



The FreedomShift

How to Make The Transition From
Virtual Slave to Sovereign Individual

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A Word of Warning!

What I'm about to disclose to you may seem hard to believe - as it flies in the face of what everyone else will tell you - including your family, friends, acquaintances and even your professional advisors.

You see, contrary to popular wisdom (the wisdom of sheep), there is no reason on earth why you should continue to live your life as a **virtual slave**.

"Virtual slave?", I can hear you say in disbelief. What I mean is this: If you're paying even just \$5,000 each year in tax, you are missing out on around \$2.6 million over a 40 year working life (if that tax money were invested by you and compounding at an annual yield of at 10%). That is money you will **never** see. Gone. Poof! So if you earn \$40,000 annually, then you are missing out on around \$6 million over your working lifetime. I'll let you calculate what you're losing if you are earning a lot more! But there's more to it than just money. When someone else has a claim on your life, you are in fact indentured to that person. Income tax is a tax on your very life.

But that's not all:

- 👤 Your **life** is not your own
- 👤 Your **assets** are at risk of forfeiture
- 👤 Your **money** is not your own
- 👤 You are **burdened** by bureaucratic intrusions, regulations and scrutiny
- 👤 You are **taxed** and levied like a serf in the Middle Ages
- 👤 You are **numbered**, registered, watched and listened to
- 👤 You are **told** what you can and cannot do - even in the most personal of matters
- 👤 You are a **slave** of the system

The good news is: It doesn't have to be that way! You don't have to put up with it. If you've got the determination to climb out from under this life-draining deadweight, then there is a way to **escape**. Permanently. There is a way to regain your personal and financial freedom - and peace of mind. And if that interests you, then keep reading!

There is another world out there that is virtually unknown to most people. It's a world where you pay a lot **less** tax - or even none at all; where your assets are protected against lawsuits, messy divorces, and marauding governments; where your personal and business affairs are completely **private**; where profitable investments are readily available; where there is unlimited opportunity to make money - and where personal freedom flourishes.

It's a world without any of the normal limitations. This world has previously only been accessible to those who are very wealthy and have the right connections. However, with the advent of the internet, this world is now accessible to **you** - if you know where to look and what to do.

During the coming years you will witness something quite extraordinary - an exodus of intelligent, entrepreneurial, freedom-loving people to this **new** world. It's already happening, but you won't read about it in the papers, because it only involves relatively small numbers of people. And to give you some idea of what I mean - it's similar to the

infamous "brain drain" that Great Britain experienced in the 1960s. During that time, thousands of the UK's brightest people opted out of high-tax, over-regulated Britain - in favour of living and working in the USA.

The difference this time is this: the exodus is not just from one country - it's universal. It's a **global** phenomenon involving people from all walks of life, from different countries, different cultures - all with a single, compelling goal. To be **free!**

They are "leaving" the high tax, over-regulated countries. They are "leaving" for greener pastures. They are "leaving" the sheep behind. And they are doing this in full view of those around them - who have no idea what they are up to. And where are they going? They are going "international", going **offshore** - a word that conjures up images of tropical islands, the high life, tax avoidance - and something vaguely immoral, or so the powers-that-be would have you believe!

However, in most cases, this exodus is purely **virtual** - a strategy for living that requires one to think outside the square, even if not actually moving outside it.

To reduce it to essentials, going offshore simply means arranging your personal and business affairs in a rational and profitable way - making use of **legal** arrangements that already exist in other countries. It means to internationalise yourself and take advantage of the opportunities this affords. It means becoming a virtual **citizen** of the entire world, and not letting irrational nationalism fool you into parting with what is rightfully yours. In the end it means a mental realignment, a shift in perspective - and a new way of "international" living that is so exciting and full of potential, that most people don't believe it is possible.

And that's to your advantage - because the truth is you can become a "citizen" of this alternative world - precisely because it is not widely known.

You don't **have** to leave home to become an internationalist as there are many strategies you can employ right now that will free up your life. But if you want to physically escape, then the world is your oyster. You can live in some of the loveliest places on earth - for a fraction of what you're paying to be where you are now. And you can become financially independent with a lot **less** than you imagine.

If you've had enough of intrusive government and bloated bureaucracy, and enough of being robbed blind for the sake of outmoded ideas and unchosen obligations - then the time to take action is **now!**

But you have a **choice** to make. Before you lies an alternative route, a way to break **free** and begin to design your own destiny.

Which road should you take?

The Crossroads of History

A new era is arriving. And depending upon your outlook on life, you may look to the future with either hope and **optimism**, or an uneasy sense of **foreboding**. But however you see it, we live in the most dramatic period in the history of the human race - and you are bang right in the middle of it!

The Good, The Bad And The Ugly

The pace and nature of world change can be both frightening and exciting, depending upon your point of view - the mental **filter** through which you view the world.

Maybe your point of view is influenced by a concern for environmental pollution, over-population, increasing violence, international terrorism, uncertainty of employment, breakdown of morals, world poverty and the like. Or maybe your point of view is influenced by a fascination with the information revolution, the internet, medical breakthroughs and biotechnology, the expansion of freedom or exploration of outer space. And depending upon what you're looking at and where you're looking from, it's possible to have very **different** interpretations of where the world is heading.

But one thing is certain. One thing is constant. Things are **changing**. No matter what your point of view, the world you grew up in is disappearing fast. Like it or not, the world is changing forever - and the most important thing you must do is to find out how you can best **survive** and **prosper** in these changing times. You see, all is not bad - and all is not good, so the intelligent thing to do is be prepared. And to do that you need to be informed and equipped.

Beyond Future Shock

In what is perhaps one of the most significant books to be written in recent years - **The Sovereign Individual** (published in 1997), by *James Dale Davidson* and *William Rees-Mogg* - the authors make a compelling case for the transformation of society which is already underway, and the need to be informed and to have one's affairs organised accordingly. They are historians, and as such use history as an object lesson and a tool to make educated **predictions** as to what is likely to happen in the world from now into the very near future.

Their observations include such things as:

- 🌐 The nation state is in terminal **decline** and national citizenship is becoming obsolete.
- 🌐 The way the world has been organised for so long, as nation states, is already in the process of **disintegration**. This is being accelerated by the growth of the internet, which, according to Davidson and Rees-Mogg, is not only destined to become the world's biggest economy, but is forging new alliances and relationships.

- 🌐 Businesses will increasingly incorporate **offshore** - as they establish themselves as truly international enterprises.
- 🌐 People will increasingly put their money wherever it gains the greatest **return** - regardless of what country they live in.
- 🌐 People will no longer have **jobs**, but will take on contracts and piece work and increasingly become self-employed.
- 🌐 Alternative citizenships will become more common and people will go shopping for the **least-taxed** country to which to belong. National "loyalty" will be a thing of the past.
- 🌐 The welfare state will collapse worldwide and we will witness the **death** of politics as the primary means of social organisation.
- 🌐 Areas of opportunity and security will **shift** dramatically, as old power blocs crumble.
- 🌐 The **balance** of power will shift, as the military structure and hardware of large nation states proves no match for the tactics and methods of new breeds of non-state "warriors" (terrorists?).

As you can see - their observations are both enlightening and potentially disturbing - depending on your world-view, and your capacity to adapt.

The End of the World as You Know it

The authors' conclusion is that the current system and focus of power is definitely ending. They also observe that even talking about the end of the system is taboo. You won't read about it in the papers or hear about it on radio or TV. In fact, unless you make it your business to find out what's going on, you'll be left in the dark - until it's too late! What's their advice? To position yourself as an **international** citizen - to arrange your affairs so as not to be beholden to any one nation or territory - to internationalise your personal and business affairs. To become a **Sovereign Individual**.

A Prophecy Coming True?

