such as
  - Legal
  - Accounting
  - Building industry
  - Government authorities
  Can give you poor advice; your recourse is limited because the damage they cause may be so severe you cannot afford to take action and even if you take them to the legal system the chances of moral justice is limited because that is their environment and by the time it’s all over you could be even worse off.
• The vocal minority tends to get results whilst the vast majority remains silent hoping things will somehow right themselves.
• I believe that anything that deals with the health and other essential services should be fully controlled by the masses through good government not by private enterprise.
• Many people waste so much money on substance abuse and poor quality foods to slowly destroy their mental and physical health. What sort of mentality is that?
• Government will not like you to see a simplistic analysis of the way it is, they may use all means at their disposal to discredit the responsibility of a succession of poor governments for allowing this to happen. But I believe it is fixable once we start to elect the right type of leaders.
• What I find with society, it allows problems to proliferate not realising a bit
of effort can diminish or even eliminate these problems.

- Present society operates on a diet of trivial events aided and abetted by the authorities and at times by the media while the real issues are continually ignored. These are the ones that will make society worth really living in.
- If an authority promotes some regulation or action does not mean it is in the best interests of society.
- The way society has evolved with all the over regulation, exploitation by big business, exploitation by Government and its authorities and a litigious legal system – are we really better off?
- If you are heavily in debt would you borrow even more to get out of trouble? I do not think so. Then what mentality allows Government to do exactly that.
- A justifiably cynical way of looking at society is most people are trusting and are continually targeted by few who are not.
- Lacking in some moral values is just the lack of introduction and reinforcement of these values in one’s early years.
- Throughout history we have had ‘crazy periods’ such as the post war hysteria with the communist peril in particular in the U.S. where people were blacklisted based on hearsay or just malice for some remote connection with communism. Some really ‘patriotic’ film actors refused to use the line ‘share and share alike’ because of its relevance to communism. Even Robin Hood was vilified because he had robbed the rich to give to the poor. How did we reach such levels of stupidity? Granted the leadership of communism was contemptible, the principles of socialism had much merit. Clement Attlee thought they were and pushed it for England’s post war revival. But like most efforts to give a degree of equality to the masses it floundered from the efforts of the self servers.
- It was not surprising three of the most revered figures of the English History Clement Attlee, Winston Churchill, and David Lloyd George had much in common and interacted to support each other in their efforts to get the best outcomes for the masses.
- Socialism was and is the scourge of the self servers.
- If society ever manages to get ‘the type of leadership that will serve the masses, you must encourage very strong support to maintain this leadership. Protection and replenishment is essential.
- Whenever moral injustice occurs especially at the highest levels and it is not addressed the masses become further disillusioned and stressed by the inaction this could lead one day to the masses to seek their own retribution.
- I do not have issues with those who feel life’s purpose is to just eat, pass waste and then pass on, but do not condemn those who try to improve the lot of the majority.
- Just about everybody complains how bad things have become, but do not do anything about it. I say support those who can.
- Life is becoming tough enough without the poorly run Governments and their appendages trying at every opportunity to revenue gouge the public with excuses sometimes verging on infantile or dictorial.
- What’s in a name brand? Many manufacturers have gone offshore to exploit
cheap labour, but why are their products still so expensive.

- If Government can be reduced significantly and what is left led by quality leadership we will have vast amounts of revenue to help all.
- Many licensed clubs appear to have moved away from being part of the community to becoming a place to squander hard earned income in gaming machines.
- The farce of the interviewing system in the Government domain. If you are well versed in the art of ticking the right boxes in the paper war for job selection, then you are nearly there. Your capabilities are less of an issue.
- During long periods of relative peace we appear to have ended up with some leaders not in tune with the real needs of society. The perception that they do not serve us is obvious to many.
- When former employees of a big business exposed morally unjust behaviour in that business, they were discredited so the truth became clouded.
- We in Australia seem to suffer greatly by the actions from big business which appear to serve as vehicles for some politicians to obtain ‘donations’ and employment after their ‘splendid’ political careers have ended.
- If you suffer any of the following chronic drinking, smoking, drug taking and general squandering of money you will more than likely suffer from a chronic shortage of money for essentials.
- The chaos and violence of night life can be laid at the feet of some politicians who feel that all night drink venues will be a benefit for some.
- With beaurocracy if you allow it to grow unrestrained and keep feeding it with easy money expect them to give you grief.
- Too many people become too focused on less physical endeavors. Unfortunately commonsense and practicality normally comes from both physical and mental applications.
- Some retirement villages are more concerned with profit therefore exploiting the elderly residents. I believe Governments should properly control this area not by the greedy.
- Manufacturers of many items tend to build in expensive repairs due to costly replacement parts, especially in the automotive industry.
- Hopefully this book will highlight the different personalities especially the problematic types;
  - For good people to give them a wide berth.
  - Just maybe a conscience may develop by the offenders to modify their behaviour.
- Many books claiming some revelation or different slant on some subject are not very original. This book is no different because most of the problems are well known but now I hope by documenting these problems people will start to fix the problems.
- If you want to confuse anything just involve large numbers of people to articulate it. For example Christianity we now have one of the most confusing and diverse interpretation of a given subject. Different groups who have their own agendas each claiming they are the way. At the end of the day countless millions have suffered from all this poor human behaviour in the name of God.
- Stress plays a much bigger role in our lives because of it we have to also
suffer the rudeness and inconsiderate behaviour from other stressed out people.
Many have fallen into the trap of financial debt, relationships breakdowns, substance abuse, work issues and sleep deprivation.

• I know I have repeated myself in some areas but reinforcement is the key to remembering issues, especially important ones.
• Financial security can allow the different types of personalities to act their real behaviors such as;
  - If arrogant by nature it allows them to comfortably be themselves
  - If promiscuous it gives them greater license to act out their fantasies.
  - Older men in particular can quickly forget their long term partner replace them with a younger model who in most cases are only there for the money.
  - There are those who generally help others with their riches. These people are rare but do exist. They have realised they have a greater calling.
• The key to a reasonable life is to develop a stable lifestyle if you persist with the wrong partners and environments expect instability.
• For the older members of our society you will be amazed by the knowledge you have acquired. Put it to good use in helping others especially the young.
• Those who contribute to a better world are the ones we should truly cherish i.e. those who sacrifice themselves to help others. We should try and create a better world less concerned with greed and self interests.
• People with very extreme behaviour (excluding those dedicated to the care of others) in life generally are the most damaging to society.
  - The extreme feminist
  - The extreme male chauvinist
  - The person obsessed with riches at all costs
  - The person who craves a high position in society
  - Those people craving celebrity status.
  - The perfectionist
  - The religious extremist.
• We have become a throw away society. This is very evident with white goods. Many of these have fairly limited working lives compared to similar goods in bygone days. This encourages burdens on already stressed incomes but I guess the profits of the manufacturers are more important.
• The simple things in life are normally the best. In bygone days people were generally less stressed. They had few luxuries and processed foods, no credit cards and controllable mortgages serviced by one family member. Now we have evolved into a stressed society with a multitude of problems.
• Big issues are being made with illegal dumpers. If maybe the authorities did not make it so expensive to dump legally then it would not be such a big issue.
• With the type of Government we have there exists within a party various factions controlled by power brokers. Now you can see with all this self interest behaviour, a united front is difficult to attain. So how are we going to solve the multitude of problems when they are scheming and fighting
amongst themselves?

- Sporting team discipline on the field is directly related to the coach. If the coach is not that much better in behaviour than the players, respect is not in abundance so therefore do not expect the players to toe the line.
- One wonders what joy a bureaucrat gets by damaging an individual, when no one has suffered from the actions of that individual.
- You can see the indecent obsession by some people to become politicians. Because on retirement or removal can receive enormous benefits for life. This is a great perk, these benefits they normally give to themselves.
- We are now hearing a degree of honest assessment by some ex-politicians that we are over governed.
- Society has been stifled, productivity reduced, vanishing opportunity and suffering oppression, we can thank the leadership and most of the technocrats for all this.
- As one well informed ex senior BHP Manager stated, we encouraged people to go to university and on completion put them in charge of operations of which they had no real experience and now we are paying the heavy price for this approach in most levels of society. Effectively many who have little idea of what is going on running concerns, when once upon a time only those who have proven their worth attained these positions.
- Apathy or fear prevents most people from making the effort to save themselves. They allow some local council and such to carry our squandering of revenue and oppression. A little effort on a united front will bring them to bear.
- Poor Government can allow the authorities beneath them to do pretty much as they please and at the same time function as revenue raisers with little restraint.
- Technology in many ways is not helping society.
- Never just take the history as served up from only one side of any conflict. Normally the truth lies between the two.
- With the passing of time how come the Supernatural and UFO events become almost mythical and therefore not real? We do not seem to do this to general mainstream history. The skeptics can feed off this to show that there is a credibility issue with the real reality.
- Those with moral justice and social conscience will always be more important than those lacking them.
- Always remember as in war a fragmented attack without proper logistics support, direction and concentration will in most cases fail in its goals, especially if the enemy is well entrenched. So draw an analogy from this.
- The U.S. in particular appears obsessed with the armaments industry. This is unhealthy from any angle. Their products must be consumed so conflicts for whatever reason are necessary. So a part of the masses is needed to use these products in these conflicts, which have been found to be totally pointless in the long run. But worst of all the vast amounts of revenue wasted has placed great burdens on society, depriving revenue for proper healthcare, welfare, programs to help world poverty just for starters. I cannot believe how the
questionable interests of the few can impact so negatively on the interests of
the vast majority.

