

# Little Free Press

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## GOVERNMENT

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Government provides roads and highways and maintains them.

It provides a police department.

It provides an army.

It collects Social Security payments and gives them back when we retire.

It provides welfare and unemployment payments for people out of work or disabled.

It provides agencies to inspect food and other merchandise to keep it pure and safe.

It delivers our mail.

It prints money and gives it to the Federal Reserve Bank.

It makes laws *for* us.

It levies taxes.

It provides over 16 million jobs.

The forestry service protects our forests.

### con

The government hires private contractors who charge too much and build poor quality roads and pay politicians kick-backs.

They use punishment instead of rehabilitation and most criminals remain criminals and their numbers keep increasing.

Certain rich people start wars to grab the property of the rich guys in other countries.

But they don't invest that money wisely to make it grow with inflation, instead they pilfer and squander it.

This encourages some people *not* to actively seek a new job.

It took them over 27 years to get DDT off the market.

A private company can *always* do things cheaper and more efficiently than government.

The Federal Reserve Bank is a private corporation, run by the rich bankers, who *control* money.

No! They make laws *against* us.

They waste the taxes and go deeper into debt.

Most of these 16 million jobs don't produce anything we need.

Yes, and they also allow the Big timber interests to clear-cut and take all the big trees and destroy all the small ones.

## PRICELESS ECONOMIC SYSTEM

In the PES all roads would be built by experts, free of charge. They would be built to last a long time.

There would be no reason to steal and people would be happier without money and taxes.

There would be no Profit in wars, therefore no reason to start them.

There will be no need for pensions when everything is free.

This would not be needed when people work as volunteers and can choose work they enjoy doing and everything is free.

There would be no Profit (no motivation) to produce inferior or harmful products.

Volunteers will find the *best* way to do the jobs.

There will be no need for money, credit nor barter when everything is free.

We will need only one law and that is the Golden Rule.

There will be no need for taxes.

These people can help with our essential work and lower the working hours for everyone.

There will be no need for advertising and much paper work. This will save the forests. We will cut selectively and not destroy the small trees. We'll let them grow.

## GOVERNMENT

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One of its main purposes is to spend as much money, time and resources as they can possibly get away with. This creates jobs.

Politicians start the wars.

It passes laws against polluting.

It collects our sewage.

It sells us water.

It collects our garbage.

It controls the mass media.

Does government do anything for us that private industry couldn't do better and cheaper?

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Private industry makes the most Profit when it sells to government and drunken sailors.

Big Money People tell them to.

That doesn't *stop* the Big Polluters. There are more tall smoking smoke stacks springing up right along in rural Minnesota.

It spends millions of dollars to process it, then dumps it back into our drinking water supply.

It doesn't even taste good any more. It's contaminated with additives and filter leaks.

It creates landfills (dumps) that waste land and cost too much and pollutes the ground water.

Just look and listen to all the porn and violence on TV, in magazines and on tapes and look and hear the false and misleading advertising.

With no government, we'll be better off by 1.5 trillion dollars a year.

## PRICELESS ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Volunteers like to produce the *best* with the *least* effort and the least materials.

There will be no Profit in wars when everything is free.

With no Profit in polluting, it will make more sense not to pollute the air, water and soil.

We will utilize it to make methane gas and fertilizer.

With no Profit in additives, we'll give people pure water.

We will reclaim and recycle all waste and discontinue making disposable containers and build things to last longer.

There will be no Profit in violence, in lying nor in corrupting people's minds.

Back issues of LFP explain the Priceless Economic System in greater detail.

### Another Dream

I had an unusual dream the other night. I dreamt that long ago there were only a few of us big people on Earth and the rest were tiny little people, as in GULLIVER'S TRAVELS in Lillyput Land.

Was the folk lure of fairies, little people, brownies, elves, etc. really true?

Did we arrive here from some other planet and literally stomp-out an entire race of civilized small intelligent people? A few other novels have been written along those lines.

I dreamt that we few big people decided we must find ways to feed and take care of ourselves and cease being dependent on the little people to supply our needs. We decided that we needed to repro-

duce and cover the planet with our own people. I guess we succeeded in that area.

If this dream is true, we had better turn-off our reproduction drive and decide we have enough population increase.

Better now to look ahead a little and better preserve our life support systems or we will very soon fuck ourselves out of a place to sit at our own table. We are right around the corner from where the dinosaur was before it became extinct.

We are playing an economics Game (the Profit/Wage Game) that only thinks of today's Profits or Wages. We are losing our ability to "save for a rainy day."

To analyze my dream: Are the big people in my dream, "thinkers"

of today who see the Self-Supportive lifestyle as the one to take?

Are the "little people" today's couch potatoes, who sit back and allow the mass media to guide their Dependent lives?

Was my dream just another kick-in-the-ass by my subconscious to encourage me to become even more Self-Sufficient and Independent of the System?

At the present time most of us are Dependent on *money* to purchase just about everything we need and want. There are very few necessities that many people provide for themselves without using money, credit or barter.

The worst part of this scenario is that the value of MONEY is *controlled* by the people who have the most of it. That puts the vast

majority of us in a very precarious position.

With every price-raise we experience, our standard-of-living goes down just a little, because wages don't rise in proportion. Our future doesn't look bright. Those of us with the foresight to see "down the road a ways" are figuring out ways to Escape being controlled by money. We first of all, stop absorbing the hypnotizing and mind-leading mass media. We begin learning to think-for-ourself.

That is the prime motive of the LFP newsletter—to convince *myself* to get back-to-nature and learn and do what is necessary to secure what I need and want from nature with the use of very little money, credit or barter.

To be Dependent on someone or on something is being a Slave to it, just as addicts are slaves to the drug pusher.

I want to be a Free Man!!! It sure is a slow process. Here I sit at age 69—totally dependent on money for my existence. But at least I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I already have experience in raising my own food with a garden. Catching fish and hunting game to eat and learning a few of the wild edible plants. I have already lived rent-free for extended periods. I already experience ways to entertain myself that are Free of charge.

So I guess I'm just treading-water until September and meanwhile experiencing the good feelings of sharing Freedom ideas with interested THINKERS and potential thinkers.

### Cheap Living

The best way to begin beating the Rat Race is to *reduce* the largest payment that most of us have, i.e., rent or home mortgage payments. If we can get that as close to zero as we can, we have a better chance to save some money.

It takes some "savings" to beat the Rat Race. It takes money to make money. It takes money to buy land or a boat, i.e., Independence.

One way to reduce rent or house payments is to start out in a travel trailer or a mobile home.

If you take your time and watch the ads you can get a good buy on a used one. The ones that need lots of fixing are the cheapest. If you have some cash you can get the best buy.

If you find a real anxious seller, you may be able to convince them to sell it for nothing down or for a small down payment. You have to pay a little more for the trailer this way, but it is a marvelous chance to get a start. You can fix it up and later sell it for a Profit. In the meantime you will be building up equity instead of wasting money on rent. You will have to pay *some* rent for a place to park it, but it will be much less than renting an apartment.

If a mobile home is already set-up in a trailer park you save some big expenses. It costs plenty to have a mobile home moved, leveled, blocked-up, connected to gas, electric, water, sewer, and anchored and skirted. I went through all that and was astounded at the cost. But check out the costs in your locality before you reject the idea. These costs could be used as a bargaining argument to get a lower price on one that must be moved.

