



# THE FREEDOM ENIGMA

The Truth **Can** Set You Free

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## An Introduction, Acknowledgement And Warning

The ideas and strategies revealed in this report have the power to change your life for the better. By the time you have finished reading it you will know exactly what freedom is and how to achieve more of it. However, I should warn you that these ideas are most definitely *radical*, in the sense of going to the root of the issue, and by understanding these ideas you will have joined a tiny minority of people who do.

This has both positive and negative results. On one hand you will know with absolute certainty the nature of freedom and the means to achieve more of it, and this will give you substantial advantages in life. On the other hand you will largely be alone in your understanding, and find that most people do not, or will not, grasp the essential truth of what you are talking about. The solution to this problem of “ideological isolation” is to concentrate on putting these ideas into *action* in your own life, rather than attempting to convince others to follow you.

The ideas disclosed in this report are not my own. My input is best described as 30 years worth of reading, thinking and integrating a wide range of philosophical, political and scientific knowledge - and having the ability to communicate it in a clear way. The proof is in the pudding, as they say, and I have found these ideas to be immensely liberating in both a *theoretical* and *practical* way. And what I’m about to disclose to you enabled me to drastically change my own life back in 2000, cast off many of the bonds that enslaved me, and set a new course to a much freer life.

The core ideas disclosed in this report arise mainly from the intellectual innovations of three path-breaking individuals who have had a major impact on my own life. They are:

- **Andrew J Galambos**: The *science* of freedom
- **Ayn Rand**: The ethics of *rational* self interest
- **Harry Browne**: The strategy of *direct* action

Of course there have been many other important contributors to my own thinking over the years, but the three above stand out as the most influential. And at the end of this report you will find a short bibliography of books and other resources that I believe would greatly benefit you.

Within this report you will find certain important *definitions*. These are included to ensure the meaning of what is being discussed is 100% clear and to avoid any ambiguity. These definitions were originally conceived and enunciated by astrophysicist *Andrew J Galambos*, as part of the lecture series he conducted during the 1960s.

Get ready to have your mind “rearranged” by some truly life-changing ideas and concepts - and the practical means to achieve them. What is at stake is your personal freedom and sovereignty, which is something I’m sure you’ll agree is surely worth achieving.

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## What is Freedom?

If I were to ask you if you preferred being free to being enslaved, I'm pretty sure you'd answer, "*I want to be free!*" In fact, I'm 100% sure that if I were to ask anyone that same question the answer would be the same. The evidence suggests it's part of human nature to prefer freedom over slavery. But if I were to ask the same people to *define* freedom, then I'd likely get as many different answers as the people I asked.

Why is that? I suggest it's because we link our own freedom with the concept of happiness - and happiness is a very *subjective* thing. I may be happiest listening to jazz, while you prefer classical, rock or country music. I may be happy taking a holiday in Japan, while you may be happier in France. I may be happy opening a restaurant, while you prefer to trade stocks.

So while each of us may find happiness in different things and different ways, we link our happiness with freedom - the freedom to be happy and seek happiness. In that sense you can say freedom is a universal goal, something which everyone aspires to. But if everyone seeks freedom in order to be happy, then what prevents us from achieving it? If everyone seeks the same goal, then why can't we all reach it? What's stopping us? The answer is *lack* of freedom. But before we can take any steps to fix the problem we must clearly define *what* freedom is. And this definition must be good for *all* people in *all* situations.

Freedom is an *enigma* in many ways - puzzling and difficult to understand. And while it's apparent that all people want freedom, what they actually *mean* by the word freedom is often very different and sometimes contradictory. Take just one example, the idea of "freedom from want". This implies that the condition of freedom involves people not wanting for anything - not being hungry, not being homeless, not being broke. But when you look into this and work out the mechanics of how people can be relieved of such wants, you quickly realise that any project to feed, house and financially support people in need has to be funded somehow. Those funds have to come from somewhere. And in the modern social welfare state the money comes from *other* people - taxpayers. These taxpayers are not *voluntarily* helping the people in need, rather they are being forced to support them - thereby diminishing their own freedom.