The Sovereign Individual was first published in **1997**, and a valid question to ask at this time would be, "*Were Davidson and Rees-Mogg right in their original analysis?*"

In many ways it's too early to tell, because we are right in the middle of the sort of **shift** in geopolitics they wrote about. However, what is very clear is that the essential thrust of their argument is being validated by the world we are witnessing now - a world in **flux**.

There is undoubtedly a power shift taking place. Ever since **9/11** the world has entered into a new and potentially dangerous phase. As the doctrine of preemptive war has taken hold, and continual and expanding wars are the order of the day - as in Iraq, Afghanistan, and even Pakistan - the nature of nation states is becoming more **militaristic**.

This is happening at the same time the world is entering a significant new phase of economic tribulation. In fact we are witnessing an **historic** power shift, one which will shake the world to its foundations - as the “old” makes way for the “new”.

At the beginning of the last century, **Great Britain** was the world’s greatest power. It stood abreast the most successful empire ever built. And I recall, all too proudly at the time, how when I was young - at school in England - the teacher would point to the world map and explain that all the “pink” coloured countries were part of the Great British Empire.

Who would have thought that a few years later - after the personal and economic devastation of two **world wars** - that Britain would lose its Empire in the virtual blink of an eye? But so it happened. Britain and its Empire was brought to its knees by imperial over-stretch and the cost of war in both terms of **blood** and **money**. And the only way they were able extricate themselves from the mess was to borrow money from the USA - and in so doing become a **debtor** nation at the expense of American becoming a **creditor** one.

And history is now repeating.

As Great Britain passed the “torch of Empire” to the USA - the 20th century became the “American” century. But everything changed on **9/11**. On that date the USA entered what can be called the final phase of “empire”, when military might trumps economic dominance. It is now bleeding financially and setting the stage for the next great power shift - this time from the **west** to the **east**.

History is the template. When great nations over-extend themselves both militarily and financially - ending up as **debtor** nations - then the end is nigh. And one only has to look at which country is the greatest **creditor** nation to know who is about to move into “top dog” position. And that nation is **China**.

The writing is clearly on the wall. China is securing commodity and energy reserves all over the planet. It’s quietly building the greatest store of **gold** bullion of any country. As of writing it has over \$2 trillion in foreign exchange reserves. And while the rest of the world is tottering on the brink of bankruptcy, China, flush with cash, is playing its hand for the next great move on the global “chess board”.

What Does This Mean For You?

The immediate threat posed by this power shift, and the rise and fall of nations, is that a **rear-guard** action is taking place. At the very time when nation states lose their potency and legitimacy in the west, they are beginning to aggressively assert themselves - in order to protect the status quo. These actions lead to rash economic decision making and increased surveillance of their populations, in order to quell possible social unrest. The entrepreneurial class are targeted. The individual “thinkers” are vilified. New “enemies” have to be created. Fascism becomes the new political reality. And at the end of the day - the old “action of last resort” of all nation states is likely to be brought into play - in order to impose martial “order” on the unruly masses. Yes, **war** is always the final card to be dealt by those seeking to retain their grip on **power**. And in this uncertain political, social and economic environment, you owe it to yourself to be prepared.

You Need to Protect Your Personal Freedom And Privacy

Today, there are more and more reasons to protect your freedom and privacy: the growth of the omnipotent state; the stifling bureaucracy; the insidious erosion of your individual rights - in the name of the "war on terror"; and the increasingly interconnected world - where everyone is after information on **YOU**.

If you know how to do it, then you can gain great advantages from creating a low profile for yourself as an international citizen - by disconnecting **part** or **all** of your self from your unchosen master (the nation state). You can become virtually invisible, if you so choose, and live a more carefree, more secure and certainly more **private** life - free of stress, money worries - and taxes! You can do this for 100% of your life, or even just part of it - as you choose.

You Need to Protect Your Money And Assets

If you're someone concerned with material **wealth** - modest or significant, in whatever form - then you need to be concerned as to how best protect it. In this world where litigation has run amok, where ex-partners can suddenly become very greedy, and where the rapacious state is always after another "pound of flesh", you simply must protect what is rightfully yours.

One of the most secure ways is to make use of a **Trust** based in an offshore, tax-free jurisdiction. A Trust is a legal entity that can possess real property - money, real estate, shares etc. - and can provide protection against litigation, ex-partners and marauding governments - as well as making the transfer of such assets to your heirs a lot easier.

If you're in business or an investor, then then you should definitely consider incorporating offshore - by setting up an International Business Corporation. This is a legal entity which will enable you to do business **anywhere** in the world - but is subject to the laws of the jurisdiction it is incorporated in. And one of the major advantages of incorporating offshore is the fact that such jurisdictions are usually tax-free, require no reporting and safeguard your privacy.

There are many advantages in having your money in diverse locations and currencies. And the best way of achieving this is to hold accounts with different **offshore** banks. Benefits include being able to keep your savings in multiple currencies, and to let it accumulate in a tax-free environment - with the added convenience of accessing it with a global debit or credit card.

You Need More Creative and Private Opportunities to Make Money

If you are looking for a way to break **free** of your 9-5 job, have been made redundant, seek some new direction, or maybe just want some excitement or extra cash - then spreading your wings and doing business internationally, on the internet, is certainly worth thinking about. The opportunities are endless - and include such things as: sales and affiliate marketing, where you earn commissions by promoting other people's products and services - and keep it offshore! Then there are opportunities in cyber-consulting, programming, journalism, web services - you name it. Cyber-business is certainly exciting and **doable** - and you can be part of it! The internet has provided the mechanism for you

to do business from anywhere, at any time, regardless of age, race or gender - and make the world your market.

You Need Better Returns on Your Investments in a More Private Environment

If you're not aware of investment opportunities **outside** your home country, then you're missing out on the chance to create real wealth for yourself! The first, and most obvious advantage in investing offshore is you earn your interest tax free. You don't have to pay any income tax at source. In fact, using the right strategies, you can reduce your future tax liability all the way to zero. But there are many other important advantages - such as the diverse range of investments to choose from. These include: Certificates of Deposit; Global Funds; managed forex or hedge funds; pre-IPO and venture capital offerings; gold bullion and gold certificates; And, of course, the ability to trade on your own behalf using net-based brokerage services.

You Need to Take The Right Action to Achieve What You Want

Becoming an international citizen, asserting your sovereignty, and developing an internationalist strategy is certainly not for everyone. Not everyone is concerned about, or even aware of, the global changes taking place and the ferocious **attack** on their personal freedom and privacy. Not everyone is ready to face the stark realities that drive the world we live in. And not everyone is prepared to accept the inevitable self-responsibility that comes with stepping out as your own ultimate authority.

Many people prefer the attitude of ostriches - and keep their heads buried in the ground. Others prefer the attitude of sheep - and simply follow others, wherever they may lead. Then there are those who can see what's coming but, like possums, stand frightened and frozen in the glaring light of reality - only to get flattened by the advancing tide of history! However, an informed **minority** are aware of the alternatives and make themselves ready for all eventualities. They think. They act. They achieve.

If you are, or want to be, one of the informed minority - then you have a choice. You can **escape** the "Matrix" of **force, fraud and fallacy** - and discover the key to freedom, privacy and wealth - or, you can **stay** where you are, and carry on life as normal. As always, the choice is **yours**.

How to Escape The Matrix

State education is powerful propaganda. Democracy is a seductive hallucinogenic drug. And both conspire to ensure you never rock the boat, never renege on your social *obligations* - and more importantly - never shout "The Emperor has no clothes" and run away laughing!

In the modern nation state, you really have no choice but to either accept your status as a **slave** - and get on with life, or fight some futile, endless political battle to improve your lot in life - via the ballot box.

At least, that's the official line.