Take your time and wait for a good buy. But don't wait too long because your present rent payments could soon eat-up what you might save by waiting.

Remember the old saying, "You make your profit when you buy."

Check the parks you want to live in. See if they have any available lots and what requirements and restrictions they have. They may have a trailer age limit.

You can afford to pay a little more if the mobile home is already established in a trailer park. It will also save a lot of work and learning.

The big drive should be to cut expenses to the bone. Then you have a chance to save from each paycheck.

Later you can sharpen your work skills to get higher pay.

After you've accumulated a little nest egg, you can figure out how to invest it in something you have expertise in and will have control over. Disregard all gambling and get-rich-quick schemes. They are for the suckers. I wouldn't touch stocks with a ten foot pole because "they" can pull the rug out from under you at any time. They did it in 1929, and several times since.

There are more ideas on how to Escape from the Rat Race in back issues of the LFP.

If you put enough time into this project you can retire from the Rat Race in about five years.

Most underground editors, who are truly trying to share ideas, will gladly send you a "free sample" issue of their paper if you send them a stamp or two.

### Review

SURVIVOR, Tom Evans, 11-15 45th Avenue, #2E, Long Island City, NY 11101-5154 Vol.8, No. 3. 20 pages. This fine and funky paper is composed mostly of reprints Tom has made of some of the *best* of the Undergrounds on matters that may be important to us. Also lots of funny cartoons. 2 pages of classified (free?) ads.

### Back Issues of LFP

Back issues of LFP are as current as this issue. Available from: Dryan, Box 640, Elk River, MN 55330. Send him a stamp for an LFP back-issue catalog-sheet.

### Books

My two books, I WAS ROBOT, 1990, \$7.95 and FREE I GOT, 1993, \$8.95 (both postpaid) are available from: Marathon International Book Co., Box 32, Madison, IN 47250-0032

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# Time To Live

Ads cry: buy, buy, buy.  
I did: more, more, more.  
I paid: work, work, work.

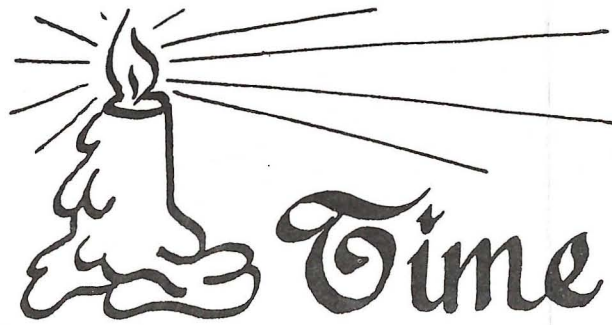
Where's my time  
to find my thing?  
to do my thing?

Is there more than:  
buy, work, pay?

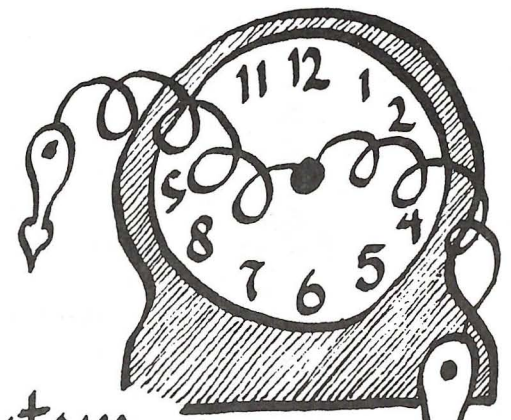
Some day I'm gon'na die  
so now's my time to live

You take the things,  
I'll take the time.

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# Time

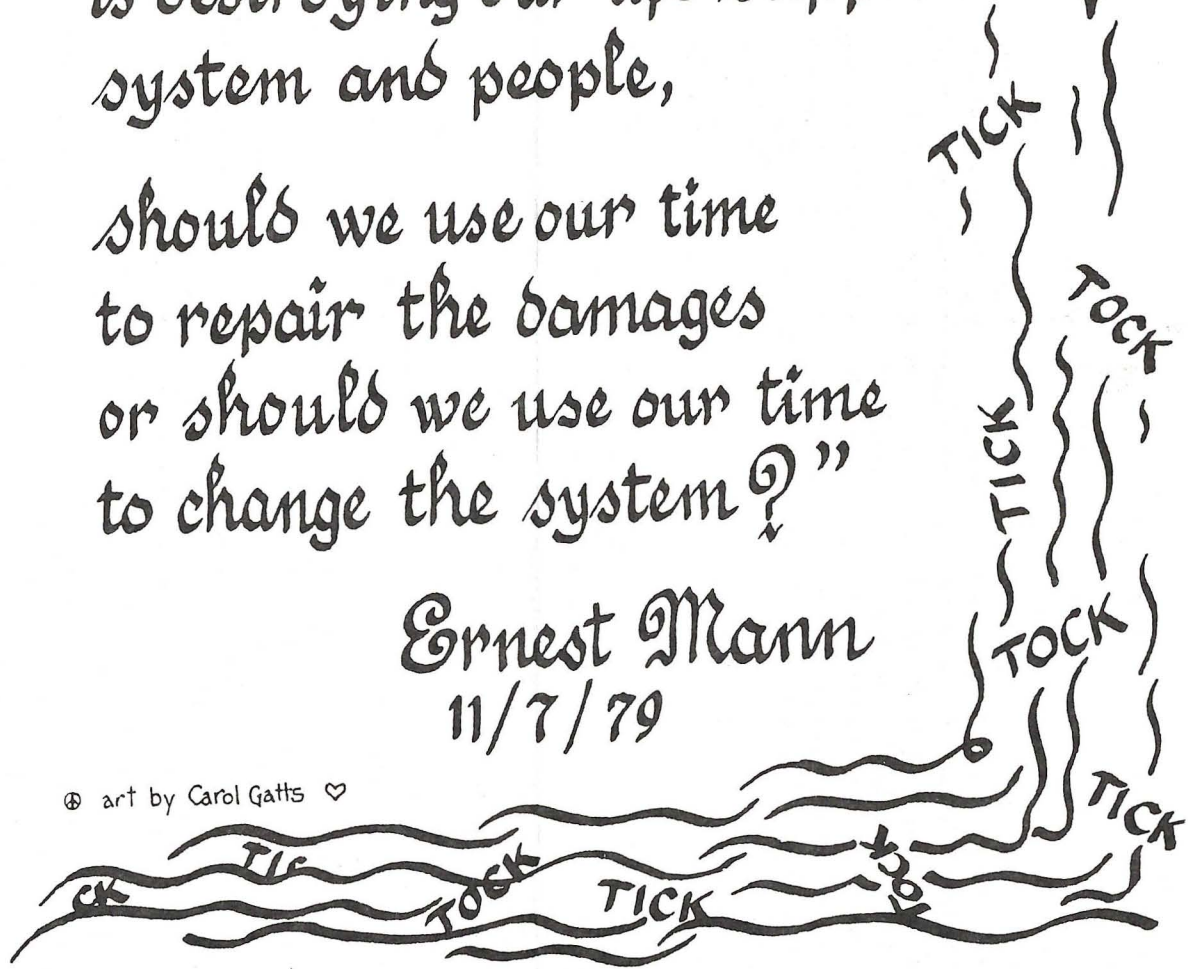


"If our economic system  
is destroying our life-support  
system and people,

should we use our time  
to repair the damages  
or should we use our time  
to change the system?"