Freedom for one person cannot come at the expense of the *loss* of freedom for another. Freedom is not a win/lose game where some get it and some don't. No, freedom must be a win/win situation where everyone benefits. Or to put it another way, one person's need cannot impose an obligation on another person. If someone insists that freedom includes the right to healthcare for example, then the obvious question is, "*Who is to pay for this healthcare?*"

One cannot claim anything - whether it be food, shelter or healthcare - that imposes an *unchosen* obligation on someone else to provide for it. Equating such needs with freedom is an error of understanding - as I cannot sustain my "freedom" by putting you in shackles in order to provide for my many needs. That certainly would *not* be freedom for you!

The only way around this confusion over the meaning of the word freedom is to clearly and concisely *define* it. For without such a definition everybody is shouting "*I want freedom*" while pulling in different directions. And to properly define freedom it is helpful to first define slavery - the *opposite* of freedom. Everyone understands what a slave is. It's someone whose life has been commandeered by another. We all

know the general facts of slavery historically, for example, the way African natives were shipped off to America to work as slaves. What did this slavery involve?

To be a slave means to have no life you can call your own. It means you live and work for ends *other* than your own. It means your life is owned by someone else. But not just your life. As a slave you are not free to take any action you please. You cannot say one day, "*I'm leaving now and heading for California*". You cannot build yourself a house down the road and live in it. You cannot start a market garden and sell the produce. No, your life and your actions are controlled by someone else. That is what slavery is - when someone else has seized control of you as a person and your freedom of action.

In fact you can clarify the concept of slavery by stating that a slave is someone whose *property* has been seized. And by property I mean a person's *proprietary* interest in his own life, his own thoughts, ideas and actions, and his own possessions. Because humans are volitional beings, capable of making choices, property can therefore be defined as: *a volitional being's life and all non-procreative derivatives thereof*. And to further clarify, property can be defined as three types:

- *Primordial property*: a volitional being's life
- *Primary property*: the intangible forms of property like thoughts, ideas, actions etc.
- *Secondary property*: the tangible forms of property like a house, car, ipod etc.

Using the above definitions of property it is clear that a slave is someone whose property has been seized. A slave has no property.

Now we have defined slavery, it's much easier to define *freedom*, the opposite of slavery. You can consider yourself free if you have full control over your own property - your life, your thoughts, ideas, actions, and your possessions. Trouble is, that sort of freedom is hard to come by because we live in a world where others may not respect our freedom. We can have our possessions stolen. We can be mugged in a dark alley. We can be murdered in cold blood.

In fact our property can be seized or violated in a hundred different ways - and not just by what we call *criminals*. The state itself is heavily involved in property seizure. Just consider the income tax for example. This tax is hastily removed from your salary by the technique of "withholding", where your employer is forced to deduct a very large percentage of your money and hand it over to the tax authorities - before you even get your hands on it. Money is property. You worked hard for it and it represents payment for the time and effort you have put in. So money is an extension of your own life, hence your property. And when you work to earn it, then are forced to hand over 40% to the state, your property has been stolen.

The military *draft* is another example of state property seizure. In this case your very life is seized and sent to war, with the risk that you may *lose* your life. The fact is, any person or organisation that seizes any of your property diminishes your freedom. Being killed is the ultimate loss of property.

The only way you can increase your freedom is to increase your ability to *protect* your own property - your life, your actions, thoughts, ideas and your possessions. The more you can protect your property, the freer you are. To be 100% free you'd need 100% protection of your property.

Naturally, the best way to ensure your personal freedom would be to live in a society where your property was protected. And in fact freedom in this context can be defined as: *The societal condition that exists when every individual has full (i.e. 100%) control over his own property.*

As you are well aware, that situation does not exist at present. No matter where you live you are in constant danger of having your property seized in one way or another - either by private criminals or state “criminals” posing as public servants. So a dedicated freedom seeker must look for ways to protect his or her own property - without waiting for society to catch up. Why? Because your happiness is at stake. In order for you to be as happy as possible, you need to be as free as possible. In fact, if you think about it, happiness is the result of being able to live your life as you see fit, with maximum freedom to achieve your own goals. And to do that you need to protect all of your property as best you can.