But there **is** another choice you can make. There is an alternative - if you have sufficient moral clarity, financial means, personal conviction, and the sheer audacity to buck the system and really live life on your own terms.

You can personally **secede**. Yes, you can pack up your bags, tip your hat, and say goodbye to the moochers, looters, scumbags, politicians, bureaucrats, taxmen and other assorted dross that infest the modern welfare state.

This strategy is often known as being a **PT** - which means *Perpetual Traveller*. It can also mean: Permanent Tourist; Prior Taxpayer; Possibility Thinker; Post Tyranny; Privacy Tactician - and any other positive label you can think of that spells "PT"!

More recently, this personal secession strategy has become known as being an *Internationalist* - someone who eschews the status of "slave" to a nation state.

Some years back, well-known investment advisor and previous Libertarian Party Presidential candidate - **Harry Browne** - wrote a path-breaking book entitled, *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World*. The general theme of his book was that there are two fundamentally different types of action you can take to achieve your goals in life - **direct** and **indirect**. And only one of them is truly effective.

To illustrate the difference between the two types of actions - consider the following:

Let's say you are not happy with the schooling your child is receiving - and you want to do something about it. Well, direct action would involve taking your child out of that school and attempting to find a better one. And if you were unhappy with the standard of education in **all** schools, then direct action could involve you deciding to home school your child yourself.

On the other hand, indirect action would involve perhaps joining the school board, in the hope of improving the situation - or voting for a candidate who promises to improve educational standards.

The essential point is this: **direct** action involves acting in a way that directly affects the outcome on your own life. While **indirect** action tries to work through other people and systems - hoping to exert enough influence to bring about the required change.

Here's another example. You live and work in a country which taxes you at 50% of your income. You are not happy. You can take the indirect route, and campaign for lower taxes - or you can take the direct route and emigrate to country with lower taxes.

In the same way, becoming a PT is a *direct action* strategy. When you become a PT, you are eschewing indirect action. You are giving up on voting and giving up on the **political** means of achieving objectives. You are taking your life into your own hands and doing what is necessary to achieve your goals.

The PT strategy was originally conceived by **Harry Schultz**, the famous investment newsletter writer. And it was popularised in a book of the same name - "PT" by a gentleman who went by the name of **Dr W.G. Hill**.

The ideas and techniques it promoted became known as the **Five Flag Strategy**.

The basic concept is as follows: In order to reduce the effective tyranny of any one jurisdiction over your life - you need to spread your practical life over **multiple** jurisdictions. You could say it's a strategy for "hedging your bets" in life. And just as investment advisors suggest you *diversify* your investments, so the PT strategy suggests you *diversify* your life.

Each jurisdiction (country) is known as a "flag". And it's more than likely that you are currently living a **one** flag strategy - with all your "eggs" in the same jurisdictional basket.

The five flag strategy involves the following:

- 🌐 **Flag #1:** You obtain citizenship and a passport from a country that does not tax non-residents on their worldwide income. Almost every country qualifies in this regard - except the USA, which taxes its citizens no matter where they actually live.
- 🌐 **Flag #2:** Form a company in a country that does not tax business income outside that country. Most traditional offshore centres qualify - including such places as Singapore and Hong Kong.
- 🌐 **Flag #3:** Obtain a legal residency in a country that taxes only income generated within that country, not foreign income. Belize, Croatia, Grenada, Malta, Singapore, Hong Kong and Panama are such jurisdictions.
- 🌐 **Flag #4:** Keep your wealth in asset havens with strict bank secrecy laws that can only be penetrated in a criminal investigation, and that do not exchange data with foreign revenue authorities on "fishing expeditions". Liechtenstein, Panama and Switzerland are such jurisdictions.
- 🌐 **Flag #5:** Spend your time in whatever countries you enjoy the most, taking care not to stay long enough to be legally a tax resident there.

Hill's and Shultz's basic thesis was that governments treat their own citizens much worse than tourists. As a **tourist**, you are welcome. The local government encourages tourism and likes it when people visit and spend money in the local economy. So, by being a "tourist", you are also pleasing your host country and contributing to its economic welfare.

This strategy works for almost anyone who wants to implement it - except US citizens. If you are a US citizen, then you would need to find an alternative citizenship and passport first - and give up your US citizenship - in order to step out on the PT road. Why? Because the USA taxes people on the basis of residency **and** citizenship, while most countries only tax on the basis of residency. That means no matter where you live - even if you leave the USA permanently, as long as you're a **citizen**, then you are still required to file an annual tax return. However, there is more than one way to "skin a cat"!

The most common impediment to anyone starting out on this course of action (apart from the psychological barrier of having to leave home and family), is the need to be able to work and earn a living while outside your home country.

When the PT lifestyle was originally conceived and promoted, it was designed for those with the financial means to make it work. You either needed to be financially independent, with a private source of income - or have the type of occupation that allowed you to live and work anywhere.

However, since the advent of the internet, the possibility of working *internationally* is now a reality for anyone with enough "get-up-and-go", and who is singularly motivated to achieve such a goal. With the internet, unlimited moneymaking opportunities present themselves - all of which can be worked online, and from any country where you can get an internet connection. Here's just a few suggestions:

- 🌐 **Consulting.** If you have expert knowledge in any field, then you can potentially do it online.
- 🌐 **Programming.** Obviously, a perfect fit. If you can code from your bed - you could be in "bed" anywhere!
- 🌐 **Trading/Investing.** If you're involved in trading the markets on your own behalf - then you can be wherever you like.
- 🌐 **Writing.** Another natural candidate for the PT lifestyle.
- 🌐 **Art/Photography/Music.** Now that these forms of work are all done digitally - the net becomes the ideal medium to move files back and forth.
- 🌐 **Teleworking.** Where you do "outwork" for various online or offline businesses.
- 🌐 **Affiliate Marketing.** One of the net's success stories - where you can sell other company's goods and services on commission.

The list could go on and on. Even doctors could work online - giving e-consultations. Or how about accountants? I can see no reason why they have to be in the same country as their clients. In reality, the possibilities are only as limited as your own imagination. And with the advent of broadband, more and more types of work become feasible - including film making.

In this *online* day and age, the primary barrier to becoming a PT - that of being able to work internationally - is coming down. And that leaves only one remaining barrier - the barrier inside your own **head**.

For when all is said and done, the desire for freedom is not always matched by an equal desire to **act** to achieve it. It's a bit like wanting to lose weight. It's easy enough to do it - if you want it badly enough. Just eat less. But we are creatures of habit - and changing a lifetime's habit can be very hard. Just ask those who smoke. Wanting freedom and doing what is necessary to achieve it, are not necessarily the same thing.

The point is this: The option for achieving a freer life is there for the taking. You just need to want it bad enough. And keep in mind, it's possible to increase your level of freedom by taking these steps one at a time - if you are not able to actually leave your country - and to implement as much of the PT strategy as your are able.

How to Personally Defeat 'Big Brother'

George Orwell's **1984** is the story of a *future* society where individualism has been eliminated, where propaganda is used to control the masses, and where *perpetual* war is being waged to maintain the 'peace'. It's a world where false is true and wrong is right, where history is constantly being rewritten - and where Big Brother watches your every move.

But even in the middle of this totalitarian *utopia*, there is one man - *Winston Smith* - who dares to question authority, and who seeks to make a life for himself.

The parallels between our modern world and that of George Orwell's 1984 are uncanny. The *Ministry of Truth*, the *Thought Police*, the political manipulation of language to distort reality, the hidden censorship of political correctness - and the war on terror, all echo George Orwell's 1984. So much so, that reading the news headlines often makes 1984 seem disturbingly prophetic.