Ernest Mann  
11/7/79

art by Carol Gatts ♥



## Letter

Dear Ernest,

*Just a few quick comments on your latest LFPs which I always enjoy reading. #131 dealt with leadership. I have to admit that I don't understand this. I consider leadership a completely natural phenomenon. For example, I know almost nothing about cars so if I want my car fixed I take it to someone who knows something about it and follow the mechanic's advice. In that sense, the mechanic becomes my leader in that field. Similarly for other areas of life. If we did away with leaders I would have to know everything about life by myself; an impossible task even for non-industrial tribal peoples, let alone today.*

[Editor's response: I agree completely with you about leadership, except I was speaking about leadership in government. With total Freedom, one would have a choice on which leader to heed and then would not have-to obey. Today the politicians are supposed to be our leaders. They write and pass laws that we are supposed-to honor and obey, even if we don't believe in them. IT'S THE LAW! Do you believe in following blindly every law these crooks make?

Are you so devoted to your auto mechanic that you would die to protect him/her? I do not say we should do away with leaders. I just say that we should be Free to be our own leader or be Free to choose a leader in something we need help with. I think I was trying to say something about "devotion," that we should be more devoted to our self, than to a leader. That is part of the PES-PIS concept.]

*You also seem to imply that the PES would do away with government, but government existed long before money appeared. I don't see any necessary connection between government and money.*

[Government is the King's soldiers riding around on their four wheels enforcing the King's wishes and collecting his taxes. Can you see that the super-rich people (the Kings-in-fact), control government? Can you see that money is another tool they use to control people? It has been said, "Whoever controls money—controls government! Whoever control government—controls the country, i.e., the people!" Do you believe this?]

*I have noticed that you have LFP on the internet. Doesn't a high-tech society require a monetary system? I wonder if high tech and PES are compatible?*

[In some of my back issues I have tried to explain how people's mental and physical labor produces everything. Money produces nothing! People can own the earth's natural resources *only* if we agree to that concept of ownership. Otherwise, how can anyone claim they own earth—they didn't create it? So, if people all work as volunteers, then there will be no monetary cost of goods and services, so then all goods and services (including high-tech) will be Free of charge.]

*In #132 you talk about controlling thoughts. Do you think that possible? It seems to me possible to have freedom from thoughts by not clinging to them or trying to own them, but I doubt that one can completely control the content of thoughts any more than one can control the clouds in the sky.*

[I agree with you that it is probably beyond our reach to be able to *completely* control our thoughts. The constant input from our five senses and our vast memories makes concentration difficult. We each master it as much as we are able. We achieve what success we can, in our focusing.

Everything that has entered our minds through our various senses has formed our basic premises that we reason from. This background

becomes our basis for comparison. Our judgment is based on what we have taken in. The school's indoctrination, the government's (the King's hustlers) laws, the mass media, customs, etc. have formed our basis for evaluation. As we begin to question and disbelieve some of our basic premises, we begin to see more truth. It certainly is not all truth that we have learned from history books and the mass media, is it?]

*In #134 you talk about others controlling you. But, I think you really mean influence. Of course other people influence us, why shouldn't they? You try to influence people with your LFP and others try to influence us from their point of view. I don't have a t.v. and rarely read the mass media, but that doesn't mean that others don't influence me. I just like to pick and choose my influences. No one exists alone and completely isolated.*

T.W.

CA

[I was talking about *control* by a parent, mate, friend, employer, church, drugs, booze, cigarettes, etc. I agree there is influence, too. The trouble is that we are not aware of most of the subtle influences that have kept us in wage-slavery. If we become aware of the subtle influences, then we can pick and choose and it is no longer mind-control.

The more we question authority, the more truth we discover! I have sometimes noticed how highly suggestible I am. I never even noticed it before, when I was busily engaged in trying to keep my bills paid. I begin to ask myself which of my beliefs are truth and which are untrue suggestions that have been cleverly implanted into my belief system. If you don't think that people can be controlled—just take a look at all the couch potatoes there are today!

That is exactly what I was trying to say, we should *take* the



Freedom to pick and choose which ideas we wish to use. Why should we re-invent the wheel, right?]

### Latest News?

It is such a wonderful feeling to not be worried, harried, stressed and full of tension and anxiety about what's going on in the news. I have no idea of who's running for what office. I don't know what the stock market is doing, nor the GNP. I have no idea where the U.S. government is sending troops. I don't know what movies are playing. I don't know how many people were killed in earthquakes, revolutions or auto accidents. I don't know which foods are now on the "no-no" list. I don't know what "they" think the weather will be like tomorrow. That much I can see for myself by just stepping outdoors and looking at the sky.

This attitude is counter to what I was taught. "Read widely and have a broad general knowledge of current events. Be (able to spread the current fear-mongering and be) recognized as an informed person."

No thank you! I have already done that. I was part of the flock. A good obedient wage-slave. I think that now at age 69, I'm starting to wise-up and leave the folly of the flock behind me.

I live in my own little world that I exert some control over. I try to find more ways to become Independent of people, government and money. My present high-priority plan is to buy 40 acres of wooded land and develop a home base and be able to raise my own food and have free fuel for heating. Perhaps build a wind-mill and a small wood-burning steam engine to make electricity. Then come-what-may from the manipulators—I'll have a much less worrisome and more secure means of survival and Freedom.

Here is one of those sneaky paragraphs that I have inserted occasionally. I use it to cull-out subscribers who don't read my work. If you read this and wish to remain a subscriber, send me a little note saying so. If I don't hear

from *you*, within 30 days, your subscription will be canceled and your balance of postage will be refunded to you.

### Time

I brought home a four month old Time Magazine from the library. I thumbed through it and looked at all the pictures and ads. There was nothing that interested me enough to read, but after finishing my skimming I did feel more inspired to work a little harder to try to relieve the suffering that some people are trapped into.

To see the suffering-pictures and to recognize the wasteful and wrong-things that the Profit/Wage System is causing, can make a thinking-person encouraged to promote a better system.

The solution to the world-wide people's major problems seems so very simple. It gets very frustrating sometimes when one is unable to get people to understand how wonderful the world will be for everyone if we could use the Priceless Economic System.

Converting to the PES will be such a simple procedure that it too is almost unbelievable.

As I have said many times before, we must *first* show people that there is a viable alternative to the Profit/Wage System.

Our problem is not, "How do we convince 5.5 billion people?" but how do I convince just one person to step out of their lethargic state of acceptance of the status quo? How do I show them the *truth* of the PES-PIS so clearly that they also begin promoting it and living it to the best of their ability?

If I knew the answer to this, I would have already succeeded in changing the whole world over into a near-Utopian system.

We few believers in the PES-PIS, who are actually trying to live this Free system (as is Patch Adams) are experiencing much better, happier and less stressful lives than we did before. So we are succeeding in learning how to make our lives better for ourselves.

We no longer believe in the myth that Government-will-take-care-of-us.

We are no longer allowing Entertainment to suck up our valuable time. No, we use that time to make ourselves more Independent and Self-sufficient.