• The thinking elements of society knew that government policy to allow all
night drinking venues to proliferate would become a blight on our society.
They have been vindicated and the roll back of these venues is seeing an
improvement in behaviour. Why should we be so surprised?

• Oliver North took the bullet for the Iran-Contra scandal whilst those above
him ran for cover.

• Some countries in Scandinavia such as Sweden appear to have better societies
and outcomes than ours. I believe Governments there are more concerned
about domestic issues than the desire to strut the world stage.

• Big business has another bad trait. When it comes to culling the workforce
the ‘Indians’ in most cases are ruthlessly shedded. Most of the management
rarely comes from the ranks and have little or no sympathy for those who
actually do the work.

• Just because you are ignorant of some subject that does not mean it does not
exist or have little relevance in your life. Exposure to non fiction literature
outlining the Supernatural, UFO and history involving noted individuals, can
create a new reality for you and just maybe help change your mind set.

• Why is it so difficult for the law to act on people who abuse innocent
people’s rights? We have serial offenders taking over people’s properties,
using devious means in conjunction with the legal system. The innocent must
always be supported; allowing them to suffer only makes this a society for the
unjust.

• By the time one pays for preschool fees it may be more beneficial for one
partner to stay home and give the child some quality time. Grandparents
could share the load. This investment in your child’s development may be the
best one you will ever make.

• In some authorities it would be beneficial to change the management fairly
regularly. This reduces the possible situation of unfavorable collusion with
developers, criminal elements, goods and service providers.

• Impractical people such as some politicians can create an illusion of
productivity by having talk fests. But when action is really needed a different
sort of character is needed.

• The increase in ‘educated people’ with little or no practical experience has
diminished the opportunity of many more able but less educated people.

• The green light was given to a questionable regime to invade their neighbours
in the pretext of preventing a communist take over, only ended up in the
murdering of many including five journalists and subsequent oppression of
the people. With the discovery and need for large energy reserves in the area
that saw the removal of the occupiers. One would question the initial and
final motives.

• Some do-gooders felt less humane killing of pests and destroying crops
should be banned. Little consideration is given to the farmers who are
generally cash strapped and can ill afford far more expensive solutions.

• The more submissive the person, the greater is the empowerment of the
authorities to be even more oppressive.
• When people come to loath the authorities who are supposed to help them then it is time to bring them under the control of the people.
• Kerry Packer summed up his minimisation of taxation. Why give more than you have to, so it can be squandered by others.
• Rid yourself of unnecessary tiers of Government and a vast fortune will be saved, alleged corruption and the type of people you have little time for, will fade away.
• Progress should always take precedence over the obstructive action of petty bureaucrats.
• There is much documented information on so called secret societies which could influence society. I am not going there, but it could make good reading for those who feel there is some merit in this.
• Most of the problems in society stem from the misguided actions of a few.
• Local Government will only get worse. If you show a united front you will place them where they belong. The types of politicians we have do not appear capable of doing the job.
• After WW11 there was a boom in industry and prosperity. Ordinary people could achieve substantially. But as time progressed poorly performing Government and their bureaucracies’ made sure that it did not continue.
• Authorities can monitor your movements via mobile phones, credit cards and CCTV cameras. It may serve some good role but the possible abuse can create a society under surveillance.
• In the name of National Security just about anything goes to justify actions which may be morally unjust.
• With rural fires why not consider having a significant clearing of vegetation around houses. Unfortunately some green minded bureaucrats are more concerned with their preservation than lives. Maybe encourage less combustible smaller trees.
• Some of the greatest hypocrites throughout history have caused major grief to many in the name of god.
• Authorities obsessed with increasing speed cameras, rules and regulations, surveillance cameras and so on, are stressing out society and causing even more problems.
• Most wars and so called conflicts to subdue terrorists can be solved rather quickly. Fully arm those few pursuing this course of action from both sides, place them in an open field and let them sort it out. The rather lame reason for King and country or may be there is some threat to our national security, are not good enough reasons to see so many innocents suffer.
• What screwed up capitalism and socialism was the greed and need for power of the very few. Maybe a hybrid of both systems can work in the favour of the masses with the right type of leaders.
• We see obstructive behaviour of authorities refusing to house an articulate single man with no issues with society, whilst a notorious pedophile is given the royal treatment and you wonder why the masses have lost confidence in most authorities.
• Those with timber fire heaters need to be wary. Some small minded bureaucrat may outlaw their use with the encouragement of some
governments because the fuel source is normally free.

- In a nutshell people especially the young will unlikely appreciate or respect something that is just given to them without any effort from them.
- What is so amazing about some people is they are quite prepared to damage another with little conscience.
- A bi-partisan approach amongst politicians is the only way to really solve the causes of a multitude of problems. The repeated waste of time, energy and money by the party system helps no-one except those enjoying their benefits.
- Racism is a far greater issue than the authorities make out. They have significantly contributed to the problem by encouraging races that will not assimilate with much success.
- Removal of all advertising of tobacco and alcohol will be a step in the right direction. The alcohol industry can be very professional in encouraging the young to become long term sufferers from their products.
- Tourists are expected to pay substantial tips when visiting some countries. It appears the employers are exploiting both the employees and the tourists.
- The Federal Government reckons state hospital systems are fragmented and inefficient from both patient serviceability and cost effectiveness and still no proper solution.
- My summation on what is really important can be described as follows; consider say 20 years ago. Basically what occurred then is quite irrelevant looking at it from the present. The present will be in time considered the same. What we have accomplished materially or socially is not really that important in the scheme of things. What is important is the journey and how we conducted ourselves in the evolution of our soul. So wealth, success at all costs, social standing, celebrity status are not really that important.
- Too many people have placed themselves into hardship. We cannot blame completely Government, banks or the real estate industry. If people choose to live in houses beyond their means then they must take some responsibility. Many have effectively sacrificed stress free lifestyles in the process.
- We repeatedly hear about bi-polar and ADHD disorders. I wonder how much of this is triggered by binge drinking, drugs and chemically enhanced foods.
- The influx of management with little or no experience in a business has only ripped the soul out of these businesses, reducing morale and has caused the disappearance of loyalty.
- Increased stress in society is a direct result of poor leadership. I know no leader will take responsibility. But over 40years they as a group have damaged the family unit, reduced the opportunity to own a house especially for the young, significantly increased the cost of living and did not reduce the impact of the influence of substance abuse and that’s for starters. Those who are responsible should make all efforts now to redeem themselves.
- The mentality of big business encourages ‘we spend till we drop’ and many have somehow taken their advice.
- Many say power corrupts. I do not believe so, you must be corrupt to start with and when given the power you have the opportunity to show what you really are.
- A major problem with many people is they allow themselves to be
intimidated into submission by elements of society. Those causing the
damage play on the fact people will generally not defend themselves.