Orwell's 1984 is ultimately a depressing story. Winston Smith, the hapless hero, believes he is thwarting Big Brother - particularly when he meets the character O'Brien, whom he believes to be a member of the underground resistance lead by Emanuel Goldstein.

But in the end, Winston is simply a pawn in a vast *conspiracy*. A conspiracy which cheats him of his love, Julia, and ultimately of his own sanity - when he is incarcerated in the *Ministry of Love*, and finally subject to the horrors of *Room 101*.

Orwell's 1984 is a chilling read for sure, and implies that the omnipotent state will ultimately win. However, even as Winston Smith lives out his days in diminished manhood, he clings on to one idea - that if there is any hope at all, it lies with the *proles*.

Now, the *proles* were the ordinary people - the masses, the great unwashed. These people were cannon fodder - and largely ignored by the powers that be. Smith's hope was that one day the *proles* would "wake up" - and in so doing, would - by force of numbers - sweep away the vast illusion of totalitarian state power.

Orwell lived before the **internet** was even conceived. In 1984 the TV screen is a medium of one way communication - from Big Brother to all the subjects of *IngSoc*. And it would be interesting to know what Orwell would have made of the emerging world culture that is the internet.

Make no bones about it, the internet is a **revolutionary** tool. It is a first in the history of mankind. Never before has there been a medium of communication, which links the whole world - and where ordinary individuals can both read and say whatever they like.

In George Orwell's 1984, the ordinary people were completely subjugated because of the state's control over information. The control was so total, that even history was constantly updated in order to square with the current *party line*.

In contrast, the internet bypasses the state information apparatus. On the 'net, one has access to non-official news sources and opinions. It is literally impossible to censor the bulk of what goes on online.

The internet also provides a communication medium for other freedom-promoting technology - like the digital camera. Previously, news images were the sole domain of the professional media. Not any more. Now, anyone, anywhere, can upload a photo or a movie and have it visible to the whole world in minutes.

In this way, the modern aspiring *total* state has serious competition, because it cannot fully control the flow of information - as was the case in Orwell's 1984.

The internet is also changing the nature of relationships. Pre-internet, people identified with the traditional groupings of family, society and nation. But these historic bonds are being loosened, as people forge new alliances and relationships via the internet - relationships based on commonality of interests, values and beliefs.

As ordinary people (the proles), have increased access to uncensored information, and find themselves making connections with people from all over the globe - it becomes more and more difficult for any state to micro-manage the lives of its citizens. They have lost control of the information so vital to maintaining control over people. It may not be far off, before the "proles" wake up - and insist that the Emperor has no clothes.

So, where to from here?

In George Orwell's 1984, the road ended in **Room 101**. But in the real world - the world as it is - you have the opportunity to take a *different* road.

Don't leave it too late!

The Moral Case Against Taxation

A lot of people have a strong opinion about taxation. "It's too high!". "Tax the rich more!". "Stop tax cheats!". "Avoid, don't evade!" - and so on.

But there is one important truth to consider when looking at the income tax - it's primarily a tool of **control**.

Typically, most people treat it as an **economic** issue - a matter of raising money to pay for government services. This approach leads to incessant arguments about the nature of government expenditure and efficiency etc. - as if one were talking about a business venture and revenues.

But taxation is nothing like business revenue. Government is **not** a business. Taxation is not payment made for services rendered - by voluntary agreement. It is a **forced** extraction of money from your pocket - in return for being treated like a chattel slave!

Taxation is not about government services - it is about income **redistribution** and "vote buying". Besides, I cannot think of one government service worth paying for - which could not be better provided by the private sector.

Publicly, if you believe opinion polls, people support taxation, and often agree to increases in it - if they think they can get a slice of the redistribution pie as a result. Privately, of course, people act as normal humans, and try to avoid it whenever they can.

Most offshore-related information sources promote products and strategies for *minimising* tax - **legally**. This can involve something as simple as having an offshore company and bank account - or as complicated as a complete offshore and asset protection strategy, costing many thousands of dollars. The official mantra is "tax avoidance GOOD - tax evasion BAD".

The difference between tax **avoidance** and **evasion** is a subtle one, based on whether it can be done so legally or not. If it's legal (under current, but ever-changing law), then it's avoidance. If it's illegal (not allowed under current law), then it's evasion. Take your pick!

Unfortunately this distinction is mostly **semantic**. It's like recommending pot smoking in Amsterdam (where it is legal), and warning against it in New York (where it is not). And as anyone who has given the issue of drugs any serious thought at all, it's really a matter of **morality** - not legality. For never forget, just because something is *legal* doesn't make it moral. And conversely, just because something is *illegal* doesn't make it immoral.

The irrefutable case against taxation is a **moral** one. And if we lived in a moral society - taxation itself would be illegal. Why? Because taxation is **theft** pure and simple.

If you don't believe me, then consider this: let's say you're one of the poorer members of society. And as you look around you, you realise you don't have a nice home, new car, or annual overseas holidays. Others do, but not you. Given this fact, would you consider it moral to therefore spend your evenings breaking into the homes of the rich - in order to get a little of the good life for yourself?

If you're criminally minded, your answer will be that you don't care - you just want the money. But if you are like most people, you'll realise you simply cannot steal off others in order to better your own life. Now, does it become moral if a third party (the government) takes the money off the rich and gives it to you? Of course not!

Taxation is income redistribution. Income redistribution is theft. End of story. And don't believe the waffle about who will build the roads, or police the streets. This is just window dressing for what government is really about - and extremely poor window dressing at that. Whether the issue is health care, law and order, or national defence - the government is in the business of income transfers - against the will of those involved.

But there is a much more serious moral case against taxation - the way it forces you to be **complicit** with the "system".

When you pay tax, you are supporting a government - its **policy** and **agenda**. When you pay tax, you are in fact endorsing what the government does - "in your name". And this is of particular interest in times of great moral disagreement - like the war in Iraq, or the war on drugs, or the treatment of refugees - or pick your favourite hot issue.

Ask yourself this: would you have considered it moral or immoral to have invested in major companies which were profiting from Hitler's war effort in World War II? Would you have considered it moral or immoral to have sent funds in support of Stalin's Soviet Union? Or

to bring it more up to date, would you be happy to give a monthly donation to the "Bin Laden fund for global change"?

Now, you may want to nitpick with me and suggest that the above examples involve *voluntary* payments or support - whereas taxation involves *involuntary* payment or support. But I beg to differ. Taxation involves conning people into thinking they have no choice in the matter - that it is an enforced obligation. But does this fact absolve you from moral responsibility? And is it really a fact that you have no choice?

Let me ask you again: If you were a German in World War II, and you were violently opposed to the way Jews were being treated, would you be happy that your money was building concentration camps? Would you be prepared to shrug your shoulders and say, "Well, it's compulsory, what can one person do? It's got nothing to do with me!". It's a bit like a soldier, after being caught raping, pillaging and murdering - saying, "but I was just following orders!".

Let's roll forward. It's more than likely, if you are reading this, that **your** government is or was involved in the war in Iraq. A preemptive war against a people who posed no threat to anyone. Now, if you supported this war, then you probably don't mind your tax money going to fund it. But what if you were morally opposed to the war? How can you live with the fact that your money is funding something you are adamantly and morally opposed to?

How would you feel, if you knew your money had paid the salaries of the soldiers who committed abuses at Abu Ghraib jail? Or of the pilots bombing innocent civilians?

This brings up an even bigger moral question. Does any state have the right to tax its citizens in order to fund activities that a good proportion of its people are morally opposed to? And more importantly, does a state have the right to **force** any single individual to fund that which he or she is morally opposed to?