Recreation, vacations and the entire Entertainment industry were created to keep us from going crazy. To *really* realize we are Wage-Slaves would make one feel crazy. The Profit/Wage System could not allow that. It provides entertainment, recreation, holidays, vacations and mass media diversions to keep us from that realization.

It must have wage-slaves to exploit or it could not make a Profit. That is, if they exchanged products and services on an equal basis and paid employees their fair-share of their productivity, there would be no Profit! To exchange fairly, i.e., dollar for dollar, there is no profit.

How can anyone say that an hour of their time (life) is worth more to them, than an hour of my time is worth to me?

If we were to settle this by paying everyone the same hourly wage, then why bother with wages at all? The PES eliminates a tremendous amount of unnecessary jobs. Volunteering our work is much more fun than being forced to work. Giving is more fun than selling. Getting Free things is more fun than spending money.

The more people who understand the PES-PIS and actively promote it—the faster it begins to pyramid out to reach everyone. Let's Do It!

### Shoveling

Roger Byam, the story teller in the book, *MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY*, thinks to himself, "Adopting . . . tropical philosophy, I put the past and the future out of mind . . . the happiest period of my entire life—I enjoyed each day to the fullest."

I'm a little over half way through this book, published in 1932. (I haven't been reading it

that long.) Aside from all the drama and adventure in this story, this little chunk of meat, the authors threw in, hit me at just the right time. Lately I have been noticing again how I just shovel my food into my mouth without even tasting it, after the first bite. I enjoy the first bite and then think about something else during the rest of the meal. I have tried occasionally to enjoy more mouthfuls and succeeded for a short time and then my mind gets occupied on other thoughts—so I miss the sweet *here and now*.

This hunk of meat in this novel has made me decide to put a much higher priority on my NOW. I'm going to put extra effort into keeping my thoughts on whatever I'm doing. I suspect I'll get it done much better and enjoy it more. This will especially apply to my meals. Probably sex as well.

I suspect there may be grunt jobs that I will not care to do this with. I'll try to watch and see.

J. Krishnamurti, wrote several books on living in the NOW. It is interesting to discover that he was not the first person to think these thoughts. But he did enlarge on them.

### Tensions

About a year ago I first noticed that when riding a bicycle I hold my left shoulder very tense. I tried riding without holding tension there and it worked just fine. Now when I catch myself with that tension, I relax it.

I know it is not good to hold useless tension. It leads to all kinds of trouble.

Recently, I noticed that when I eat, I get my legs and arms all tensed up. That is not necessary for just a simple eating process. It's like I'm getting all tensed up to start a race. That is what my eating has been—a race to get done quick and then race to do my few dishes quickly and go to the next race in my day. What a silly old fool I have been.

Also, I've recently noticed that when reading a novel, I have my arms more tense than necessary to

hold the book. I'm healthy now, but what will I be like after I've discovered all my tension points and learn to relax them? I may then live forever! Ha, ha.

I can see that I have allowed the Profit System to make a race horse out of me. Now that I'm getting more aware of this fact, I can begin to relax and experience this NOW, that we read about.

Today I caught myself holding my stomach tense while I was spreading peanut butter on my toast. Now, I'll admit that is a very serious project, but what harm would have come from *not* doing a meticulous job of it?

What harm indeed! Just one slip with that butter knife, and World War III could have been started. Who knows what evil lurks in one poorly spread peanut butter sandwich? You just can't be too careful!

Look at how Rome burned to the ground when some guy played his fiddle. And how Chicago burned just because Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked. Look what happened when Hitler quit paper-hanging. Look what happened when Regan quit Hollywood. And what about Maxwell Smart when he lost his shoe-telephone. What about Castro when he ran out of cigars—Castro ended up taking over Cuba.

No! We must be very careful about the small things—you just can't tell what they could lead to.

### Newsletter Review

ACHOO! Gesundheit!, Patch Adams, M.D. 6877 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22213. 12 pages. Patch is a clown and a Free healer and founder of a Free hospital.

ACHOO! has news about what's happening with the building of their five million dollar hospital and about the lives of their group and their living situation and the fun they have in their work.

Patch gave his medical work, free of charge, for 15 years. He uses humor and anything else that works to make people well. He is putting the PES into practice in

his own life right now! He wrote a great book too.

I met Patch a few years ago. He is a dynamo of fun, dedication and friendship.

But best-of-all in this issue, Vol. 12, No. 1, there is a group of very inspiring statements. I believe LFP readers would find them invaluable. Try to get a copy of it. Send them a donation.

### Back Issues of LFP

Back issues of LFP are becoming collector's items. They are more interesting, have much better ideas to share and are guaranteed to make you *feel* more hopeful than the mass media mud monger. They are available from:

Duncan Ryan

Box 640

Elk River, MN 55330

Send him a stamp for an LFP back-issue catalog-sheet that has a review of each issue and prices.

### Book Distributor

My friend at the Marathon International Book Company, has become so tied-up with his new job that he is unable to continue handling my books and is sending them back to me.

### Books

My two books, I WAS ROBOT, 1990, \$7.95 and FREE I GOT, 1993, \$8.95 (both postpaid) These books show the evolution of my reasoning from anger against the Vietnam War to the PES. They also explain why and how I managed to retire at age 42 in 1969.

Both books are now available from me at bottom-line address.

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# How I Manage My Slaves

Slaves need electricity so that they can stay up later to work and study to be able to pay their electric bills and pay for all of their fine labor saving machines which enable them to finish their work in time to get some recreation which will help them feel more like going back to their jobs to earn money to live their wonderful lives as slaves.

They are lucky to be allowed to buy all of the wonderful things which make work and play so much easier. If they didn't buy these fine things they would have no reason to work for money.

The poor people who take their food from the land and who sleep where ever they can, deprive themselves of the need to work for money. This further deprives them of a need to buy and store fine labor saving devices. They don't seem to realize the fact that they are holding back progress. If they could be forced to consume more and work, we could increase our gross national production which is usefull to keep this excellent system going for us. Consumption can be increased by making welfare and government grant money more available.

It is becoming necessary to provide better working conditions to stop slaves from dropping out. As more drop out and provide for their own needs and direct their own lives it leaves less people to control them. It is necessary to keep them dependent on jobs or government money to maintain our control.

We must find ways to keep them from dropping out of our schools too. Here we mainly teach them to obey orders, respect our laws and love their country, coincidently, we teach them a trade or profession with which they will minister to our needs and whims or to the needs of our other servants. We could teach them on-the-job much faster and better but it takes more time to complete their obedience training.

Those who take care of their own needs are difficult to enslave. We must encourage people to become dependent in every area that it is possible to do so.

Alexander Warbucks

September 6, 1978



## Life Bank

I was telling my 17 year old grandson he is luckier than I in some ways. Like, he has 52 more years deposited in his savings account in the Bank of Life. I have already spent 69 years from my account, while he has spent only 17 years from his.

He has a lot more time ahead of him to use than I do, if he plays his cards right. He has a grand opportunity to accomplish all kinds of marvelous things.

If only we could fully realize the fact, that

we spend one day from that savings account, everyday.

If we waste that day in procrastination or in any other pursuits or non-pursuits, we will *not* get another chance to use that day to help create the kind of *now* and the kind of Future, we would like to have. Some keep busy with really useless diversions, so that they can avoid planning their Future.