- If you want to persist with the party system, steer clear of the one which takes
  squander to a whole new level.
- Government debt does not occur by chance. It occurs from lack of restraint
  and in some cases a degree of corruption.
- The frivolous is what is emphasised in present society, whilst the real issues
  are never addressed. Taking the soft option means you do not have to face
  reality.
- We see little transparency from politicians to big business.
- The sooner some people realise we only take the experiences of this life to
  the next world; this obsession of the material world is irrelevant. Some are
  lucky and realise it well before life ends, whilst others see it just before
  passing on.
- I know this may sound uncivilised but I believe anyone or organisation that
  behaves in a morally unjust way must always be confronted. By allowing
  them to continue only empowers them further to damage more innocent
  people.
- People tend to forget the past. Insight into one’s family history and the more
  revered historical figures should create a greater sense of belonging to the
  human race. In other words we could see ourselves as being connected to
  others thus reducing the selfish and self serving nature of many in present day
  society.
- What has occurred in Australia? The bureaucracy has set up rules and
  regulations and if contravened irrespective if you’re innocent or not, not
  damaged anyone or anything, you can be financially ruined.
- Placing so many local governments into administration has removed
  councilors from controlling their excesses. Granted some were corrupt but in
  the end many councils are out of control. Maybe it suits the State
  Governments that they are exploiting the community for more revenue.
- Australia is very lucky to be exporting so much natural resources. That is
  making us look economically sound but take that away and we would be a
  third world country.
- You do not have to show a thousand ways that something is wrong, a few is
  times sufficient if you are committed to fixing the problem.
- The influence of all the substance abuses would be far less if children were
  given proper parenting and education.
- It is not so much the driving skills of the young that kills a number of them. It
  is the way they have been brought up.
- The new age people are quick to condemn ‘old fashion values’. I believe if
  the young knew what we know, they would wish that they had a time
  machine.
- The spin on percentages, some technocrats quote some percentages on
  improvement on the economy. The politicians join in parroting their
  ‘strategies’ are working but at the end of the day a train wreck is a train
  wreck.
- Those who damage their fellow man and are not part of the elite are only
  their pawns and if they are not planning to join us, they will be very soon.
• Typical - banks rip off small and medium business for greater profits.
• The cougar phenomena, older women with younger male play mates are being heavily highlighted by the media. I cannot see any long term good coming from all of this.
• A truly powerful international body is necessary to rid the world of leaders who do not represent their people, like those who exploit and oppress. The diplomatic approach rarely works.
• I’m not particularly intelligent but I can see by making land cheap, building will boom again. But again the greed of a few including the government prevents it happening.
• The well being of the masses is the only thing that is really important.
• Some so called professionals need only shuffle a few figures around or say a few words and charge you the earth for their efforts.
• Well being is a contented state of mind, which is independent of the input of the physical world.
• The US is so heavily in debt to certain nations, that I doubt they will ever extract themselves from the mess. They can put most of the blame in a long line of poor leadership and the armaments industry.
• Most philosophers fail to connect with the average man. Maybe if they explained it more simply, it would be a start.
• Wisdom is lacking with the masses due in the main on poor education. This causes them to keep choosing a type of leadership that gives them poor outcomes.
• The more you give most people without them having earned it from their efforts, the more they expect and more dependent they become.
• One only has to see the vast amounts hardly used and unused goods given to the charities to know many people squander their incomes and wonder why they have so much debt.
• The events are not important it’s the human behaviour.
• Power given to leaders with wisdom benefits the masses but the reverse is generally what we get.
• Fear and intimidation by individuals or an authority can mask their moral injustice.
• There are many who achieve very little and with little effort but are well rewarded normally to the detriment of the masses such as;
  Example;
  - Drug suppliers
  - Some bureaucrats
  - Some in the medical and dental professions
  - Legal system
  - Many Politicians
  - The financial ‘gurus’
  - Many in the management of big business
• Those who are only here to exploit their fellow souls should be referred to as WJ’s (wasted journeys).
• The squander of general revenue prevents the addressing of shortfalls to
alleviate the plight of the masses.

Whenever things go belly up in the political system the spin doctors hit is with such phrases as ‘We must do things better’ or ‘We need to put new systems in place’.

Australia in summary in 2010.
We have leadership and a bureaucracy hell bent on overregulation, compliance and unrestrained revenue squander whilst allowing foreign ownership to take control of most levels of Australia and hell bent on substantial immigration which we can not support.

I hope I’m not around when all this reaches the point of no return and the masses finally decide they have had enough.

Whenever you destroy something that does not serve society, you must have a solution that will work to replace it.
CHAPTER 12
THE REAL REALITY

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1. CONNECTION BETWEEN UFO’S AND THE SUPERNATURAL
   - A publication by the library of congress for the US Air Force office of Scientific Research in UFO’s and related subjects, involved thousands of UFO articles, books and publications. When analysed they showed a close link with UFO reports and the supernatural which includes mental telepathy, invisible entities, poltergeist manifestations and possession.
   - There are many UFO phenomena and supernatural events mentioned in the various ancient scriptures. A well known astrophysicist Morris K Jessup published a series of books filled with such historical connections.
   - R.A.F. Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding who directed the Battle of Britain declared openly based on evidence, UFO’s had a paranormal origin.
   - Two authorities dealing with the UFO phenomenon Ivan T Sanderson, a noted biologist and anthropologist and Dr Jaques Vallee, a NASA astronomer and computer expert studied the extraterrestrial theory for years and came to the conclusion it had paranormal origins.
   - RAF Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard gave a public lecture. Stating some operators of UFO’s are in physical forms. UFO’s could also be creations of an invisible world in the same space as our world. Where invisible entities come and go creating confusion and misleading the human race.

2. SKEPTICISM OF THE UFO AND SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA
Skepticism of the UFO and Supernatural phenomena comes from many sources such as
   - The US initially admitted the existence of UFO’s but retracted their admissions and over a long period of time effectively used silence and disinformation to obstruct its existence to the public.
   The possible reasons for this;
   - To learn technology of crashed or complete UFO craft to give advantage over other nations.
   - Believing the general public is not ready to handle this major revelation.
   - Fear the public may develop even less respect in Governments if society felt there is a greater authority.
   - No defense against this phenomenon, so limits its exposure to the public to prevent panic.
   - Bureaucrats over a period of time can become empowered by the knowledge that they control the secret. So giving it up means so does
• Many people dispute the existence of something, because they may have not had any direct experience. I say to them ask every person you met if they have had a paranormal experience. You will find almost every second person has experienced events such as visitation of apparitions, contact with spirits via mediums, precognition, telepathy, UFO’s and so on. This I have found opens up a whole world of paranormal experiences which is generally untapped.

• The aliens themselves add to the confusion by trying to discredit their existence for being here and their purpose. Aliens can use UFO’s camouflaged as earth flying machines to mask their activities.

Some alien ploys to discredit or limit their existence are-
- Men in black (M.I.B.) they target witnesses to some UFO events to intimidate them not to report details to the authorities. They arrive at the victim’s home in cars which appear new but much older models. In the US they are Cadillacs, in Europe they are Jaguars. When number plates are checked they end up being unissued numbers. In North America the men turn up looking like FBI agents from a Hollywood B grade movie, one normally remaining in the car which may radiate a purplish glow. They are normally oriental in appearance; their threats appear to be always empty.
- Many reported conversations between aliens and humans indicate a degree of misinformation and disinformation by the aliens.

• The activities of humans perpetrating hoaxes for whatever reasons and miss identification at times only serve to undermine the truly well documented events.

• The disappointing behaviour of some scientists such as Dr Edward Condon, who had headed a committee to review project blue book in 1966 to provide opportunity to scientifically investigate selected sightings in more detail. In the final analysis, he decided essentially to debunk the UFO phenomena and Project blue book was accordingly cancelled in December 1967. Several of the scientists working with him left in disgust to write their own punitive reports.

• The church has resisted the UFO phenomena in the main because it would weaken even further their diminishing influence on people. The Supernatural they cannot dispute because that means all the miracles claimed by some organised religions could not have occurred.

• The US Authorities set up listening equipment in the 1960’s in the search for extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) costing tens of millions of dollars with no evidence as yet.

This could be due to
- The authorities already know they exist, so it is just a charade.
- The aliens co-exist with us in the same space so they are not out there.
- Those civilisations in the Universe if any may have little desire to communicate with such a primitive civilisation which is more engrossed on destroying itself.

I will say to all you skeptics it only takes only one event that is indisputable to show
the existence of something.

3. **UFO AND SUPERNATURAL EVENTS OUTLINED.**

3.1 **Documented evidence more supernatural in nature.**

The prophecies of Nostradamus and Savinien Cyrano de Bergerac.

They showed a good degree of positive results. Both men appeared to have an ability to tune in with future events. This could be possible if the moment; the present co-exists with the past and the future. The modern disciples of Einstein accept this as a possibility. This allows for precognition to be a possible reality. A great deal of precognition comes through dreams and some from a deliberate effort of the will.

- A strange disappearance and even stranger appearance occurred 24th October 1593 – A soldier stationed in Manila reported for palace duty but found himself in Mexico City. He claimed he was instructed earlier to report due to the assassination of the governor of the Philippines. He was locked up but two months later news reached Mexico of the assassination, the soldier was allowed to return to the Philippines.

- **The miracles of Saint M’edard.**

Very strange events occurred between 1727 and 1732. It began with the burial of Francois de Paris, the Deacon of Paris he was revered as a holy man, with powers of healing. But the healing did not stop on his death. All manner of miracle cures occurred in the cemetery at Saint M’edard. When it was investigated by the authorities, they could see no fraud. The means of curing was often violent such as brutal beatings which resulted in cures with no discomfort to the recipient. Finally the extreme violent means of the miracles caused the authorities to close the churchyard but even this did not prevent the miracles. They continued elsewhere by the disciples of the deacon.

- **Poltergeists referred to as ‘racketing ghosts’ its activities appear to be examples of psycho-kinesis – the ability to influence inanimate objects by mind power I believe also spirit power. The poltergeist is almost invariably linked to the presence of a young child. When the child is not there the poltergeist ceases its activity, which can include displacement of furniture, opening windows and doors, shaking and levitation of beds and their occupants and so on.**

  - One celebrated event which took place in Robertson County at the Bell homestead, Tennessee in the 1820’s involved a poltergeist. This particular poltergeist was very active and frequently spoke to the bells in a derisive voice, was malicious in loudly revealing intimate secrets of the victims in the presence of outsiders. Indicating the entities know everything about our life histories. Throughout history this type of behaviour has been reported as part and parcel of invisible entities.

  - General Andrew Jackson (future President of the United States of America) reportedly made a visit to the bell homestead.