Your life, and the freedom to live it as you choose, gives you the best chance of being happy. For as the preamble to the *American Declaration of Independence* states:

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

## **How to Achieve Freedom?**

Now you know what freedom is, the obvious question that arises is, “*how best to achieve it?*” And this is where people get really screwed up. If you open your newspaper or logon to the net and read the latest news on Google, you will notice the world is filled with people seeking more freedom. No matter where you look, you will find people fighting for, dying for, struggling for, protesting for and even voting for more freedom - freedom as they perceive it.

Everyone is seeking happiness via the freedom they deem necessary to achieve it. But even with all this fighting, dying, struggling, protesting and voting - freedom still eludes us. I wonder why? It’s because there are two gross misunderstandings: firstly, what freedom actually *is* and secondly, the knowledge of the *only* way of achieving it. Achieving freedom is like any goal you may have in life. First you need to clearly *define* your goal so you know precisely what you want, then you need to come up with a workable and proven *strategy* for achieving it.

Freedom includes the freedom to take *action*, because your actions are a derivative of your life. So in the quest for more freedom you are intuitively aware that you must do something to make it happen. But the big question is this: “*What exactly should I do to achieve more freedom?*” And the answers are legion as they are common. As I said before, you can fight, die, struggle, protest or vote for freedom - but you will never achieve it that way.

Let’s just take one of those common strategies - common to those of us in the developed world - that of *voting*. We live in a *democracy*. We can vote for our representatives. The accepted wisdom is that we can vote for the government we want, and hence influence the degree of freedom we enjoy. But this is a total illusion. If you look at this *scientifically*, you must realise that every time there is an election people get

all excited by “their” man or woman. People attend rallies, watch TV debates, ask questions, make demands - and finally cast their vote. But what is the actual result? More of the same.

Take the Republicans and the Democrats in the USA, or Labour and the Conservatives in the UK. The whole premise of democracy and voting is that you actually have some say in the running of the country. But ask yourself, do you really believe you have such power - that by the mere task of voting for one party or another you are going to affect the direction of the country and its impact on your own life? Not a chance! If you stand back and look at the actual results of democratic voting you’ll realise the political parties you are offered represent a *false alternative*. It doesn’t matter which one you vote for. The direction of the country has already been decided by those you don’t see, those elite behind the scenes - people you *haven’t* voted for.

Democracy is a smokescreen to give the impression of your having a *choice*, and hence freedom. But voting will never bring you freedom - or happiness for that matter. Same goes for protesting in the streets, becoming an active letter-writing campaigner, attending meetings or signing petitions. All such actions are doomed to failure, precisely because those in power have no intention of giving it up in favour of you. Their sole interest is in maintaining *power* and doing so by being illusionists - creating the impression of freedom while ensuring you remain in shackles. Meanwhile they plot your slavery, not your freedom, and every ounce of energy you waste on the wrong type of action is a waste of your life. What’s needed is *right* action.

### **Direct Action vs Indirect Action**

Let’s say you are unhappy with the standard of education in your child’s school. What are your existing options? You could join the school committee and try to influence the school’s policies. You could stand outside the school with protest placards. You could organise a march down your main street demanding a better standard of education. You could vote for a political party that promises to do something about it. But would any of this actually change the educational policy of the school in your lifetime - let alone the limited school lifetime of your child? On the other hand you could do something very *simple*. You could take your child out of that school and find a better one. That’s *direct* action.

The first range of options - joining committees, protesting, marching or voting - are all *indirect* forms of action. You would be putting your energy into strategies which require that *other* people take action on your behalf. Whereas the alternative option of simply taking your child out of school is a *direct* action, something you can do without anyone else’s permission, and something which produces the change you seek in the most efficient and productive way.

All the above indirect forms of action are *political* in nature. The direct action alternative is scientific. Why “scientific”? Because you can take the action and prove the results. “*Take child out of bad school and put in good school*” results in a successful achievement of your original goal - to give your child a better education.

Let’s take another example. Let’s say you’re sick and tired of paying over 50% of your income in taxes (income tax, VAT/GST, sales tax, state tax, gas/auto tax, property tax etc.). What are your options? You can vote for whoever promises to reduce taxes. You can join a tax protest movement. You can campaign

for lower taxes. But none of those methods will work. If you look at the history of your country and check back over the decades, you will soon discover that taxes have *risen* consistently over time - regardless of the political rhetoric. No matter which political party is in power, you can be certain of one thing - they will be raising taxes one way or another. And if they are cunning, they can raise taxes *covertly* by devaluing the currency over time so what little money you have left in your pocket buys you less and less.