Wouldn't they do themselves more good by taking some tests that would tell them what they could succeed at? And then search at the library to discover which jobs or professions require their talents? They could use the want ads to see which of these jobs are hiring. They could try to discover which of these jobs will have the most potential and which were nearly obsolete. They could try to decide which job sounded like the most fun. Then they could begin to prepare for it and then go for it, instead of withering away at diversions.

Making decisions based on ones own research, gives feelings of control over ones own destiny. It is a wonderful feeling of Freedom.

I don't know if it is possible for my teenage grandson to understand this. He is so intent on getting his total Freedom *from* my-advice that I fear he can't hear me. Well,

perhaps some of my readers will understand and be able to use some of these ideas.

I don't know if it is ever too early to explore ones talents and aptitudes to determine what skill one would like to learn in order to make the money necessary to survive in todays world of money-or-starve. Is it ever too early to dream of what you want to be? I doubt it.

## Too Late?

It certainly is never too-late for such an exploration, until you are six feet under. Then it's a little late to say, "I'll start tomorrow." or "I'll quit tomorrow." I don't recall anyone who ever did.

I'm not complaining about being old. I'm very happy to be 69 years old. It is exactly the right age for me to be at this time. I don't think there is any way to change that.

My mom was born on August 24, 1900. My mother's timing was perfect, when my dad had that gleam in his eye. She conceived me at a time that has allowed me to be 69 in '96. What a coincidence! I didn't realize the fascinating number combination until 1996. It's a miracle. I suppose I'll have to admit—I was a miraculous conception. That must mean I'm a God. But there is a school of thought that says we are all Gods. Well then, that doesn't make me very special, does it?

I suppose there may be one or two other people who can celebrate their 69th this year too. We should form the 69/96 Club. I don't recall a 69 in '69 Club or a 96/69 or a 96/96 Club. So I am the first member in my 69/96 Club. Ha, ha. Wow! What luck to be born when I was. I wish I could take it to the bank.

My plan has been to attempt to live to 165 years of age. Maybe I should change that to 169. Or maybe to 669 or 969 or 696. Who

knows what discoveries lie in wait for us, up the road a ways?

After I attain that age (which ever, of the above) then I'll reconsider, and terminate if I have finally become bored with it all. Or, if they have come up with a youth rejuvenator by then, I might decide to give it another go-around.

## Live and Learn

I have learned a few things over the years that make life easier and happier for me. One of the things I've learned is that I get good feelings from sharing ideas without taking any pay for them. Therefore, there is no Profit (reason) for me to lie to you.

I've been a volunteer writer for 27 years. This Free writing doesn't have the stress, it would have, if I depended on it for a living. I suffered *plenty* of stress in my twenty years as a salesman. I worried *plenty* about making enough sales to feed, house and cloth my wife and three children. But somehow I succeeded well enough to retire at the age of 42 in 1969. See that! The year '69 was a lucky year for me too. Maybe '96 will be even better. '94 and '95 were sure lucky years for me, even without having a nine standing on its head.

Anyone can learn how to attract good luck. I found a used copy of **HOW TO ATTRACT GOOD LUCK** by A.H.Z. Carr. A heck of a good book.

I have lots of plans and I'm doing them one after another and I change those plans whenever a better idea comes along.

## Future Molding

It seems difficult for some people to realize that everything that they allow into their minds will have some effect on who they become in their Future.

If they allow lots of angry, hateful and violent sounding Rap Tapes into their minds, some of it is bound to become part of their personality. They may grow into very angry unhappy people. They

don't seem to realize this. Why do they listen? Do the Rap Tapes have some kind of hypnotic mind-conditioning in their beat or is there some kind of subliminal implant that hooks kids?

These hateful raging tapes and the violence in movies may be what the System is using to entice kids into crime and thus create the need to build more prisons and also to use these angry kids as mercenary soldiers. They are being "used" and don't know it.

We might think of our Future like it was a lump of molding clay that we can shape into whatever shape we want. We shape it a little here and a little there, by what we think, learn and do. That gives one Power over their Future!

#### Fate?

Many people, old and young, seem to act like Fatalists. They say, "What will be—will be." As if they have no control over their Future. This attitude is very convenient for people who would rather procrastinate, than take the responsibility for making decisions. So they don't make any decisions and just drift through life and allow circumstances and the people around them to push them one way or another. (You may know people like that. I wonder if their parents never gave them any practice in making decisions?) That may be an easy way through life—never having to evaluate, do research for the evaluation nor decide on a course of action. One can just say, "That's just the way I am." "I just follow orders." "I can't help it." "It's not my fault." These people only get the left-overs, i.e., the crumbs from successful people's tables. The real rewards in life go to the people who aren't afraid to take some calculated risks, make a few wrong decisions, learn from them and proceed to make right decisions. These people feel in-control of their now and their Future.

#### Freedom or Group Freedom

Whenever the mass media, most of the underground media and demonstrators talk about Freedom,

it's usually about National Freedom. They talk about Freedom from a dictator or an unfair constitution. They never tell you that they want Freedom from one set of Rulers, so they can give you a different set. Freedom to choose your own Rulers does not sound like Freedom to me.

Some radicals rant and rave to get the Original Constitution back. That constitution was drawn up to please the rich guys who financed the Revolution. It was a fine set of Rules to rule wage-slaves. If you desire Personal Freedom (that is the only kind there really is) you can't have it with a set of Rules that you must *obey*. Democracy and Personal Freedom are incompatible, incongruous, conflicting and contradictory.

Using the present wasteful and competitive Profit/Wage Economic System it would be difficult to get Personal Freedom. But in a cooperative Priceless Economic System, Personal Freedom would be the norm.

Personal Freedom is nature's way. Everyone is Free to do whatever he/she desires to do. One very soon learns which actions and words bring a favorable response and which ones bring something we don't desire. It has been called the "Golden Rule." With it we discover the Rules of Nature and we get along much better when we follow them. Slaves are taught meekness. That is *not* nature's way.

We won't need lawyers, judges, courts and prisons with the PES. We may still have a few crazies left but in a society where it will be easy for people to obtain what they need, there will be little frustration and no reason to get crazy or to remain crazy. With a little help, the crazies can then become sane.

It will be a fun world. It will be what the Utopians have been visualizing for a long time. Peace on Earth and goodwill towards men, women and children.

#### Warbucks Statement

*If you wish to keep slaves, you must have all kinds of guards. The cheapest way to have guards is to*

*have the slaves pay taxes to finance their own guards.*

*To fool the slaves, you tell them that they are not slaves and that they have Freedom. You tell them they need Law and Order to protect them against bad slaves.*

*Then you tell them to elect a Government. Give them Freedom to vote and they will vote for their own guards and pay their salary. They will then believe they are Free persons.*

*Then give them money to earn, count and spend and they will be too busy to notice the slavery they are in.*

Alexander Warbucks

NY

#### Love Her

I loved my wife with all my heart and I believe she did me. I would do anything for her, and she for me. We were married for 25 years and reared our three children.

We got along splendidly. She stayed home and took care of our children, our home and me. I worked for money, in the Rat Race.

She often told me what a good husband I was and I often told her what a wonderful wife and homemaker she was. We both went over half way to please the other. We both went into that marriage with the until-death-do-us-part conviction. It felt like a perfect family even though we had a little misunderstanding once in a while, that we always worked out by ourselves, in a day or two. We had no major trouble with the children. We were all very healthy. We had no medical insurance and no guaranteed income of any kind.

