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Chapter Four – Designed to Fail, Forgotten History

History has a *history* of repeating itself. Much of mankind's misery and heartache is brought on by repeating the same old mistakes over and over. Leaders and politicians in this nation are not isolated or above reproach in this regard. The greatest and most powerful empires that have ever existed fell from within due to the disregard for self-control and limiting government power and control over its citizens. The founding fathers of this nation understood from the very beginning the importance of preserving the rights and freedoms of the very individuals that would lay down their lives to gain what other human beings on earth never knew or would ever experience.

The freedom to choose how to worship a sovereign God in the way each citizen desires was a fundamental right and freedom held in high regard by the founding fathers. It was such an important part of the total cause of the revolutionary war as to cause the leaders and heads of office of the original thirteen colonies to prevent the formation of a state church form of religion. To allow the new republic of states to create a state church would be a direct conflict with the desire to create a new country with individual freedoms guaranteed to all who choose to be a part of it. Those Englishmen that left Great Britain had a desire to worship the God they knew and trusted without government intervention, coercion, or influence.

The United States of America has been a nation blessed by God in so many ways and has been in existence far longer than most other nations on earth either past or present. During the first 150 years the people of this country had a high regard and reverence for the God that blessed and allowed this nation to ever be born into existence. Over the past century and most recent decades millions of people in this country have turned away from God and the scriptures that were once so sacred and meant so much to them. The story of the United States has many remarkable things included in it. This nation has had many success stories and helped many causes and people all over this planet. When the book about America and its history is completed, it will be marred by the tragic mistake of millions of people and its leaders. That mistake is when the population decided to turn its back on the God that allowed it to come into existence from the very beginning.

A country, state or government that operates outside the realms of common sense, self-restraint, morals, and ethics will always lead to self-destruction, needless pain and suffering for those it was supposed to protect and to serve. Books and novels are filled with stories about great nations that have fallen and many that are no longer even remembered.

Governments are known to take something that was intended for good and turn it into something far worse than one could imagine. In the next chapter we will find out just how this

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nation has accomplished this. The long-term impact from a government that is out of control and suppresses the rights and freedoms of its citizens will last for generations to come. The wisdom and knowledge that is found throughout history and viewed through the lives of the tens of millions of those who have passed on before us is priceless. Every citizen of this nation no matter if they live in large city or small town should take some time to study history. This nation would be a much better place if those living today learned to respect and to take advantage of the lessons learned by the millions who have come and gone before us. What better way is there to learn the most important things that matter in life than to learn from those who have actually lived them.

Around the globe and across this nation are tens of thousands of combined years of experience, knowledge and wisdom that are free for the asking if anyone desires to better themselves and to have a more fulfilled life. People spend billions of dollars every year to go to school and to sit in a room with four walls for many hours to learn from books, boring lectures, or fancy power point presentations. There is something to be gained from these methods but the whole world is waiting to teach anyone that will take the initiative and action to dive right into real living and participating in daily life. Real knowledge and wisdom come from living, breathing, working and even making mistakes along the way. The ups and downs in life build character and virtues that will be invaluable and useful throughout one's life. The current methods and system used today in the government run school system are designed to make learning easy and without pain. Real learning, knowledge and wisdom come from being indwelled in the process not from watching from the sidelines. Real learning is not easy and is hard work, there are no short cuts. Anyone desiring to be the best at what ever occupation or area of study must take charge and create the best path forward for themselves.

This style and approach to life and learning fly's right in the face of government leaders and bureaucrats, public educators, and the education establishment. It is not the intent of this book to imply that all classrooms or formal teaching does not have value or a place. What is being shared by this author and with the greatest intent and purpose is to allow every individual to take a deep look inside and ask the question; "What do I really want and how long is it going to take them to get from point A to point B?" Everyone who desires to be the best must get out of the fishbowl of the public education system as soon as possible.

There is an old story that goes something like this. There was a young eagle that was raised with a flock of chickens. The chickens and young eagle were outside one day enjoying the sun and clear skies. All of the sudden a shadow passed along the ground and all the chickens ran inside to the coup out of danger. The young eagle just stayed outside and looked up in the sky and was marveled by the huge bird with a great wingspan soaring above the ground. The great bird flew away and the chickens ran back outside where the young eagle was and was amazed the young eagle was not afraid of the big bird in the sky. The young eagle asked one of the chickens what kind of bird was that? The chicken replied, it was an eagle, and they will come down and snatch you! The young eagle responded and said I

wished I were an eagle! The moral of the story is if you want to soar like an eagle you cannot run with the flock!

The direction this country is heading is in a direction of the herd mentality. The government and public education system have done a fantastic job at dumbing down the citizenry of this nation. The standard of government mediocracy has taken control of the minds of the past several generations. The majority of young people still in school today is to achieve a middle of the road position in life and for many to lean on the government for the self-existence. The desire to be free and independent in the minds of many today is fading fast like an image in the rear-view mirror traveling at sixty miles per hour. Many parents of children in school today that were in school themselves in the 1990's simply doesn't have a mindset or desire to be independent. The later generations of these parents following behind just simply follow their parents' footsteps and settle for just getting by and becoming a dependent of the government establishment. This is more apparent in certain social classes and ethnic groups. After seventy years of the socialist government run public education system many lower-class levels of society are not better off today than they were back then. If the government systems and methods really work, then why are things not the absolute best today? The answer is simply the government-controlled system does not work and cost more to keep it afloat than what the free-market capitalist system would cost.

It is not possible to close this chapter without making the plea to everyone who has taken the time to read this book to stop and simply take some time to reflect on any part of history that you have an interest in. Go back fifty to one-hundred years ago and find out how life was during those times then ask yourself are you any better off than the people who lived a hundred years ago? I believe a large part of people would answer with a no. With all the technological advancements made that were supposed to make life easier and better have not solved all of man's problems that exist today. The very fact of the matter is those in high places and office in local and federal government are more disconnected from the average citizen that at any time in the history of this nation. So, what is the answer to the problems facing America today? There is no single answer to these questions, but the starting point must include and be centered around a core piece of the puzzle. Every citizen must be involved in some capacity and must have some "skin in the game." Everyone must be counted and included, and government must be reduced to the point no one would ever miss it. This will take a paradigm shift of huge magnitude and will rock the very core of the lives of tens of millions in this nation. The alternative is not a pretty picture. It will take a re-tooling of sorts regarding education and how that education is earned and achieved.