All of the above tax-reduction strategies are *indirect* - they depend on others making it happen. So what's the *direct* action alternative? Well, if you really wanted to cut your income tax bill of 50% or more, you could emigrate to Singapore and pay just 17%. You'd simply pack up and move your body out of the high tax zone into a more favourable one. Result? An immediate and genuine tax reduction. That is *direct* action.

## Politics And Plunder

Freedom cannot be achieved by politics. If you look closely at any democratic system it won't take you long to realise that the business of politics is the *plundering* of property, all three types - primordial, primary and secondary. Contrary to naive views of politics and the state, those in power do not take our money by force in order to run the post office, build roads, or keep us safe from thugs. If you haven't noticed already, the state has an abysmal record in protecting you. When was the last time you noticed the police preventing a crime? It doesn't happen. What the police do is turn up *after* the crime in order to pursue the suspects.

The purpose of the state, and those politicians that comprise it, is to keep a grip on power through the buying of votes via the democratic system. You know this story well. Politician "A" promises citizen "B" more money, free health care, better schools, protection for his industry - or any other number of benefits - in return for his vote. The politician can afford to be generous with his promises precisely because he will be paying for them not with money out of his *own* pocket - but out of *your* pocket.

The modern democratic state uses taxation as a means of *control*. And it does this through the "purchase" of votes by making promises of benefits to one group in society at the expense of another group. Here's just one example. Take the case of single mothers. A state may decide to provide financial support to such women, on the grounds that it is looking after the interests of the children. This payment comes out of taxation, paid for by the rest of the citizens. In other words, the gun is held to the head of those currently working and earning money in order to extract the funds necessary to pay the women who are staying home and receiving the benefit.

To make the moral nature of this transaction perfectly clear, consider this: Imagine if your next door neighbour was a single mother. And imagine if she knocked on your door one day demanding that you financially support her. I'm quite sure your answer would be "no way!" Realising this tactic didn't work, the woman instead goes off to see her political representative - telling her story of how she desperately needs financial support. The politician sees an opportunity here, to go after the votes of *all* single mothers with promises of financial support, and brings a bill before Congress or Parliament to put into law the aforesaid financial benefit. Now the question you must ask yourself is this: if it is *immoral* for the woman next door to demand money off you *directly* in order to support her, then what makes it suddenly good

and moral if she gets a politician to take the money off you *indirectly* (in taxes) on her behalf? Hiring a third party to do your dirty work doesn't suddenly make it squeaky clean!

Here's another example. A business is finding it difficult to make a profit because consumers are preferring to buy a better product at a cheaper price - which is provided by a company from overseas. This business asks the state to "protect" it by subsidising its operations. The end result is the company has now effectively stolen money from the taxpayer in order to stay in business. But would you have offered your money up *voluntarily* for such a purpose if the company had come knocking on your door? I don't think so.

The state plunders your property in many different ways. Not only does it tax you to virtual perdition in order to fund the whims and desires of *other* people, but it erects a bureaucratic and regulatory edifice which robs you at every turn. Consider the impact of ever-growing regulations and bylaws. Let's say you want to build a new home. The first thing you'll likely come across is a raft of local planning and compliance laws which you must first pass muster on. This could involve you paying professionals to write reports, architects to submit drawings, engineers to provide environment impact statements etc. All these requirements add a substantial cost to your project and make building a home a lot more expensive than it was in times past. Of course all this is done in the "public interest", but the truth is it is just one more layer of control over your actions and what you can do with your own property.

As times goes by, the state encroaches on the property of its citizens more and more. It borrows money to fulfill promises made to voters, for which tax revenue is insufficient. These loans and the interest payable on them are paid back out of *future* tax revenues, ensuring a constant rise in the rate of taxation. In this way the state grows ever more powerful and destructive of freedom. Politics is the art of plundering one group of people in order to satisfy *another* group of people - and all of this is carried on under the "theatre" of democracy. Those who direct this theatre are rewarded by the power and prestige they acquire - not to mention the money.