We went on a lot of camping trips, which everyone enjoyed. We lived in the city of Minneapolis.

*OK! If everything was so great, why did we divorce?* Even though our sex life was wonderful, it did not seem as fantastic as the novels and movies were depicting sex. Even though I thought my wife was the most beautiful girl in town—all those made-up female models from Hollywood and later, on TV—got me to thinking that the grass was greener on the other



side of the fence. So eventually I asked for a divorce.

Then I chased around with any skirt I could find and discovered the grass was not greener on the other side of the fence. But my ex-wife got tired of waiting for me and remarried. So I lost my happiness and my true love.

I guess I try to warn people not to be a sucker, like I was. Make a harder try at succeeding in your marriage. Stop absorbing the mass media. Its main purpose is to make you dis-satisfied and unhappy. You must have had love at one time. Don't let the System steal that from you, as it did from me. Re-awaken it. Believe me! The grass is ~~not~~ greener on the other side of the fence. It is all a Profit making illusion created by psychopathic Profit-Grubbers.

The Profiteers who encourage divorces and unhappiness must be psychopaths or retards!

#### Single Parent Families

I thank my lucky star that I was not infected with the discontent virus until our youngest child was 16 years old. At that time *she* was infected by the Hippie virus and left home. Two of my kids are single parents. It seems to be much more difficult to rear children with only one parent, judging from all the problem children we have today. Problems equate with Profit. So there you have it! This is just one branch of the chain-reaction caused by dissatisfied and disillusioned mates and finally by divorces which generate endless Profits and unhappiness.

#### Sick Yet?

According to the 1993 *World Almanac* about two million people died in the U.S.A. from sickness in 1990. Two million people is a lot of people. How many more were sick that didn't die? How many people do you know of who are sick at this moment? Sickness is a common disease today. Aren't you sick of it?

It is getting so that we all know people who have or have had cancer and of some who died of it. Cancer has become a common disease. I recovered a couple of

years ago from cancer of the colon.

Why all these new and deadly diseases? Could it have anything to do with all the food preservatives, food additives and irradiated food? Could our bodies also be losing their health from the pollutants in the air, water and soil? They can't be good for us?

Sickness generates more Profit than health. Just look at the gigantic Profits that hospitals, doctors and legal drug pushers are reaping.

People sit back and "Oh, hum" about changing the Profit/Wage System to the Free System. They may "Oh, hum" themselves to an early death due to some sickness or another caused by **PROFIT!**

We had darn-well better get the Priceless Economic System established before Profits Pollution breaks-down our health and we end up on our backs or six feet under.

"Time is of the essence." Let's each do all that we can to promote the sane and sensible PES-PIS.

#### Big Joke?

Some people act like they think the PES-PIS is just a big joke that can never happen.

They think the increased pollution and sickness will be cured by the government or that they will somehow escape the Grim Reaper.

Well, the PES-PIS won't happen if **YOU** don't help promote it. It can't happen if people don't know about it. To make change, people must know they have an alternative. Let's tell as many people as we can about this PES-PIS alternative. *Please make copies of this.*

As we each start heading toward our own Personal Independence System—our life gets better right away. So we can't lose by trying. We lose by *not* trying.

#### Food Bill

I paid out \$78.43 in February for just my own food. This sure beats my last three months average of \$115.48 per month. This reduction was mainly due to my awareness that my food bill was too high. Now I have been saving all cash register receipts. I totalled but

didn't analyze them. I'm sure a receipt analysis would be revealing too. I am certain I can cut this down even more without feeling deprived.

This months total doesn't include the \$19.76 for a 25 pound bag of organic yellow field corn. I know I paid way too much for this corn. The farmer only got \$1.75. These ~~orgasmic~~ organic middlemen/women often rip-us-off badly. This corn supply should last me for a couple of years or more, if I don't get too corny.

#### Book Special

My book I WAS ROBOT is nearly out of print and is still \$7.95 postpaid.

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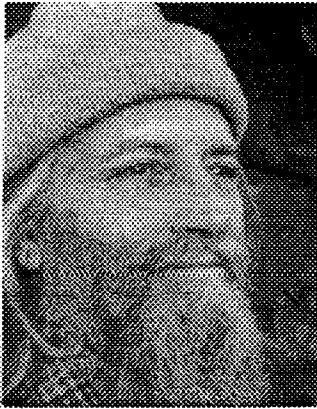
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## In Memory of Larry Johnson and the Little Free Press, Memorial Edition



I am sad to announce the death of my father, Larry Johnson, A.K.A., Ernest Mann. He was found dead in his house trailer on March 12, 1996. The police investigated his death as a homicide.

He will be remembered for devoting his life to making the world a better place with his Priceless Economic System, where if everybody worked for free, then everything would be free. For the last five years he also raised his grandson, Eli. The police believe Eli killed his grandfather and later committed suicide.

I will remember Larry as being a great father to me. He gave me a lot of love and helped build me into the strong person I am.

Below are some comments from some of his friends and his last unfinished edition of the Little Free Press.

*Rod Johnson*

### In Loving Memory Of Eli & Larry Johnson

There is so much to say about Larry. After being his friend for 24 years, I could go on for hours. The most important thing to say is this: For the last 25 years, Larry devoted his thoughts and work to trying to make a better world. As many of you know, he created the "Little Free Press", in which he expressed all of his ideas on why and how to do this.

Larry was one of those rare human beings whose beliefs and way of life were one, and he showed this on a large scale, in his efforts as Ernest Mann, and on a smaller personal level, in his efforts to help his grandson Eli.

It was my privilege to know Larry. The only way I can think to express my admiration and respect for him, is to continue, in every thought and deed, to try and make a better world.

I knew and loved Eli, like a son, for 17 years. He, like Larry, was part of our family. I think you can see, from the pictures, and the following words, written by some of his friends, that he was a bright and much-loved child.

*Carol Gatts*

### The sadness I feel for Larry Ernest Mann Johnson

**goes clear through.** We go so far back, that he owned an old house just across the street from one I owned, and had just sold it to Paula. We were similar and he wanted me to understand his thinking. He is, was, a philosopher, really, willing to think out loud, to go after life's common denominator in common places. Sadly, his view of utopia was very perceptive and very right, even obvious, and his reluctance to discount human nature always made me feel like a cynic.

I like to think that we are all tethered to a mother soul ship by birth and when my friend Larry crossed back past the horizon of reality we all received a portion of that which he became on earth. We can all be a little better, friendlier, more forgiving, more loving, more curious, generous, because he touched us. The tears and sadness in my eyes reflect a sunset of diamond beauty. Sail to it Larry. Sail to freedom.

*Peter Dodge, Global Village*

### A Tribute To A Friend

Larry Johnson, aka Ernest Mann, left us last month. He died at 69. The first half of his life he was successful in business. After thinking about it at length and in depth, he decided that "business" in this "system" was helping to kill people and was killing the planet. He advocated the FREE SYSTEM, later to be called PES, the PRICELESS ECONOMIC SYSTEM. People work for free and take for free. If stuff is free, who would steal?

For 25 years or so he wrote and published the "Little Free Press". It was free always, but at times he had to charge for postage (the Post Office had not yet adopted his Free System).