I'm not trying to take moral "sides" here, or say what you should or should not believe - only that you have a right to your beliefs, and a right not to have to support those who would tread on them. So let's look at another example:

If you are a fundamentalist Christian, would you be happy paying tax to a government that was offering free abortions on demand? Would you feel comfortable knowing your money was paying for something you personally believed to be immoral? You can see the moral minefield we have here. And my essential point is **not** to try to distinguish between good and evil, but rather, to point out that no individual should be forced to financially support something he finds morally reprehensible.

What is the solution? Well, I can't see any government making a decision to voluntarily give up taxation. So, it requires individual action on the part of the tax payers themselves. It requires civil *disobedience*. It requires getting a backbone and learning to say "no!".

Forget about **voting** for change. It will never happen. No, the only way to get out of this moral quagmire is by you making your own decision and acting accordingly. This issue is very much like being a *conscientious objector* - a person who refuses to fight in a war. Such people are treated with contempt usually, but to me they are moral heroes - because they refuse to be compromised, and act in accordance with their own conscience.

If you were allowed to apply for conscientious tax objector status - where you could file a case against paying tax, because doing so violated your own conscience - then that would be fine and dandy, and solve the problem. Unfortunately, this is a utopian idea and I cannot see any government wearing it!

That brings us back to individual action. And I should say straight up, that no person should act in a way that threatens their own life. No one is obliged to put themselves on the altar of self-sacrifice. Standing in front of government bulldozers or tanks is not recommended.

However, there are many smart alternatives to such a moral dilemma. There are ways you can "opt out", disengage, remove your sanction. And it behoves all people of goodwill, who value individual freedom, to seriously seek out such strategies. For, in the end, the state is merely the *Emperor with no clothes*. It exists purely because sufficient people believe it should exist. And it only continues to exist because we all act like sheep - cheering from the sidelines - "what beautiful clothes!"

It's time to take off the rose-coloured glasses, and see taxation for what it really is - the modus operandi of **totalitarian** oppression.

What is a Sovereign Individual?

The term "Sovereign Individual" was first popularly coined by *William Rees-Mogg* and *James Dale Davidson* - in the already-mentioned book of the same name. The following is quoted from the book description section at Amazon.com:

"In The Sovereign Individual, Davidson and Rees-Mogg explore the greatest economic and political transition in centuries -- the shift from an industrial to an information-based society. This transition, which they have termed 'the fourth stage of human society,' will liberate individuals as never before, irrevocably altering the power of government. This outstanding book will replace false hopes and fictions with new understanding and clarified values."

The essence of their analysis is that there is a significant power-shift going on - a shift from the historic power of **nation states**, to a new breed of people they term *sovereign individuals*.

Since the publication of that book, the term "sovereign individual" has become a defining word for a particular type of person and lifestyle.

Some of those defining characteristics include:

- 👤 a belief in the concept of **self-ownership**
- 👤 a strong commitment to **individual rights**
- 👤 a distrust of political **democracy**
- 👤 a **market-anarchist** or natural spontaneous order mindset
- 👤 a belief in the right to financial and personal **privacy**
- 👤 a willingness to think and act **outside** the square
- 👤 a keen interest in **offshore** financial strategies

The term *Sovereign Individual* could also be applied to another less known word - **PT** (meaning Perpetual Traveler). The term "PT" was first coined by WG Hill in his underground classic of the same name. In many ways the ideas suggested in PT are very similar to the concept of life as a sovereign individual.

A PT is someone who lives a private life, and spends his time *visiting* countries as a **tourist**, not being a resident. The thinking behind this idea is that as a tourist you are afforded a much more hospitable welcome and general treatment, than if you were a citizen or resident.

Another related word is **internationalist** - meaning someone who thinks globally and has broken formal and emotional ties with any particular nation state. So, the term sovereign individual is a confluence of many different ideas - all linked with the basic concept of self-ownership.

Now, it's quite possible to **be** a sovereign individual without really using or even understanding the term. And there have always been people who live and think like that - albeit giving themselves different labels. However, the *essence* of the concept is a shift in how you see the world, and your own place in it. It's a rising above the idea of being owned, or of being subject to arbitrary **external** authorities - to the idea of being fully **autonomous**.

Becoming a sovereign individual is thus more than just doing certain things in a certain way - for example, opening an offshore bank account and forming an offshore company. It is much more about a way of **thinking** - and then acting accordingly.

The *journey* of life has many possible roads. The sovereign individual chooses the one less traveled.

Which road will **you** take? Maybe the following will give some pointers.

Freedom FAQ

What is required to start out on the Freedom Road?

One of the things I'm often asked is, "What does it require to start out on this road to freedom - do I need lots of money?"

This got me thinking that there is obviously a number of questions which people may want answers to, answers which perhaps I take for granted - having lived this lifestyle myself now for over four years. So I thought I'd list some of the more common questions I've been asked over time - and provide answers.

I trust this will provide you with more pertinent information on what it takes to increase your practical freedom.

Q: Is this freedom strategy only available to those who are rich?

A: No, not at all. Obviously, money makes all decisions and actions easier - so having money can smooth the way somewhat. But as for being "rich" - no, not necessary. The important point is that you **can** proceed on this track in a gradual manner - step, by step, at your own pace.

Q: What sorts of steps are you talking about?

A: Well, starting out on the road to more privacy and freedom does require that you begin to do things differently. And the best way I can answer that is to think back to what I did at the start. First, you should seriously look at opening an offshore bank account. For me this is normal and everyday life - as I do not have accounts in any of the countries I live in. But I realise that for most people this is quite a foreign concept. However, in opening an offshore account you are doing two important things. You are deciding to create more financial privacy for yourself, and you are taking a first step to a more "international" way of doing things.

Q: What's the main advantage in having an offshore bank account?

A: Privacy and security. Not many people realise that money in a domestic account is not really secure - at least, not secure from the government. In any case where you are deemed to owe money - either in taxes, payment of certain fees, or even (in some countries) child maintenance payments - then the government can actually "trawl" your account and withdraw funds - without your knowledge or permission. In a sense, a domestic bank account is an open wallet to anyone who can persuade the government that you owe them money for some reason - even if you don't!

Q: Are such banks safe?

A: Most definitely! In fact, the bulk of the world's private wealth is kept in offshore accounts. However, it still requires prudence when sourcing such banks on the internet - as there are a number of smaller banks, which may be ideal for transactions and pass-through - but not ideal for holding large amounts of money.

Q: What makes a bank an "offshore" bank?

A: That depends entirely on where you live. Basically, "offshore" simply means in a country **other** than your own. So, if you live in the USA, an account in the Isle of Man would be offshore. And in the same way, it's possible for a person outside the USA, to open an account there - and treat it as an offshore account. However, for most people, an offshore account is in a country which also offers increased privacy, as is the case with known tax havens.

Q: How do I open a bank account?

A: The first thing to realise is that offshore banks want your business. The second thing to realise is that since 9/11 there has been an increase in the level of disclosure required by such banks. But opening an account is still relatively easy. You should plan on having around US\$1,000 available as an opening deposit. Some offshore banks will want more, some maybe less. You will need to provide a legitimate state-issued photo ID - usually

your passport. You don't send your passport - but a copy. However, most banks will require that this copy has been notarised by a Notary Public, or certified in some way - to confirm the copy's authenticity. Most banks will also ask for some or all of the following: a utility bill - to confirm your address; a bank reference from a bank you currently use; a statement as to what you intend to use the account for (if it's business or corporate account); a statement as to the source of funds.

Q: Does an offshore bank operate the same way as my "onshore" one - and does it provide the same services?

A: There are differences, however, depending on the bank you choose (and there are many), you should expect levels of service to be equal - except for some financial services. Don't expect to raise a mortgage from an offshore bank - because, like all banks, they require security - and in the case of property, they wouldn't be able to lend funds on something in another country. All offshore banks offer a range of other financial services, including various types of accounts, in different currencies. Sometimes they offer a full multi-currency account - which means it can accept any major currency, and you can wire out in any major currency. You can expect such a bank to provide debit and credit cards - however, with credit cards, they require a security deposit which is greater than your credit line. Credit is a bad idea anyway, for a freedom seeker, so you should not miss this.