  - As he neared the homestead his horses suddenly halted and could not pull the wagon. The general examined the wheels and found no reason for the wagon to seize up. Suddenly a metallic sounding voice rang out “All right General, let the wagon move” and the horses were able to pull it again.
• Levitation.
  - A Saint Joseph Desa in the 17th Century during periods of heightened feelings of ecstasy (not the drug) would levitate. This commonly occurred and was witnessed by many including the Pope Urban V111.
  - The medium Daniel Douglas-Home in the 19th Century also had the same ability. One witness Sir William Crookes, an eminent scientist, attested to the paranormal behaviour. It also appears psycho kinesis plays some role in this phenomenon.
  - Dr S Weir Mitchell – an eminent 19th Century nerve specialist in Philadelphia was awakened one night by the ringing of his door bell and on opening the door he saw a young girl. She pleaded for him to treat her mother who was very ill. The doctor followed the girl until they reached her mother’s house. From there he went to the mother’s room, found she had pneumonia and sent for medicines. The doctor congratulated the old woman on having such a dutiful daughter. To his shock she said she had died one month ago. This is a good example of loved ones from the spirit world helping the living.

• The miracle of Fatima.
  - In 1917 three children in Portugal, just outside the village of Fatima were confronted by an entity only visible to them. The entity claimed it was ‘The lady of the rosary’. After visiting the children over a period of time; the entity said there will be a final meeting. This meeting attracted 70,000 people though they could not see the entity. Then suddenly, something came through the clouds. A huge silver disc rotating rapidly, as it descended towards the crowd, fragile strands of silvery ‘angel hair’ showered through the sky, melting before any could be collected. The saucer changed colour through the whole spectrum which is not unlike many other UFO sightings. Though photos were taken of the object, somehow none were made public, which seems to indicate even then someone or some group felt it was not for the public consumption.
  - The miracle of Fatima was only one of a series of such events. Between 1937 and 1945 visions were seen many times by 4 young girls in Hiede Germany. In 1961 another 4 young girls in the village of Garabandal Spain, experienced visions of ‘angels’. In 1968, 8 young girls on the island of Cabra in the Philippines saw visions of an entity which promised a miracle. Three thousand people poured onto the island on the designated day. Included in the crowd were a university professor, army major, medical practitioner and all reported a flying saucer changing through all the colours of the spectrum.
  - A luminous female figure appeared on the roof of a church in Cairo in April 1968. Thousands gathered to view this entity. Again young girls, six of them on July1968 allegedly saw ‘the virgin Mary’ hovering in the sky near St Bruno, Quebec. At the same time there was UFO activity in the area.

There is much evidence to indicate these children were being possessed by outside influences, at times passing on a warning of destructive activities of the
• Spring heeled Jack terrorised Victorian England during a period of 68 years. A creature which vomited blue and white flames could perform phenomenal feats of jumping even over 14ft. brick walls. On one occasion it was shot at point blank range by two sentries and had no effect. The terrorizing behaviour of the creature forced the Lord Mayor of London to act. Vigilante squads were organised to hunt the creature. Even the Duke of Wellington became involved in an attempt to hunt it down but without success. Finally in September 1904 the creature, witnessed by 100’s was last seen vaulting over a row of terraced houses never to be seen again.

• The disappearing admiral. Sir George Tryon was on routine maneuvers with his fleet. He gave a fateful order which caused his flagship HMS Victoria to collide with another causing enormous loss of life including his own. At the same time 2000 miles away in Tryon’s fashionable home his wife was giving a reception, suddenly, to the astonishment of the guests, the tall figure of Sir George appeared and walked amongst them as they stepped aside to make way, he simply vanished. This paranormal event is quite common when a loved one passes on, normally in a traumatic event, it can appear in spirit to those close to them.

• On 4th December 1924 two crew members of the SS Watertown, a large oil tanker, were overcome by fumes and buried at sea. The following day faces of the two men were seen floating in the sea. Throughout the journey they followed the ship. When the ship embarked on its next trip a camera was used to photograph the faces as confirmation of what all the crew members had seen.

• The U65 which was a jinxed German submarine experienced various accidents killing workers and crew alike. The last accident was a torpedo war head explosion which killed 11 crewmen including the 2nd Lieutenant. The spirit of the 2nd Lieutenant stayed with his ship. He was seen many times by crew members, standing on the prom of the ship with his arms folded. Some sailors deserted the ship after the experience. On 10th July 1918 the U65 was spotted by the American submarine the L2. The captain of the L2 looked through his periscope and was puzzled by a lone figure with his arms folded on the prom of the ship and then inexplicably the U65 exploded. Loyal even in death the Lieutenant had stayed with his comrades to the end.

• Time slips.
This is paranormal phenomena where individuals in a conscious state can somehow get glimpses of the past or future. Victor Goddard who later became an Air Marshal of the Royal Air Force was lost in a heavy storm in 1934. He needed a landmark to find his airfield. He knew of Drem an abandoned airfield. As he dropped through the clouds something extraordinary happened; the area was bathed in ethereal light. Drem was not deserted but there was a hive of activity. So as he flew over he saw mechanics working on yellow planes. In 1938 training planes changed from silver to yellow. Victor Goddard had flown out of the clouds and briefly four years into the future.
Winston Churchill’s Inner Voice.
There were many times his life could have been taken from air raids to snipers. But somehow he would know when danger was coming his way. He would change position, reschedule and even not venture into an area which in many times was destroyed very soon after. Maybe his ‘guardian angel’ was working overtime knowing he was needed in the conflict at hand.

Apart from physical injury most disabilities could have their source from within the mind. There are many well documented cases of individuals affected by outside influences that somehow stimulate the mind and body and overcome supposedly incurable afflictions.
Such influences include;
- Jesus and his apostles
- Individuals such as Rasputin and Matthew Fanning to name a few.
- Some locations such as the springs in the town of Lourdes in South West France.
- The ‘placebo’ effect when harmless medicines can be used to lull patients into believing they have been given a medicine to cure some affliction.

The subject of these influences tends to be directed to a state of happiness and well being. This I believe triggers the subject’s soul to interact with the mind and body, to cause these cures. So essentially you cure yourself.

There also exists the direct physical approach such as that occurring at Saint Medard and those of the Brazilian healer Jose Arigo. Who as a young boy experienced the same recurring dream which left him with severe headaches. In the dream he saw an operating room where a stout bald headed man addressing a group of doctors and nurses. Then one night the dream doctor revealed his identity, he was Dr Adolpho Fritz and died during WW1. His own work was cut short by his death and he had chosen him to continue his work. But Arigo who was an uneducated man declined. Fritz stressed, henceforth Arigo will only find peace by helping the sick and distressed people around him. For several years the vivid dreams and severe headaches continued.

A chance meeting in 1950 with a fellow union campaigner named Lucio Bittencourt changed his life. Bittencourt who was suffering from lung cancer at the time, invited Arigo to stay overnight at his hotel room. As Bittencourt was about to fall asleep, Arigo with eyes glazed came into his room with a razor in his hand. Arigo started speaking in a thick German accent. Then Bittencourt lost consciousnesses.
When he came to he found his pyjama jacket slashed and bloodstained and a neat incision towards the back of his rib cage. He confronted Arigo who had no memory of the bizarre event. It appeared Fritz had taken possession of his body. Bittencourt rushed back to his doctor in Rio de Janeiro. The doctor confirmed the tumor was removed by a technique not known in Brazil.
Newspapers all over Brazil carried the story. During the next 20 years he saw as many as 300 patients a day, his methods were out of this world. He operated without antiseptics, anesthetics, used unclean cutting implements and used no stitches. The patients rarely felt any discomfort or bleeding during the operations. Arigo could also diagnose and write prescriptions without conferring with the patients. But sadly the medical and church establishments had him charged with illegal medicine, on several occasions he spent periods in jail for his ‘crime’. During the 20 years he was observed by medical experts and filmed some of these ‘operations’. They could only agree Arigo’s methods were fact.

- In December 1972 an Eastern Airlines Tri Star Jetliner flight 401, crashed into a Florida swamp, one hundred and one people died, including the pilot Bob Loft and the flight engineer Don Repo. The cause of the accident was blamed in part on the distraction with a landing gear problem. After the accident there was well in excess of 20 occasions of apparitions of Loft and Repo were seen on other flights, most of which used some of the salvaged parts from the crashed airliner. These sightings were reported in the flight log book. It became so publicized that the airline management put a stop to the reporting of these sightings.

- Reincarnation.
  The returning of souls to new bodies is accepted by some religions, such as Buddhism. The Catholics believe the soul has only one chance in the physical. There is sufficient evidence of other lives gleaned during the hypnotism of subjects. Where subjects are regressed or progressed from their present life. In cases the subject can describe a past life, describing a period and even converse in a language unknown to them.
  There are documented cases of young children having died and within a very short period of time come back to life but with a different soul. There are also cases of young children able to describe landmarks in detail before arriving to a destination they have never been or seen before. My young daughter described a house in great detail prior to coming to its location on one of our weekend trips. She told me she had dreamed of this house previously and having been inside it.
  This appeared to indicate a previous life in this area.