Larry would have been delighted to read about Mahlon, a Rock Falls, Wisconsin carpenter whose wife was killed in a traffic accident. The insurance company offered Mahlon a \$212,000 settlement. He refused, saying, "It would do more harm than good".

*Tom Dooley*

(news column, "No Need For Slaves, No Room For Masters")

### "It was either be sent to an institution, or become one."

Among the many West Bank "institutions", your Dad was one of the most enduring, one of the finest, one of the best.

P.S. Myself, I never believed in "The Priceless Society", but I believed in your Dad...Larry Johnson...Ernest Mann".

Everlastingly @ it, *Mike Shadick*, (excerpts from a letter)



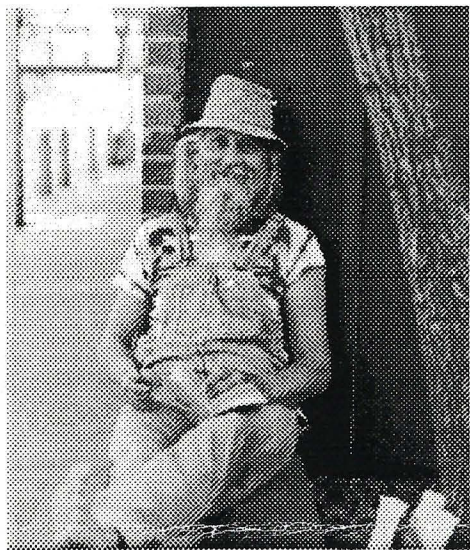
## A tribute or Memorial to Earnest Mann

by his son Foster Goodwill

This article is to honor my dad, Larry Johnson, and to share these memories as a tribute to all that he has given to me and to the world. Even though it hasn't seemed terribly significant as far as people's visible responses, the fact that he cared enough about the world and it's people to dedicate the last 28 years of his life in seeking to help bring about peace in a fundamental way, attests to the love in his heart and the breadth of his spirit. (Though he might be the last to admit it.) My own lifework with children has sprung from a similar impulse that seems to have been ignited at about the same time, (the late sixties) and was engendered and nourished by the love and sight with which he raised me.

Larry was a really good dad to me, spending as much time as he could spare to be a cub scout leader, playing, camping and fishing with us, as well as imparting skills when we helped him in his side business of fixing up old houses and selling them.

He told me after I grew up that he had felt a desire after World War II to help find a way to end wars. But he was so busy with his growing family, his work, mortgages and car payments, that he had to forget about it for some time while he was stuck in the rat-race. He steered me in the direction of some good books in my teens years; satires of George Bernard Shaw, Nation Of



Sheep, by Keneth Galbraith; Subliminal seduction, by Vance Packard; and The Power Elite, by C. Wright Mills.

So when I became close to draft age during Vietnam, I headed for Canada, with his blessing. Just after that, Larry left the rat race and dedicated himself full time to helping find a solution to war, poverty and

pollution. He travelled around the country with my mom in an old cab-over-camper visiting communes, and my sister and I joined them for part of the journey. He was seriously looking at alternatives. He travelled various places around the world also to see how other peoples lived. The idea began to gestate in him that would later be coined P.E.S., the Priceless Economic System. If people refused to use money anymore and took over their places of work and gave their products away for free, the power of the elite would disappear. The profit system would collapse and dissolve. An idea too advanced, or not practical for these times it appears, yet an idea that may be a prophecy for times to come as people evolve.

He was the kind of man who lent spice to life, a real character. He caused people to think, if briefly, in a way they had never thought before. His subscribers shrank with the years, his final mailing list being only about 100. He seemed to be repeating himself pretty much, in a bit of a rut.

His work for this life was winding to a close, and he began pumping out the issues at an unprecedented rate, almost like the plants growing and seeding more rapidly when they sense an early winter approaching. His death appeared as a tragedy, but I would like to offer the idea that perhaps it was just another way to go, untimely only to our limited way of perceiving things. I believe a deeper part of him knew that he had more important work to do beyond his limited identity as Larry Johnson. So when his grandson took his life during an argument and then committed suicide, it was his time to go. Let us not mourn his passing *overly* much, but rather celebrate his life which was rich and full, lived with few regrets and for the benefit of his fellow man. I have a sense that they are both happier and freer now than they were in their bodies. I owe much to my Dad, we were close and I will miss him. Yet I am so grateful for the many happy memories he left me. My love and best wishes to you all.

### Larry and Eli, we miss you

Tragedy has taken us all from shock, to anger, to sadness, to guilt, to helplessness, and back to shock. I hope that we can help each other, and hang onto each other, and somehow get to a level of forgiveness, and acceptance, and peace. If we can do that, we may finally find the strength, and a way to express the love that we feel for Larry and Eli, in our everyday lives.

I know Larry and Eli would want us to try to do that.

Carol Gatts

### Murder-Suicide - Some Other Perspectives

The Memorial Service in Little Falls was held Sunday, March 24, 1996 at the Black and White Cafe. The things that one would expect to be said and done were said and done. In the Homily the Minister consoled the group with something on the order of that some things can't be or aren't understood. This is apparently the usual approach to such a tragedy, and I am not quarreling with it. However, as an astrologer, I look for lawfulness and the hidden forces behind events. I ask what are the factors that lead to an event, could it have been changed or not? The point of real astrology is to increase people's free will, and not to be fatalistic, but also to look at the nature of fate, destiny and free will.

Perhaps this was cosmically set up, involves manifestation of subtle principals, and is not just some stupid accident, or meaningless or unnatural event. As these are real events, they can be looked at with traditional astrological approaches. In looking at their [Larry and Eli] charts to see if something revealing would show up, some revealing things did show up, which I will discuss below. (Article continues at length, but is not included here.)

Joseph Osowski

**Earnest Mann was a great man with a great message**, but he's gone now. Although not all of us can be as devoted as he was, we can keep the discussion alive. I invite anyone who wishes to write me at the address below. The leaders may get the glory, but it's the troops that win the battles.

Duncan Ryan

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## Questions

Dear Ernest,

*How do you handle your monthly Social Security old-age pension check?*

*-- Do you return it to Washington D.C./unopened? "They" are controlling you if you keep it.*

LMFL

[Editor's answer: I deal with them as I would any debtor. I gave the government that money for safe keeping, thinking they would invest it wisely, so that it's value would keep up with inflation. It is my money and I expect them to return it as per our agreement. After I receive the money they have no control over what I do with it. However, should the government go broke or otherwise renege on their agreement, I will cease to receive that money. I am well aware of this. That is why I am attempting to get myself into a Personal Independence System (a PIS) so that I will be able to survive without them.]

Dear Ernest,

*Are you a libertarian or an anarchist? I know you don't like labels, but I think you are close to their philosophy.*

[Editor's answer. I am not either! I am a believer in PES-PIS. I think it contains the best of both ideas.

*Do you believe that people that don't work shouldn't eat? What about the lazy people?*

[The super-rich people don't work. Should they eat? In the present Profit/Wage System lots of people are unable to get a job. In the Priceless Economic System (PES) anyone could get a job with on-the-job-training in something they enjoyed doing. Everyone would get everything Free of charge whether they worked or not. Workers would not care if others worked or not. People enjoying their work would be glad to have consumers or else there wouldn't be a demand for their work.]