Q: How can I use an offshore bank account?

A: The purpose of an offshore bank account is to allow you to accumulate and manage your funds in a more discreet way. You could use your offshore account to fund an offshore brokerage account - for the purpose of investing. You could use your account to receive and distribute funds from a business - either online or offline.

Q: How do I access my funds in an offshore account?

A: Obviously, you can't just walk in and do business face-to-face, unless visiting that particular country. However, most offshore banks have advanced internet capabilities and various phone banking services. You can wire funds in and out of your account, and you can access your funds using a Maestro or Cirrus debit card (good for anywhere in the world).

Q: Are these banks more expensive?

A: Some are - usually in the area of monthly fees and/or the charges they make for wiring funds out of the account.

Q: If doing business, should I have an offshore corporation?

A: This is a very good idea - as it provides yet another layer of privacy, and also asset protection. However, unless you have an active business concern, you shouldn't rush into setting up an offshore corporation - as you have to justify the set-up costs and maintenance costs.

Q: How much does it cost to open a bank account or form an international corporation?

A: Most offshore banks will only require a certain minimum opening deposit - sometimes as little as \$500, but more likely \$1,000 plus. Some more exclusive banks are not readily accessible to the public, and operate through agents. In cases like this, you can expect to pay an "introduction fee" - which could be anything from \$200 - \$500. As for the cost of an offshore corporation - that depends on what country it is incorporated in. Panama is one of the cheapest and can cost from \$800 up to \$1,200. In other jurisdictions, you may need to pay up to \$2,000. Maintenance costs run from \$350 to around \$500 per year.

Q: What other steps can I take to start out on the "freedom" road?

A: Always start with the simplest ones first - like opening an offshore bank account. You should also consider a private mail drop - a place where you direct all your written communications. This type of service will collect mail for you - and forward it to you wherever you are. The advantage is that it cloaks your true residential address. Another wise move is to learn how to use web proxy services - which allow you to browse the internet without leaving tell-tale "footprints."

Q: If I don't have enough money to get up and leave my home country - how can I make this strategy work for me?

A: Using an offshore bank account, and possibly an offshore corporation, you could begin to earn money (either from business or investments) and create your own offshore nest egg. This would become your "freedom fund" - a growing stash of money which you intend to use in the future, to enable you to take more serious steps towards your personal freedom. One of the advantages of the internet is that it allows you to potentially do business in a more private environment. You can accept payment by credit card, and have those funds sent to an offshore account. You can build a business outside your home country - and gradually increase your financial capability to lead the life you desire.

Q: Does a freedom strategy ultimately require that I leave my home country and live internationally?

A: No, not necessarily. Many people would find the international lifestyle unsuitable - for a variety of reasons. For those who desire this life - then it's there for the taking. However, if you want to maximise your freedom, while still "at home", then you would build an "alter ego" - a private version of yourself. This "private" you would earn money outside of whatever other forms of income you have. You would, in fact, have two lives: your public and your private. Using such strategies you could seriously reduce your actual income tax liability - and use the money so saved to secure your financial future, or give you discretionary funds to do things you would not normally be able to do.

Q: What are the advantages of joining *SovereignLife* - your private community?

A: The main advantages of membership include such things as being able to investigate various recommended offshore banks; options for offshore incorporation or trusts; offshore investing possibilities; strategies for achieving financial freedom etc. You are able to post questions to our forum, and gain valuable insights from other members - information that can literally save you from making costly mistakes. *SovereignLife* is a community of

freedom-loving individuals, who all have the same objective - to make their lives freer, and to find and use whatever tools will make this process easier and more successful. There are extensive information resources in our member area on all the topics a freedom-seeker needs to know about - including alternative residencies, and passports, alternative income earning ideas, offshore investing etc. Basically, it's a place to hang out and learn - then **do**, so that you can make real changes to your own life - and gain a much greater measure of practical freedom.

Do You Want to 'Escape' to Freedom?

Does the idea of being truly **Sovereign** - totally in charge of your own life - excite and motivate you? Do you want to ...

- 👉 Break **free** of the system - and take control of your own destiny?
- 👉 Lead a stress-free, healthy, prosperous life - on your **own** terms?
- 👉 Increase your **freedom** of choice - in opportunities, business and investing?
- 👉 Achieve financial **independence** and financial privacy?
- 👉 Kiss goodbye to **politicians**, bureaucrats and other assorted deadweights?
- 👉 Achieve more personal **privacy** and security?

If you've said yes to one or more of the above, then you're in the **right** place - at the right time! And here's 7 good reasons for becoming a member of **SovereignLife** ...

7 Good Reasons To Join SovereignLife

1. Get a Freedom Education and "Mind Blast"

Expand your **mind**. Gain access to our extensive educational material, which covers all the essential basics of the offshore world and living as an international citizen. You'll learn how to:

- 👉 Internationalise your life - while still living at home
- 👉 Reduce your tax burden - using offshore structures and strategies
- 👉 Become an "international" citizen - and never pay taxes again
- 👉 Quickly set up an offshore bank account, or offshore credit/debit card
- 👉 Conduct financial transactions privately and anonymously
- 👉 Set up an offshore corporation or trust
- 👉 Use the latest digital financial services to maintain your financial privacy

2. Discover International Living Strategies

Set yourself **free**. Don't remain hostage to the restrictive controls of your home country. You can become an international citizen - and truly make the world your oyster. You'll learn how to:

- 👉 Get a legal second passport
- 👉 Establish a second country of residence

- 🌐 Choose the right economic citizenship programme
- 🌐 Think and act "globally"
- 🌐 Choose the right tax haven
- 🌐 Implement the Five Flag Strategy - and break free

3. Find International Work, Business & Investment Opportunities

Build your **financial** freedom. The internet has created a new form of society - one not restricted by the boundaries of existing nation states. It's a society where access is equal, and opportunity open for all - regardless of your race, creed, age or gender. You'll learn how to:

- 🌐 Work from anywhere in the world
- 🌐 Create your own home-based internet business
- 🌐 Cash in on the huge opportunities of the global market
- 🌐 Discover profitable investment opportunities
- 🌐 Learn how to become a professional investor
- 🌐 Achieve financial freedom and independence

4. Learn Privacy and Security Strategies

Protect **yourself**. Privacy is a fundamental individual right. Without privacy, you have no rights. It's under threat - so now is the time to protect it. You'll learn how to:

- 🌐 Surf and communicate on the net in complete privacy
- 🌐 Get anonymous mobile phones
- 🌐 Set up international mail-drops
- 🌐 Set up international voicemail/fax services
- 🌐 Avoid being ripped off by internet scam artists

5. Access Privacy & Asset Protection Products

Protect your **assets**. Keeping what is yours is your right, and to do that you need to take pre-emptive action. To assist in your asset and privacy protection strategies, you'll have access to the following:

- 🌐 Offshore bank accounts
- 🌐 Offshore Trusts and Corporations
- 🌐 International business packages
- 🌐 The Ultimate Asset Protection package

6. Participate in Our Private Members Discussion Forum

Join a freedom **community**. The internet makes it possible for people, from all over the world, to get in touch with each other. You'll be able to:

- 🌐 Meet other like-minded people
- 🌐 Exchange valuable and useful information
- 🌐 Accelerate your goals by mixing with people who have the same objectives
- 🌐 Get your questions answered

7. Take Advantage of Financial Freedom Opportunities

Accelerate your freedom and prosperity **goals**. Membership to SovereignLife also gives you access to some powerful tools to . You'll be able to:

- 👤 Start earning "freedom cash" online now
- 👤 Take control of your financial future and invest like a pro
- 👤 Participate in an exclusive, private business and investment group
- 👤 Get your hands on the ultimate underground freedom manifesto
- 👤 Create a private offshore stash of cash
- 👤 Access the Ultimate Solution in asset protection and wealth enhancement

What Next?