- Out of Body Experiences (OOBE) or astral travel.
  - There have been well documented events of individuals being physically and spiritually in two different places at the same time. The catholic friar Saint Anthony of Padua who lived in the early part of the 13th Century was able to preach sermons at two different locations at the same time. He was capable of doing this from a conscious state.
  - OOBE normally occurs during periods of hospitalisation or incarceration, such as the violent prisoner Ed Morell at Arizona State Penitentiary around the early part of the 20th Century. Whilst restrained in a straitjacket and under torture he would lapse into unconsciousness and he would feel his spirit float free and travel at will. He was able to describe locations sight unseen in accurate detail.
The writer, novelist and war correspondent Ernst Hemingway whilst seriously injured and semi-conscious, described “my soul or something, coming right out of my body, like you’d pull a silk handkerchief out of a pocket by one corner. It flew around and then came back and went in again and I wasn’t dead anymore”.

An American psychiatrist Dr Elizabeth Khubler Ross who spent 20 years counseling terminally ill patients young and old published her findings in 1970. Many of her patients described graphically of floating away from their bodies, feeling at peace and spiritually powerful before reluctantly re-entering their bodies from a sense of responsibility to those they will leave behind or by the reassurance of a vision of a heavenly presence telling them it wasn’t time to die. Many times when they were out of their bodies, they encountered dead friends and relatives who come to prepare them for a new existence after death.

There was a well documented event reported on the Australian ABC some years ago. An individual had accidentally killed an older female pedestrian. This experience had caused some behavioural problems such as drinking and so forth. This culminated in him becoming critically injured after falling from a balcony whilst trying to hide from his girlfriend. When he was in a coma in hospital he felt himself carried away to a tranquil setting of green fields with a running stream. There he saw the woman that he had killed but much younger, in her late twenties. She told him not to feel guilty of her death. He regained consciousness and by some miracle all his injuries had mended. The doctors were stunned by the recovery.

On a personal note I knew a woman who dearly loved a three legged cat but was sadly killed by a dog. She was badly traumatized by his passing till one night he came to her in a dream, in a scene little different to that mentioned in the previous event. There she saw her cat with four legs and much younger. From then on she was at peace with his passing, knowing he was at a better place. This tranquil environment is commonly found when individuals are either very emotionally traumatised or hospitalised with some severe problem. Many times they meet loved ones who have already passed who reassure them that life after death is a good reality.

There was an event involving my son whilst I was doing a concrete job next door to a site where a horrific murder had taken place some time before. My son went to a toilet next to this site. Within a very short period of time he ran back in abject fear, claiming some terrible feeling had come over him. This type of paranormal event is not uncommon. I believe some residual negative energy can linger around a location after some traumatic event, where individuals with some psychic ability can receive and register these energies.

A former friend of mine once described a dream to me from when he was young. He saw the funeral of a close friend. In much later life his friend did pass on and this dream was relived again in the physical. But with one twist he saw it from another location at the funeral service.
• When I was discussing paranormal phenomena with a concrete truck driver on one occasion he disclosed the events occurring after the tragic death of his son. Doors and draws opened and closed on a regular basis in the family home. This activity is not uncommon when the spirit wants to acknowledge their existence to loved ones.

• A close friend of mine when in early primary school experienced the apparition of his school teacher whilst he was in bed, when my friend screamed, the apparition vanished. The following day he was told his teacher had passed away suddenly that night.

• This same friend has a daughter, who experienced numerous paranormal events during her life. One night she dreamt of a baby which said to her to tell her parents not to fret of her passing. The girl somehow knew this was the baby that had died at birth that belonged to a close friend of hers. She confronted the mother who was obviously taken back by this revelation. She told the girl to see a certain medium to glean more information and she also took her two cousins along to the medium. She was the first to see this medium. The medium made contact with the baby again and many others who gave names that meant nothing to her. She noted these names. Now it was her female cousin’s turn. The medium divulged events and names only known to the girl. These were amazing and accurate but other names of spirits were also mentioned. These meant nothing to her, but she noted them down anyway. There was also reference to her recently deceased grandfather. He was described as stroking his black hair whilst in the other hand he was holding a yellow bottle. Finally the male cousin went in. The medium described a new spirit named Tony George with another name starting with P. The medium could not establish exactly what ‘P’ referred to.

Later the three fronted family members including the father of the first girl who was also the uncle of the two cousins. It transpired the names supplied by the girls referred to family members and friends who had passed on prior to their birth. The description of the recently deceased grandfather was from his earlier part of his life where he used to have lush black hair which he continually applied a particular brand of yellow coloured hair lotion. The physical appearance of spirits from the spirit world of those who had passed on in old age normally shows them from their late twenties, this is a common occurrence.

Now the recently arrived spirit Tony George was well known to the uncle, it was the farmer he knew for approximately 20 years, who had tragically killed himself several weeks before. Tony George referred to his first and middle names. Now ‘P’ appeared to refer to the name of Percy which was his nick name. The nephew knew the farmer superficially from several visits to his farm. I believe the farmer wanted to acknowledge his presence to the uncle via the nephew. I also knew the farmer but not very well.

• I decided to see the same medium, because I did not believe I was writing this book on my own, booking a reading only giving my first name and no other information. During the reading the medium stated there were several spirits
wanting to communicate with me. They were named Steve or Stavros, Michael and George who she claimed died some time ago from a massive heart attack. Stavros was my father; the other two were my uncles.

I communicated through the medium an apology to my father for taking him for granted when he was alive the medium said I had no need to apologise. My father asked what had happened to the watch he had given me many years ago. I had carelessly lost this watch. No one had knowledge of this watch being lost but he knew. Straight after this he asked how Helen was – she was my youngest sister who had some health issues.

Another spirit communicated and the medium said he was Tony George (the farmer) and stated not to look on him dimly for his tragic demise. He was tortured at the time and could see no other way out. The medium said there was another spirit who passed on 30 odd years ago named Barbara. She was working in my father’s takeaway when I knew her and was tragically killed soon after I had finished high school. Strangely for many years after her death, I felt a lack of closure with her passing and eventually found her grave several years ago and paid my respects. Now she wanted me to go again. I did not disappoint her and I went the following day.

The medium also supplied much information and many first names of individuals, some I will meet in the future. Some of the information pertained to people I know now but most I cannot divulge because it concerned their physical well being. But the most significant thing the spirits wanted me to know that they understood my present torment and were aware of a forth coming course of action that I was undertaking.

According to the medium, the spirits were supporting and guiding me in this action. It will start from this June 2010 and continue for a year and it will result in great success. The medium also claimed some of those who know me in the physical world will be shocked by the impact of this action. The comment of torment I feel was the combination of the injustice of individuals and the authorities perpetrated against me and to some extent the lack of support from those who know me who feel I am wasting my time. I say to them I am not alone and I believe I have been given the task from the spirit world to convey a message.

On completion of the reading, I made the medium aware this action referred to my upcoming book, which was in draft form at the time. The message being society has many problems and they must be addressed for the sake of the masses. The reading gave me great encouragement, knowing the spirit world is supporting me and will aid in its success to right the many injustices facing society.

What I observed with the whole experience the medium had a connection with the spirit world and also with my soul. I believe energy in the form of
mental images and dialogue is picked up and conveyed. Also with Barbara and Tony George in the physical, I was not close to them but it appears our spirits were probably quite compatible and more than likely had met in previous lives.

3.2 There is one area which is clouded with mystery. It is the strange occurrences throughout history which do not make much sense. Such as:

- Artifacts like nails and chains found embedded in rocks millions of years old.
- Ancient civilisations such as the Dogons of West Africa knowing of the existence of another star, next to Sirius approximately 5 centuries before it was discovered by powerful telescopes in the mid 19th Century.
- Very accurate ancient maps showing the ice free coast of Queen Maud Land Antarctica which was ice free approximately 4000BC. The outline of this land was only revealed as a result of extensive seismic survey in the late 1940’s. The accuracy of these maps showed a superior understanding of survey techniques more of the 20th Century.
- Egypt around 3000BC seemed to have developed great knowledge in technology, architecture, engineering, science, medicines, tools and systematic government. In this period such structures as the great pyramids and the sphinx were built.

Such mysteries defy logic such as
  - How was the King’s Chamber sarcophagus cut from one piece of solid granite? Its interior was hollowed out by some means even modern day tools would struggle to deal with the task.
  - The placement of blocks up to 70 tons in weight in the confined area of the King’s chamber.

- Other civilisations experiencing quantum leaps in technology included some in China, Central America and South Western Asia. One in particular high on a plateau, 30,000 feet above the sea level in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia, exists the City of Tiahuanaco, where colossal rock of extremely hard quality was used in the building of this great city. The joints between the cut rocks are so precise no mortar was necessary. The ancient civilisation which constructed this city had vanished well before the Incas conquered the region. One would also question how these enormous weights were moved in such a rarified atmosphere.