*Well keep up the good work, (or is it play?) Do you believe work should be fun? There are so many different opinions, and they all have some truth.*



[My work is not play. I do it because it needs to be done, if we are to have Freedom for the Individual. I get satisfaction from my work knowing I'm doing the

best I can do. Most any work could be made into fun. I guess I am just too darn serious to make my work into fun. I wish I were smart like Dr. Patch Adams. He seems to be making his work into fun.]

*Do you believe we should love everyone? What about the jerks like my brother-in-law? Do you believe some people are jerks or is it just me that sees only their bad points?*

[I don't believe we can force our self to love anyone. We either feel love for them or we don't. If we don't feel love for them, our heart has damn good reason not to love them. Love can not be forced. I have no intention to love anyone if my heart says they don't deserve it.

I attempt to treat others the way they wish to be treated. If they don't treat me with the same consideration, I try not to have any more to do with them. If they treat me right, I will treat them right. Love either happens, or it doesn't. But we still might be friends.

There are plenty of ignorant jerks around who just haven't learned what the Golden Rule is all about. Rather than hate jerks, it is more logical to feel sorry for them. They may learn and they may not. They are losers if they don't.]

*Do you believe anything is possible and we only have to believe to make it true? So I can imagine me with a million dollars?*

JMAMN

[There are lots of people making money on books and classes trying to make people believe this. They are getting rich from it, not you. But I believe we must believe in and trust our self to do the very best we can at whatever we undertake. Be-

lieve that we are going to succeed. That puts our minds in a position to be open to explore all possibilities and operate at their finest. If we fail, we learn what we can from that and try again. If we are determined, we probably will succeed as long as we are following the Golden Rule to do it.]

## My Work into Fun?

JM has given me an idea. I should try to figure out a way to make my PES-PIS work more fun. I think I have already started. Last week I bought a used ink-jet envelop printer for \$100 that is supposed to be automatic and I hope faster than the dot matrix printer I'm now using on envelopes.

The machine I'm now using requires me to sit by it and feed it one envelope at a time and push buttons. It's very slow and boring work. Perhaps now I'll feel more like trying harder to increase my mailing list.

So this machine should remove some of my boring grunt work. What else can I do to make my work into fun?

It is kind of fun to rack my brain trying to answer the excellent questions that you readers write. These same questions are probably on many readers minds, but they may be too busy to write and express them.

I certainly encourage more people to send in their questions, doubts and comments. You will get a personal response. If you have any ideas about how to make this work more fun, please tell me about them too.

O.K., I'm the boss of me and my job. I can make any changes I want without anyones permission. The same almost goes for my life-style. Here I can make any changes that I can afford. I've already made lots of changes in my lifestyle and continue to.

I do enjoy using the computer to write the LFP and edit it. That's fun. It is fun to search all the underground newspapers and zines that come to me. It's fun to find a kindred soul once in a while. It's fun to find something meaningful and inspiring to share with LFP readers. It's fun to go to the mailbox and discover what is there for me.

I guess this may be what has been called, "counting your blessings". A person feels much better with themselves after one recounts all the good things they already have.

But to get back on track--how can I make my work more fun? You got any ideas?


## A PSYCHIC'S INTERPRETATION

I am Ernest's only daughter and Eli's mom. As you can imagine this has me majorly shook up. I am reading self-help books on grieving and getting counselling; but just plain experiencing and, oddly enough, actually enjoying the grieving (sort of like being with them for the last time), has helped me move thru alot of pain and blame and anger. Everyone has a different way of dealing with everything, so I'm not saying that my way is the only way.

I spoke with a psychic in trance a couple of different times and she explained alot. Apparantly they were working together on some energetics that were different for both of them. Larry learned that there is more than one way to see things; remember how much trouble he was having trying to get Eli to "obey" (he wanted him to quit his lifestyle, which was mainly drinking and smoking), well frequently he wanted this to happen almost instantly (like one week for withdrawal). And Eli learned that anger and violence doesn't solve anything. He had free choice to make a longer/better life for himself, but he was soo chemically imbalanced (hammed is the word his friends used) that he was out of control for that moment. There was alot of anger between the 2 of them and it wasn't one sided. Apparantly verbal violence is considered fairly equal to physical violence by our higher consciousness. It was totally unpre-meditated, she said and we all agree (except the cops, who may have something to hide, you never know) especially knowing that he had a 22 pistol and chose to use a pipe wrench instead (which had been laying about in his bedroom- where it happened- because Larry was doing hot water heater repair recently) and just plain knowing Eli, he wasn't an evil fellow, just mixed up about his feelings and angry; holding too much in. And knowing my dad, he could get real angry when pushed and he was definitely at his ropes end about Eli. It was very very rare but he did have it in him still, probably bottled up or not totally resolved yet.

So, Eli apparantly felt such shock and remorse that he ended up taking his own life with the gun, according to the psychic. And he connected with Larry's spirit just before he did it and that made it okay for him. He was being chased by the cops but he didn't know that they didn't know what he did, and many of his friends figured that he just didn't want to be taken alive and face prison; he had driven around madly in an area he didn't know well and got stuck in a snowy ditch and went for help to the farthest away house out of 3. She called the cops and didn't answer the door and then he went to the closest house and made a call and she even offered him a ride which he refused. Then minutes later when the cops drove by, he headed for the woods

and moments after the cop yelled "freeze" and "identify yourself" (they thot he may be a prowler, so they say) he shot himself between the eyes. Then hours later (it was 2:15am when Eli died) they discovered Larry's body when they couldn't get an answer at the door and had to pry it open, suspecting foul play I guess, just to notify Larry of Eli's death. And a light bulb exploded in Larry's room (where they found him) causing no damage but bewildering them so much that they called the bomb squad in. And in fact, that is the basis for the cops believing that it was premeditated. There really is no sense to their decision. I wish some really good private detective would get to the bottom of this; I went out there and tried my best but in my state I wasn't very effective.

I miss my dad alot and will even more as time goes on, he had soo much love .  Now I feel that he knows that my spiritual studies are valid as I have had the biggest psychic experience of my life - given from him. He came to me 2 days after his death as a very bright light-being of love and I knew it was him. He emanated such an incredible deep feeling of love to me as if to explain it all - he is okay and released and happy. He was no longer a man or my father, he was pure love/spirit. It was soo intense for me that tears were pouring out of my eyes and yet I could see, maybe I was seeing with my heart. Then later that day, I saw Eli's spirit spiral up into the light and a couple of hours later I saw them hugging as angels - no forgiveness necessary. They loved each other soo much- thats why they chose to be together soo much this lifetime.

Their message to us is to become closer to each other and have compassion and to realize that they chose to learn their lessons this way. I know its weird to say but the psychic said that Larry was a willing victim. I saw the photos and neither of them looked as tho they suffered, just shock on Larry's face and nothing on Eli's face-as in staring into the light or distance. Because they worked soo hard together on their life's lessons, we can relax and let the past rest in peace. We all learn things in such different ways - to be able to accept it all as okay; this is invaluable.

I've just got to say this: I loved Eli soo much that I can't blame him. Sure I'm angry that he took away from me 2 of my 6 most loved people on earth but all I can see is his sweet face and personality that I adored and gavve all I had to and feel sorry for his unresolvable sadness. We all have dark sides and I guess being healthy (free of ugly addictions) helps us to make choices that are more acceptable. May we all learn from this! Amen.

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