Your life is the result of every **decision** you have ever made. Each decision leads down a different path - and I'm sure you've often pondered on the question, "*I wonder where I'd be now, if I'd done so and so?*". Now you have an opportunity to make a decision and take a **different** path.

How to Break Free and Take Control of Your Future

When you make a decision you potentially change your **destiny**. And the fact you have got this far, shows you are serious in your desire to break free. So, I'd like to invite you to become a member of **SovereignLife** - and start a journey that offers unique opportunities to increase your freedom, privacy and wealth. Whether you want to do this gradually, and plan a future strategy, or whether you're ready to take massive action right now - joining *SovereignLife* will set you on the right path.

Getting Started

I know, from my own experience, that you could easily pay \$400 to \$500 a year for the sort of information, contacts, resources, tools and opportunities our service provides. But my goal is to make all this available to as many serious freedom seekers as possible, and to ensure you receive much more **value** than what it will cost you. Click the link below to view the membership **options** and **pricing** - and the additional **bonuses** available to new members. And make sure to use of the special **discount coupons** below!

[**CLICK HERE TO JOIN NOW**](#)

Use This **Coupon Code** to Save **\$50**
Off The **Annual** Member Subscription

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Use This **Coupon Code** to Save **\$100**
Off The **Lifetime** Membership

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What Do Our Existing Members Say?

The following endorsements are all **REAL**. They are all unsolicited email messages quoted as received, and we have them on file. However, consistent with our privacy policy, some members choose not to disclose their full identity.

"Dear David, I have been a member for less than one week, and I am so very impressed with SovereignLife. You have created an invaluable resource that contains a veritable plethora of actionable information. You and your associates have assembled all the information necessary for me to become truly sovereign, and located it in an easy to navigate site. The competition requires attending costly conferences and the purchase of any number of publications. I am not one to take food out of anyone's mouth, but I resent supporting their publishers too. As a retired Air Force officer, I am not easily impressed, but you have developed a one stop shopping mall for this critical and timely information. Our nation is being stolen from its citizens and as we used to say, 'Time to punch out.' Thank for a job well done." - **J. Stann, USAF Maj., Ret., USA**

"The goal of going offshore and becoming a free sovereign is certainly a big step and definitely requires a completely different mindset and attitude. It is also a step into an unknown and new world. One of the reasons that I wanted to join SovereignLife was that I knew there was a forum available to its members. I was looking forward to finding out what other's experiences were, good or bad, and also look for examples of how one lives this type of lifestyle. When I entered the forum, started to look around and read the posts, I was not disappointed. It was a treasure trove of information. There was information there in the different aspects of privacy/security, offshore trusts, banking, investing, and international living, and the like. This is exactly what I needed to learn from others that have experienced this lifestyle previously. Reading about other's previous experience and guidance on what to do, and not to do, is invaluable. The forum is quite active and up-to-date relative to the fast changing world around us. I am delighted and thankful to have found this forum. Thanks to David for getting this setup. I am looking forward to learning more as time progresses." - **Sebastian Mauricio, USA**

"Dear David, where have you been hiding all these years? Ever since I set my sights on SL, there was never any doubt I would join. Indeed, this is the fastest decision I've ever made! As a new member, I can only describe SovereignLife as a daunting, yet ultimately, empowering experience. This is the beacon for all freedom-loving and seeking individuals. If this were a book, it'd be my bible:) Each day I look forward to relishing every morsel of information contained within our website and forums, knowing a passing glance won't suffice for such vast and priceless knowledge. The sharing is awesome! My membership couldn't have arrived at the perfect moment because even though I didn't actively search for SL, it came to me after years of wondering whether something such as this ever really exists. Now I know that given enough time plus a fervent desire for what seems impossible, anything can be achieved. One step at a time, a glorious life of privacy, prosperity and freedom are all within reach for everyone who cares enough to search, study and take action. SovereignLife offers not only opportunities toward total freedom, but clear guidance in achieving it. SovereignLife represents the very first step

towards my own "freedom run". Thank you, David, for making what seemed impossible now probable and possible. - **Ma Luisa Marcelino, Philippines**

"What you'll find at SovereignLife, is a community of knowledgeable, mostly likeminded people, who have varying levels of experience in their own personal sovereignty. SovereignLife is a one-stop-shop for most of your needs. The members forum is a great resource, that's allowed to grow without the input of a single persons direction. You can find a vast variety of information and a place to ask questions on a wide variety of topics - including detailed information on the other resources that SovereignLife provides to its members. All in all it's one of the best places on the net for a person who is starting out looking for other solutions, be it financial freedom, personal freedom or privacy. Lastly, I'll say it's the best money I've ever spent!" - **Todd G, Panama**

"David, I just wanted to let you know how much being a member of SovereignLife has meant to me and my family. As I'm sure you are aware there is a lot of "misinformation" out there about what it means to be truly sovereign and free. However, you have always been the best source I have found for the "real facts". You don't try to promise pie in the sky solutions, but instead give us the tools to truly educate ourselves. Your honesty and integrity is something we truly appreciate. As they say... "the truth will set you free". Thanks again for giving us the truth." - **Debra P, USA**

"I have only been a member for a few weeks, but as an ordinary working man, I have found this website extremely useful. I knew what I wanted to achieve, starting with an offshore bank account, but did not know what was available to assist me until I joined SovereignLife. I have found helpful articles, including the problems that other members had had in the past and how they had overcome them. I am able to ask questions of other members and normally receive answers within 24 hours, from people who know what they are talking about. I recommend SovereignLife to anyone." - **Peter H, UK**

You can read more member comments by clicking [HERE](#).

By now you're probably thinking, "*Can all this information **really** change my life?*"

Well I **know** it can, because in my **own life**, exposure to this type of liberating and explosive information motivated me like nothing before - and enabled me to break out of a particular bad situation, to set a goal for my "dream" life, and to achieve it. This knowledge can certainly do the same for **you!**

Reaching for Freedom: My Personal Story

This is NOT some hyped-up story where a guy from "the gutter" is photographed next to his Rolls Royce - with a glamour girl on his arm, a few million bucks in the bank, and a winning smile. The truth is never so cheesy - or so easy.

Looking back, quite a number of years now, I'd say my life has been defined by a series of **disruptions** - events which turned my life upside down in some way. But with each

disruption, new vistas and possibilities opened up. And I think what I've learned is worth **sharing** - because if I'd known, earlier in life, what I know now - then I could have accelerated my journey to freedom, and had more time to enjoy the fruits of my labours. But that's life.

Life is a learning process. And, regardless of your age, gender, race or creed, we are all looking for the same thing - **freedom and happiness**. But the path of life is strewn with false sign posts and dead ends - not to mention dead bodies!

So, if I could condense my experiences, to distill them into the "essence" of what is important - then perhaps the following **true story** would be the result. I won't bore you with all the early details, save to say I grew up in a "working class" family; emigrated to a new country when I was nearly 10; spent my teenage years hating school and playing in bands; and spent the first 15 years of my working life as a professional musician.

But music was a hard way to earn a living - unless you were to become famous. So I took a shot at starting up a retail business - but it failed after 6 months. This had some unfortunate ramifications for my personal and family life - and I suddenly found myself drifting - with no rudder. Then one day, I saw a book on a friend's bookshelf entitled, "Who is Ayn Rand?" Who indeed! This event was indeed a "disruption".