There appears to be a common denominator for this very advanced knowledge and structures. In the histories of many of the ancient civilisations, there existed special individuals who came from nowhere being described as different in stature to normal people who possessed great knowledge which they passed onto the primitive civilisations. They were known by different names, depending on which ancient civilisation they encountered, such as Viracocha, Tuapac, Con Ticci, Con, Quetzalcoatt and so on. These entities also displayed great power when needed.
3.3 DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE MORE UFO IN NATURE

- UFO activities sometimes referred to as waves or flaps have been well documented over the last 100 years or so and appear to be world wide. One particular flap period occurred at the end of the 19th Century concerning ‘airships’ in some areas of the U.S. There were many newspaper reports in the Midwest from Texas to Michigan. These reports described air ships of very advanced design. At the time (the man made airships were only like hot air balloons, left to the mercy of the wind direction). They were described as cigar in shape with engines propelling the enormous structures. Some even used very powerful search lights which were only available in the 1960’s. When occupants of these ‘airships’ made contact with the people on the ground they generally appeared oriental in appearance and in most cases made rather extraordinary comments like ’we will be in Greece day after tomorrow’ or described modes of propulsion which were unfeasible such as steam powered, much of the information appeared to be more like disinformation. Many areas where these ‘airships’ were operating appeared to have much more aerial activity that could be proportioned to these airships. The surgical like mutilation of farm animals was and is quite common in areas where there is much UFO activity.

- After the airships then came the unidentified airplanes. In 1910 a mystery long black bi plane flew over Manhattan. It circled and flew very low at night and was never identified. The very few aircraft in the US at the time were flimsy and not capable to do such maneuvers even in daylight.

- In 1932 large unmarked airplanes began to appear over Northern Sweden, Norway and Finland. They were grey in colour and bore no identification markings. They were huge and were multi engines and flew for long periods in very severe weather such as raging blizzards. These aircraft were referred to as the ghost flyers and also did such maneuvers as cutting their engines at low altitude and circling several times. This form of flying was not possible by aircraft of that time or now.

- In 1933 another mystery airplane was heard over Manhattan flying in a blinding snow storm. It flew for many hours. A similar incident occurred over London in 1934.

- During WW11 pilots from the main combatants experienced mysterious balls of light following their aircraft. They appeared to be under intelligent control and were referred to as ‘foo fighters’ by the Allies.

- Soon after the war Lord Dowding who was the Royal Air Force chief Marshall, during the Battle of Britain said “I have never seen a flying saucer, yet I believe they exist. Cumulative evidence has been assembled in such quantity that for me at any rate, brings complete conviction of its existence”. Lord Dowding was considered to be almost machine like in his approach to any problem or task and essentially a free thinker and had uncompromising qualities which always forced him to tell it as it was.

- In 1946 Finland, Norway and Sweden to name a few, experienced objects resembling German V Rockets flying over their skies. They were described as ‘ghost rockets’. They were seen by thousands of people. The objects were capable of weaving through valleys and canyons under intelligent control.
• Argentina 1968 at an airport outside Bahia Blanca, a mystery plane with a long fuselage and delta wings far too short for a craft of its size circled the field at low altitude. It was witnessed by many airport staff and the public. The giant machine showed no markings and did maneuvers which were plainly impossible. It just glided making a slight hissing sound.

• Mystery cargo planes, were operating in North America in the mid sixties. These ‘aircraft’ resembled C119 flying Boxcar aircraft with no markings and were dull grey in colour. They performed intricate and very hazardous maneuvers at very low altitudes; they were in flap areas where there was much UFO activity.

• During the Vietnam War at the 40,000 strong Nha Trang camp on 19th June 1966, the men received the shock of their lives. A bright light illuminated the night sky performing intelligent maneuvers, but that was only the half of it. All generators, vehicles, and planes and bulldozers in the general area stopped working for four minutes. The occurrence of a UFO somehow stopping man made machinery is not uncommon.

• In 1966 the eminent Greek scientist Professor Santurini announced that there was ‘a world blanket of secrecy’ about UFO’s because the authorities felt there is no possibility of defense against this phenomena. He also had no doubt that aliens were visiting earth to collect plant and animal specimens.

• The CIA have suppressed much information on the existence of UFO’s instead carried out a debunking programme basically publishing false statements and fictitious reports while all real reports are kept secret. It was common knowledge that military personnel were threatened with imprisonment or fines if they broadcast what they had seen. This approach was carried over to the civilian air industry but was met with complete resistance.

• In 1976 in the skies of Iran, two F4 Phantom jet fighters were sent from Shahro khi Air force base to investigate a dazzling light just south of Tehran. The UFO lead them on a merry race outmaneuvering and out accelerating them and when one phantom locked in to fire on the UFO, all its electrical systems blacked out fortunately all ended well and the UFO flew off. The Iranian Government filed reports to the pentagon in Washington.

• In 1978 Frederick Valentich was flying from Moorabin Airport, Victoria to King Island across the Bass Strait. He radioed he was being approached by a large UFO. Straight after this ground reception heard a loud metallic sound then communication went dead. No sign of either Valentich or his plane were ever seen again.

• Official recognition by the Belgian Defense Ministry admitting to UFO’s that were doing extreme maneuvers and acceleration. Most of the reports were coming from Air Force personnel flying such aircraft as the F16 Fighters.

• The UK has experienced much the same UFO activity as other countries but its close association with the US has bred a similar self denial of UFO’s at least in the public domain.

• On 7th May 1980 three Austrian air force jets took off to investigate a call from a KLM airline pilot that a grey spherical object was flying above him. All three made visual contact, but could not get close because of its unpredictable, erratic behaviour and soon vanished completely.
Major Hans Peterson who was in charge of Air Traffic Control for the Royal Danish Air Force from 1949 to 1976 documented many radar and visual sightings of UFO’s. He also received a letter from a US Army Brigadier General who described a liaison with extraterrestrials.

In 1930 an entire village of 1200 people and even the dead were removed from their graves vanished without a trace. A huge strange light which changed size and shape was seen over the village on Lake Anjikuni in Canada. When the Canadian Mounties had gone to investigate they could find no logical reason for what had happened. It appeared the living had vanished; nothing appeared disturbed or showed outside intervention. This remains the strangest unsolved case in Canadian history.

Official Soviet recognition of UFO’s in 1990 General Igo Maltsev chief of the general staff of the USSR’s Air Defense Forces admitted to UFO’s some up to 200 metres in diameter doing Maneuvers and speeds far beyond anything possible by their technology. I must give credit to the Russians in particular Gorbachev for admitting to the UFO phenomena. This is the first stage to create some transparency which has yet to become reality from the other side.

Area 51 or Call sign ‘Dreamland’, located about 80 miles north – North West of Las Vegas has become the Mecca of UFO activity either in the testing of UFO’s and liaisons with aliens. This may appear hard to believe, but the enormous number of reports by witnesses including people working there indicates something is going on. The authorities intimidate and discredit to the point of obsession to maintain secrecy at this installation. Various publications have critically looked at the whole subject and my readings confirm the very poor behaviour of so called democracies using such language as “National Security” or “Not in the Publics interest”, to dismiss telling the truth. Who are they really protecting?

Bob Lazar a scientist who worked on the Alien Technology at area 51 was prepared to risk all to expose its existence, was threatened, harassed and discredited for his efforts by the authorities. Why would the authorities go to such extremes if it wasn’t true? This sorry episode makes very interesting reading.

Presidents have even been silenced Carter and Reagan for example. Reagan was forced officially to admit he was an agnostic on the subject of UFO’s. But during a screening of the film E.T at the White House in the summer of 1982, President Reagan was reported to have whispered to Steven Spielberg “there are probably only six people in this room who know how true this is”. Steven Spielberg has made it a habit in some of his movies to show some government agency deliberately hiding UFO technology from the elected leadership and its subsequent destructive impact on society, when it escapes the confines of its restraints.

I have discovered when discussing paranormal events a significant number of individuals admit to witnessing some UFO activity.
4. WHERE DOES THE UFO – SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA COME FROM?
There appears to be two possibilities for the UFO phenomenon.

- It can come from other parts of the universe. More advanced civilisations may exist in the universe. The great distances generally required to reach us may be possible from technologies where these distances can somehow be overcome.
- Other worlds co-existing with ours. These worlds could exist at energies of different frequency forming ‘atoms’ radically different to ours. These ‘atoms’ could co-exist with us and share the same space.

Our reality is based entirely on what we perceive with our physical senses. We are surrounded by a mass of electromagnetic radiation of varying frequencies. This is referred to as the electromagnetic spectrum. The frequencies we can perceive are confined to a very small part of the spectrum where all the frequencies come together as visible light. These frequencies outside could contain the UFO and supernatural phenomena and within this may be an omnipotent intelligence which is capable of manipulating frequencies to create any object into existence. This process has been referred to as transmutation or transmogrification by the occultists and religionists.

There have been many radar sightings of UFO’s not seen by eye. There is a frequent report of objects, UFO’s and ghosts alike that appear and disappear. This shows that much of the phenomena is hidden from us and is only visual in certain conditions. The spectrum plays a key role in UFO sightings, assuming they arrive from higher frequencies. The purplish colours indicate their frequency is approaching visible light. Once they enter our frequencies they can change from ultra violet to bluish green. When they establish within our frequencies, they radiate energy of all frequencies and become glaring white, but with radical maneuvers and thus changing speeds the frequencies change and therefore the colours.

With landings in the majority of cases, the objects turn orange or red which are lower frequencies and when stationary they tend to have no colour at all (all these frequencies combined) They appear to “solidify”. When they take off they begin to glow red.

The vast variation of UFO sightings in colour, size and form tends to indicate they are more energy in nature being manipulated to form solid matter when the conditions are required. Many times they appear transparent and non mechanical when in close proximity to witnesses. Aliens are seen to float and pass through walls; this is not too unlike to the behaviour of apparitions of the supernatural world.

5. WHY ARE WE HERE?
I will outline a possible reason why we are here. God (Omni potent energy) wanted to know himself experientially. Just knowing was not enough, he wanted to experience (I will refer to God as a he for convenience).
He wanted to experience the opposite to truly appreciate and highlight the joy of
really knowing.
Some examples
- You cannot appreciate cold unless you have experienced heat.
- When one does damage to another in time it will be reciprocated. This can reinforce the need not to damage others.
- Success is not appreciated and can be lost easily if you haven’t experienced failure.
- One particular experience stands out for me, the hunting of animals. After a period of time the desire to kill animals became abhorrent. I came to realise the taking of life had become unacceptable or in other words did not serve my best interests.

You never really appreciate something unless you have experienced the opposite. In other words the higher or non damaging actions become positively reinforced after suffering the damaging opposite action.

God needed a means to accomplish this. He created the universe – the physical world. To power bodies of this world, he divided pockets of energy from himself referred to as the spirit (soul). The reference in the scriptures that we are a part of god or in his likeness fits well with this philosophy.

These spirits enveloped these bodies to give them life - all living creatures including us. ‘Kirlian Photography’ of living organisms, shows this energy referred to as auras by those dealing in the occult. When this aura is missing the organism is considered non living.

Our body is the vehicle by which we carry out experiences by the directions of the mind (conscious) which exists in all the cells of our body. There is evidence indicating transplant recipients displaying knowledge or behaviour of the donor. This gives credibility to the mind existing in the cells of an organism.

So we are essentially three (3) parts.
- The body
- The mind
- The soul

The soul is by far the most important part. It is the part that gives the life force and more importantly, the required environment to carry out the experiences we need to evolve and appreciate knowing. We will ultimately reach complete knowing or godliness by means of reincarnation which will be discussed later.

The mind is the part which gives us the choices and initially works independently of the soul. Until it (after many lives and experiences) works in harmony with the body and the soul, it reaches Godliness or completely knowing.

The body is by far the least important part. I believe some religions over emphasised the significance of the body. During the evolution of the species debate the church stated the human organism was above the animal kingdom in its complexity and connection with God and was unique. I believe the soul is the only part that is connected to God; the rest is only a construction to allow us to find godliness.
The soul has been discussed in some philosophies as the reservoirs of all our lives and their experiences. There is a concept that everything that has happened, past, present and future co-exist in the soul.

But it may go further; we may also have many different futures depending on what direction we take in the present and therefore different pasts. So no future is guaranteed. They are only constructions to give us the most number of variations to give us the outcomes we need to become God.

There is a the philosophy we generally meet and deal with individuals whose souls we know. That is why some may feel they know someone for no apparent reason. So nothing really happens by pure chance but is orchestrated in such a way we end up with a particular environment and known souls for us to experience a particular outcome.

The souls ‘play’ different roles i.e.; in one life they may have been a loved one in the next your persecutor and we are given opportunities in future lives to redress past actions referred to as karma in the Buddhist teachings. The experiences that do not serve your soul are used as a reference to promote the actions that best serves your soul in becoming god.

I will take it a bit further; I believe our spirit has various parts, the one evolving in the spirit world which fits in with certain religions including the Catholics. This soul evolves into God in the spirit world through various stages, but how? There must be some input to allow this to occur. I believe this input is the experiences from the physical world. The soul that encompassed the body in this case, is the fully evolved part which serves only an ‘observer’. The body under the influence of the mind carries out actions and the subsequent experiences are ‘relayed’ to the spirit world to the part that is evolving. These spirits can be highly evolved to those having a long way to go. It is these that could be considered as damaging spirits or ‘demons’ when they interact with the physical world.

There can be another part that remains in the physical world a ‘disturbed’ spirit that belonged to a body that suffered some traumatic event. It may need a period of time to fulfill some obligation before it joins the other spirit in the spirit world.

Reincarnation is the process of achieving many lives and experiences to evolve to final godliness. The Catholic Church believes one spirit, one life, I do not believe even god could spare so many souls.

In one life you only have a limited time to experience and to make it worse if somehow you are born into a dysfunctional environment. You will evolve very little. I assume the Catholic way is to evolve in the spirit world somehow, but with reincarnation you get the opportunity to have many experiences until you evolve spiritually to become God.

Jesus Christ, Mohammed and Buddha to name a few where the physicals of souls who had finally evolved completely, referred to as Highly Evolved Beings (H.E.B.)
They had complete knowing and awareness of what will best serve them, that is why they preached to the masses to follow in the same path.

The essence of the preaching was ‘love your fellow man’, that says it all in a nutshell. If some of our society applied this simple philosophy then we would not be in the mess we are now.

We can save a few trips back by becoming more aware of our actions for instance, if we feel a course of action will lead to our damage or to another, do not go there, or if we mix with people try to deal with those of a higher conscious.

Even in the spirit world the same goes if you want to evolve it is better to hang with those of higher spiritual evolution. That will aid in your evolution in a far more positive way than dealing with less evolved souls.

Growing old and if you still have your faculties, you realise many of your experiences in earlier life were in the end not in your best interests and modification of behaviour in a positive way has generally resulted. If reincarnation is an option would most of us want to comeback to a society as we have? Those who have perpetrated most of the problems such as the greedy, self serving, some politicians and some bureaucrats, would be the most deserving to suffer in a future society they helped to create.

I believe when it comes to experiences the environment has no limits even ones in the past are an option. In my case if it was possible, I’d prefer to have a life in the past, say in the early part of the 20th Century, when life was simpler and tended to have more moral values. Where a handshake meant something and where a man’s word was worth even more.

The possible mechanism of reincarnation in the evolution of the soul could work as follows:

- **Relativity:** Where you may experience in the physical world the opposite as a means of appreciating something that will best serve you in the evolution of your soul.
  In the spirit world all there is love, whilst in the physical we have both love and fear, which is the opposite. In the material world fear can replace love, so reducing our well being for example, the fear of not having sufficient material possessions or social status. H.E.B. realise these are not important in the evolution of the soul. So they only function from the direction of love.

- **Amnesia:** We submit to total amnesia which is basically a trick to allow us to start another life with a new set of experiences. But you will find with some young children, residual memories of past lives may still be retained, such as accurate descriptions of landmarks before seeing them. The implication they have seen there before but not in this lifetime. Some adults and children can feel they now somebody without ever having met the person before. It is the soul they may recognise. Abilities untaught can come to the fore maybe indicating it could be an ability from another life.
The mind controls the body allowing it to carry out the experiences in the environment created by the soul. The problem with the mind is it is effectively a product of one’s environment. Say you are brought up in a very stable and loving environment. There is a far better chance you will not feel compelled to have bad experiences because they will go counter to what your parents have taught you.

Now a child brought up in a dysfunctional environment of abuse in all its forms from poor parenting only condemns the child to a life in most cases repeating bad experiences with little chance of breaking the cycle. The end result is a life wasted giving themselves and those around a poor quality of life in the process.

So good parenting is very important to aid in the evolution of the soul.

THESE ARE LAWS THAT APPLY TO OUR UNIVERSE;

− Thoughts by the mind create all actions.
− What you give you receive i.e. if you do something bad to another it always comes back normally in greater amounts or if you do something good to another it is reciprocated ‘what goes around, comes around’.
− You attract what you fear, for example if you fear spiders you tend to see them a lot more than someone who doesn’t.
− The desire to want tends to push what you want away.
− When you consciously say you have enough, more tends to come your way.
− If you can convince your mind you have something it will come your way. This is called positive thinking an example—say you are successful and success will come your way.

These laws govern our lives; we either apply them unconsciously or consciously as it is with the more enlightened souls.

COMMENTS

− Someone once told he had the power of curse on those that did him wrong. I believe that is not the case. All it is, given sufficient time, what goes around comes around. You do evil it will be reimbursed in kind when you do good it comes back in kind.
− Gerry Harvey the retailer consciously or unconsciously is applying the law ‘when you give you receive’. He gives financial incentives for his staff to sell more product in the process he makes greater profit.
− The philosophy I find quite interesting is we are not here to learn anything only to remember, our many experiences allows this to occur. The H.E.B. who have achieved complete knowing or Godliness; all their actions are of the highest calling, exactly as God would act. This body, mind and soul are in complete harmony.
− We have many futures and that is why some predictions do not eventuate. It depends much on the direction of the individual or collective consciences of the masses in the present. We can use WW11 as an example. It was well described by Nostradamus, it occurred as predicted because the mentality of the time ensured this outcome would eventuate.
If the mentality for the rebuilding of Germany without destroying its economy was applied straight after WW1 and not WW11 then Hitler would not have had the environment depressed as it was for him to flourish and eventually led to WW11.