I decided to read Rand's magnum opus **Atlas Shrugged**. It was to be the most tumultuous reading experience of my life. I was left speechless, dumbfounded - and utterly stressed and confused. The reason? Through the telling of a story of a man who literally caused the world to crash, by persuading all the people of ability to go on strike, I came face to face with an **alien philosophy**. Alien to what I had always been lead to believe. Alien to everything society apparently stood for - and promoted.

At the core of this philosophy was a simple proposition. **Your life is your own**. You have a right to happiness. Self interest is the natural and proper human condition. Self sacrifice is evil. Wow! That got me all fired up - and my life rocketed ahead. I published a philosophical newsletter. I started the first of two very successful mail-order publishing businesses. I started a political party. I read all I could about self-improvement, goal setting, business and success. I was on a roll.

After 10 years of successful business, I sold up, and confidently embarked on a new business venture, also in publishing. It failed one year later. I started another one - to do with self-improvement. It also failed. I started another, sort of like a distribution franchise - and it failed too! By this time (three years after selling my previous successful business) I was literally broke. I'd lost all my previous confidence. I was in debt to the tune of \$35,000. I had no income, and had to sell my house.

I visited the bankruptcy court to see what was involved - but rejected that option. I cried myself to a fitful sleep every night. I was a big mess. Then I remember something I had heard on a Tony Robbins tape - regarding a Charles Givens, who, when confronted with the burning down of his life's ambition (a recording studio that was uninsured), stood in the ashes and cried. He then had an epiphany. As he stood in the ashes, he realised he still had what he always had - **his mind**.

That picture came back to me - and I "awoke" from my depressive stupor, found a job teaching computers - and began immediately to think of creative ways to climb back up into "life". It was then that the next major disruption hit me.

It was another book - called simply **PT** (short for "Perpetual Traveller"), by a mysteriously named Dr WG Hill. It was bound in red leather, with the letters "PT" embossed in gold - and a hefty US\$100 price tag! But the ideas in that book shook my world yet again - and gave me hope at exactly the time I needed it. It was the best \$100 I ever spent.

I had been morose, pondering my stupidity and my fate - which, for a man in his forties (to have lost everything), seemed like an impossible situation. I couldn't imagine HOW I could climb out of that black hole. Every time I considered the idea of working hard, even having two jobs, in order to pay back my debts AND pay my way - I was consumed with despair. Why? Because I knew the harder I worked - the more I would be financially punished by the government, via the tax system.

Sure, I could have declared bankruptcy, handed in my passport, and become a ward of the state. But as someone who wanted to **work** my way out of debt - it appeared the system was stacked against me. That's where this inspiring book came in. It showed me a way to escape, a way to build a new life - without the deadweight of government restriction and taxation. It was my lifeline.

I was immediately aware this information was dynamite. Why hadn't I ever heard of such a strategy before? Why had it taken me so long to find out that such ideas actually exist? There and then, I realised I could build a "new" life on the basis of the ideas in this radical book. I could also use my own experience in doing so, to build a new business - and help spread this valuable knowledge to others who might equally appreciate it.

That was at the beginning of 1998. Within one year of working full time and starting my new business, I'd paid off all my debts. Within two years, my new business was earning three times more than my day job. So I quit the job - to focus on my passion. Within three years I had saved over US\$100,000. By then I was ready to plan the next stage of my strategy - to exit the "old" world and enter the new, by becoming an *international* citizen.

Everything was in place. I had spent three years reading voraciously. I had worked my butt off. I had paid off my debts. And most importantly, I had created the means by which I could support myself financially - anywhere. It was time.

I'll always remember that first day in my new country. I arrived at the apartment building I had found on the internet - and was busy unpacking my single suitcase of belongings. I was truly travelling light. I went outside and walked down the road - deciding to check out my new surroundings. The sky was blue and the sun warm on my face. It was like I was on drugs. A "freedom high". I was literally bouncing along, with a big grin on my face and an ecstatic sense of the present moment. It's a feeling I'll never forget.

Since then life has been up and down - and sideways. I have dealt with sharks. I have discovered lifelong friends. I have strengthened my resolve. I have refined my ideas. I have consolidated my life as an internationalist - and there is nothing else I'd rather be - or do. My life is my own. I go where I please. I work when and how I wish. I deal with life on

my own terms. I can work from anywhere in the world. All I need is a laptop computer and an internet connection - and I'm "in business".

To wake up in the morning and know that within you, you have the means to support yourself - doing something you are passionate about, and have the freedom to do this anywhere you like - is one of the most wonderful feelings. It's a feeling of gratitude that such a life is possible, and a feeling of hope, knowing nothing is really impossible - if you think, plan and act.

And what have I learned from my life experience so far?

Well, never trust anyone who says, "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help". Never trust anyone who uses guilt to persuade you to grant them some favour. Never trust anyone who declares they know better than you how to run your own life. Never trust anyone who says he speaks for "God". And never trust anyone who promises you something for nothing. One more thing. Never give up **hope** - for without it, you won't even have the energy to get out of bed in the morning!

Becoming a **Sovereign Individual** means throwing away a lot of "comfort" blankets. You have to assume 100% responsibility for your life. You ARE the boss - so the buck stops with you. You must come to the realisation that you have the right to your own life, and the products of your life's energy; that no one has the right to force you to do anything against your will; that the only civilised way of living is one which involves **voluntary** interaction with others - not force.

Like it or not, government is **not** your friend. And government education is more about brainwashing than preparation for life. Finally, you have to realise there is no legitimate **external** authority over your life - whether, family, friends, church, society or the state. You are, in reality, sovereign. But, at the end of the day, you have to assert it and defend it. If you don't, someone will assume that power OVER you.

If you can gain even one insight from what I've written of my experience - then you're most welcome to it. But even better, why don't you **join me** in our unique cyber-community - **SovereignLife** - and begin to live anew!

A Final Word of Wisdom: There is an old Chinese Proverb that says: *"Of all 36 ways to get out of trouble, the best way is - leave."*

That's my invitation to you - to leave the existing, crumbling world of power-hungry politicians, greedy tax collectors, avaricious moochers and snooping bureaucrats. And seize this opportunity to enter a **new** world, where personal power, prosperity and privacy can be achieved. A world of individual freedom - the world of the **Sovereign Individual**.

Make the move and [Get Started Now](#).

Yours in freedom

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Appendix

The Ultimate Club For Freedom Seekers

If you're someone who sees the huge advantages and benefits available to those who can earn money online - advantages in mobility, lifestyle and the obvious freedom that comes with earning money from your laptop - then you should check out my unique club for freedom seekers: [The Freedom Business Club](#)

The *Freedom Business Club* provides a one-stop-shop for everything you need to create and build your own online business - one that has the potential to set yourself free from "wage-slavery" and burdensome bureaucracy.

Additional Information Resources

The following are additional reports you should download, which expand on the ideas outlined in this report - *The FreedomShift*.

[The 10 Things You Really Need to Know Before Opening an Offshore Bank Account](#)

- a 15 page report which outlines the essential basics you need to know.

[The Ideal Offshore Bank Account](#) - my personal recommendations as to what offshore banks to deal with, based on my own extensive experience.

[The 7 Critical Facts You Need to Know Before The Coming Global Financial Crash](#) -

a 16 page report entitled "In Gold We Trust" which lays out the case for getting out of fiat money and into gold.

[Asset Protection And YOU!](#) - a 10 page primer on asset protection, and why you need it.

[Create Your Own Wealth Empire](#) - a 15 page report on exactly what you need to know in order to create a successful online business.

[The Great Escape](#) - a concise 6 page report providing a strategy for personal and financial survival.

[The Freedom Blueprint](#) - the ultimate plan for escaping Big Brother's Matrix and creating your own world of freedom and wealth.