• Now with the global warming, if sufficient people unite in the cause of reducing the influence of burning fuels, then the worst case scenario will not occur. So there are many futures depending on how society reacts to the initial problem.

• On an individual level the collective conscience can be less influential if the individual is functioning at a higher level of enlightenment or awareness; the collective conscience has less impact.

• I know it may be difficult to accept by some, that death is not such a traumatic event. Just the passing from one state to another which from what I can gather is far better than the physical.

• When one becomes finally aware in the physical that their purpose is more of the soul, then life takes a different direction, where the need comes to help your fellow souls to take the same path. That was the message of all the H.E.B. (highly evolved beings) of the past. Problem now we are so engrossed in a society lacking directions that the H.E.B. in our society do not appear to have much relevance or impact.

• I believe Genesis and the natural selection of the species can co-exist. Essentially the main species were created by God but the evolution of a species allowed many variations over a long period of time, based on environment and the genetic interference of aliens. Chance alone for us to evolve from some extremely basic life forms does not appear too realistic. Even more damning, where is all the evidence of fossils showing mutations from one species to the next.

  We should also be able to see living mutations. I do not see much evidence of that. I believe God would not have wasted his time seeing us evolve from some very basic life form.

• There are two types of feelings-
  - The one emanating from the soul. These are the feelings that best represent the truth and can also be referred to as gut feelings (intuition). As you become spiritually more evolved, they become more frequent and pronounced. H.E.B. would use these feelings to make decisions based on what best serves their soul.
  - The other feelings come from the mind. They are more emotive gained from the many experiences we have. Some of these experiences may not best serve us in the evolution of our soul, especially if we keep repeating them, such as, falling in ‘love’ with someone you have just met without getting to know them first or being too trusting of other souls who do not have your best interests at heart.

• Soul mates are just that, souls that have met before not the romantised version we constantly hear from celebrity unions.

• God’s love is unconditional and those who have attained godliness even love their persecutors, knowing that their souls have not evolved sufficiently and need to experience the opposite to appreciate what will best serve them as they slowly evolve towards Godliness?
The evolved souls also know this world is not the real reality just a construction to evolve, so suffering is part of the journey and death is only the start of another existence.

- Walt Disney may not have been aware that his body was irrelevant, before his passing. He left instructions to be frozen for possible future revival. The problem is, his soul has moved on and it is very unlikely it will be coming back even if and when new cures are discovered.
- I believe every so often the spirit world sends along spirits, some highly evolved some not, to relay the message we are all one and to love your fellow man.
- I may not have personally experienced a paranormal event but that does not mean it does not exist. I have met many who refuse to accept or even fear its existence. If somehow more of this lot come on board then we as a society may change more to a spiritual mentality. This can reduce the influence of the material world which has given us so much grief and misery.

6. DISCUSSION

The soul is the key to everything. Once more people start to realise we are all part of God and on the same journey to evolve to become him, then we will stop damaging each other. In essence ‘love thy neighbour’. The H.E.B. such as Jesus, Mohammed and Buddha had repeatedly preached that is all there is. The soul does not give a damn what your body achieves materially only what experiences you manage to achieve on the journey to become God. Being part of God’s soul, we’re all part of each other, so when you help another you are actually helping yourself and conversely when you damage another you actually damage yourself.

We as a society do not have much to be really proud of; we only have to look at the top levels of society where those craving power and money are too busy enriching themselves at the expense of the masses.

Politicians and parents should become more aware that the young must be given every opportunity to evolve by giving them the best upbringing to reduce the enormous pain and suffering they experience as adults.

The repeated message coming from the aliens is that we are destroying our planet environmentally and socially. There have been very advanced civilisations in our ancient history which for some reason or another have vanished. I do not believe we are immune from the same. The way we are travelling sooner or later that may be our reality.

Let’s not beat around the bush, Governments that feel the real reality must stay in the realms of fantasy, has only helped create dysfunctional societies. If we were told the truth of the reality, officially, society may approach life from a more spiritual direction, not from the material direction.

Materialists and atheists that believe nothing exists after physical death should reconsider. Some of that lot feels that life is a self serving one with no tomorrow. Sadly if they are wrong then they have some hard lives ahead. There are people who accept we keep coming back, this gives us many options and chances to meet again.
Those we may have loved and lost or the chance to redeem some injustice or continue the efforts to help the less evolved. This gives life some purpose not a one off race to enrich ourselves at all costs.

There are many cases of individuals who have developed god like behaviour after some traumatic experience, such as the individual who was convicted of rape and spent 35 years in jail. A DNA test was carried out and he was not the man. He accepted his cruel fate, showed no animosity towards anyone. His strength came from the ordeal.

He may have reduced the number of lives he needs to achieve Godliness, so a terrible experience can produce a good outcome. This is unlike the celebrity that was incarcerated for several weeks and then claimed she found God. The only God she knows is that of celebrity.

One thing I’ve learnt memories of experiences traumatic or not, fade away after a reasonable period of time. I’m sure most people would have discovered the same. The part that is significant is what you have gained from this experience. This becomes registered in your mind. It may not be at the time, very important but with the passage of time it can become more profound.

If it is a positive thought it can aid in the evolution of your soul. The converse for those who have been damaging their fellow souls may end up realising they have collected negative thoughts. They have a few options, one is to modify their behaviour that will put them into a better state of well being and therefore continue the positive evolution of their soul. If they do not then they will be coming back to try again to address the problem.

My advice to those who collect many thoughts verging on the trivial and insignificant, is cast them out because they only crowd out those that are really important.

My experience with the local authorities could have been due to Karma where I have been given the opportunity to address poor behaviour which I once allowed to occur in a previous life. Now is my chance to expose the moral injustice in our society and maybe inspire others to seek change before we become a completely oppressed society, reducing our well being.

7. CONCLUSION

The real reality can be introduced to young children in some form. This will have the effect of giving children a better perspective on life, such as;

- The sooner more people realise a better quality of life comes from a direction of spirituality the better off they will be.
- There is much more to our existence than what we can see, so maybe the material world is not all there is.
- ‘Love your fellow man’. This is not new but how often is it applied. If it helps create a better society it’s worth the effort.

And finally it would not be of great value to become obsessed by the real reality. Accept it and apply yourself to fixing the causes of most of societies problems. Then I believe those from the other worlds will start
climbing over each other to want to truly know us.

CONCLUSION
Most countries big and small suffer many of the problems as outlined in this book. These problems will unlikely go away with the type of leadership and political system we have in place. In particular the Western democracies the squander of revenue has reached a level where the masses are suffering and are further forced to contribute even more to cover shortfalls.

We have finally reached the point of no return. Things will not be returning to better times for an extremely long time. The high debt levels of many consumers and the cost of living going up by the hour will condemn them to stay where they are. The young in particular have little opportunity to attain even a fraction of what my generation was allowed to achieve. We will see poverty levels reach new highs whilst our politicians spin a web of illusion of coming better times. Meanwhile the masses sit back intimidated by oppressive governments wanting more and more revenue.

We are also seeing other signs of oppression. The authorities select ‘victims’ and set out to destroy them. Presently it is more financial. This sends a message to the rest of the community that the authorities are in full control and we must not step out of line.

The time has come to choose leaders that will function in a united front that will serve the masses. They will then attack the many problems the previous leaderships have allowed to flourish.

There is fear if things remain as they are the younger generations will suffer and many will never see any real prosperity in their quality of life. Some may decide to take drastic action against those who allowed this to happen. There will be no winners if this ever occurs.

To get change we need a significant section of the masses to awaken and a number of influential individuals with a social conscience to lead them. Do not expect overnight success in correcting the many years of poor leadership. It will take time but if sufficient like minded individuals unite to push change then it will happen much sooner. If we succeed in getting the leadership that will serve the masses, keep recruiting those who share the same mentality to ensure the direction and intensity is maintained.

There will be those who will try to discredit and stop this change because it will mean they cannot continue their exploitation of the masses. I say to them how dare you treat your fellow man with so much contempt. The real reality does exist; the evidence is insurmountable, so your obsession with the material world will only delay you reaching true well being.

There will also be another lot who may feel my approach is too ‘radical’. Guess what, the way things are going within a short period of time you will be all queuing up with those forcing change towards what is best for the majority of society.
I believe I will also be targeted by those who feel the message in this book is too close to the truth. They will dig far and wide even bankrupt me to show the masses that I’m not fit enough to expose them. All they will achieve is confirmation they are only concerned with their self serving monopoly at the expense of the vast majority.

My own family are concerned with the possibility I would lose everything. I say to them and those who have designs to silence me, you can take the lot! One day my commonsense approach will more than likely be replaced by more catastrophic solutions which may not best serve you.

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