The fact is, democracy and freedom are incompatible. The true nature of all modern democracies is revealed in the plundering of its inhabitants by the seizure and control of property. Here's that definition of freedom again: *Freedom is the societal condition that exists when every individual has full (i.e. 100%) control over his own property.* I'm sure you can see how the workings of democracy are constantly at war with people and their property.

The political process is a process of *theft*. Therefore, by definition such a process can never deliver freedom, because theft of property is the *opposite* of freedom. And therefore all attempts to achieve freedom via the political process are doomed to failure.

So what's the alternative? At a societal level the prerequisite for freedom is effective mechanisms for protecting all property - primordial, primary and secondary property. In other words, freedom will be achieved when you know your life, your ideas, actions and your possessions are secure from seizure. Of course, that is what the state is supposed to do - at least "on paper" - to protect property. But as already outlined, the obverse is actually true. The so-called protector has become the *predator*. What's needed is a completely *new* way of protecting property - a way that does not involve politics and coercion (the seizure of property), and such a way already exists.

Just think of all the goods and services in this world - the cars, computers, electricity, homes, aircraft, trains, TVs, movies, music, theatre, medical breakthroughs, mobile phones, internet, furniture, fridges, microwaves etc. Nothing has been found to better provide such things than the free market - the *natural* order where people go about their business and freely trade with one another, motivated by their own desire to be happy. Political states create nothing. And the ultimate political state - the *communist* or *fascist* variety - is incapable of even surviving, except as a parasite. History has proven the fallacy of communism, socialism and fascism. All such political systems take plunder to the highest level, and in so doing destroy freedom utterly.

Everything you and I enjoy in this world, in the way of goods and services, is provided by the voluntary interaction of millions of individuals worldwide - in what we call the free market. This market is not a *political* entity. It is not based on force, fraud and plunder. It is not voted in. It doesn't arise as a result of protests, street marches or letters to the editor. It simply exists and has always existed wherever people are gathered together. It is in fact an extension of human nature.

The free market is a self-organising, continually innovating organic system which is capable of meeting the needs of people - provided it is free to operate. And it will be the free market that one day comes up with the iron-clad means of protecting *all* property - your life, your ideas and actions, and your possessions - through the creation of products and services that will protect such property. Meanwhile you can use this knowledge to increase your own freedom directly - starting now.

## **Secession And Freedom**

Secession - the act of withdrawing from membership of, or association with, any body, organisation or especially a political state - is a vital component of freedom. If you are free, then you cannot be compelled to belong to anything you don't want to. Freedom includes freedom of association. In the free market you are not forced to buy or join anything you don't want to. If you don't want a new car, then you don't have to buy one. If you don't want to join a Christmas club no one will force you to join. If you join a golf club no one will prevent you from leaving. We take this freedom of association for granted when it comes to dealing with products and services as provided by the free market.

The political state is different. You are born into it. You are given a birth certificate. If you want to drive you must apply for a driver's license. If you want to travel you must apply for a passport. If you want to leave the country permanently you must first become a citizen or resident of another political state. And in the case of US citizens, even if you were to leave the country and take up residence somewhere else, the state would still require you to submit annual tax returns no matter where in the world you were living. In other words, the state "owns" you. The only way to rescind this ownership is by giving up your citizenship. But to do this you must first secure a second citizenship - starting the same process all over again.

Many times throughout history, and even in today's world, there are groups of people who may live in one particular state who want to separate from it. This is called *secession*. The reason for wanting to secede could be any number of things, but is usually associated with ethnic origin or common religion. In other words, a group of citizens in one particular part of a country may seek to create a separate state on the basis of their ethnic or religious affiliation. Bad decision! No political state wants to give up territory -

ever. Any movement arguing for secession is likely to get a blunt “no” for an answer. So what then? Such secessionist movements may start a campaign, attempt to stack the legislature with their supporters, or in a more desperate case may resort to arms and take up guerilla warfare.

One clear example of an attempt at secession in more recent times was in Northern Ireland. The Irish (or at least the *Catholic* Irish) wanted to reunite the whole of Ireland and bring back Northern Ireland from British rule. In earlier times the British had populated Northern Ireland with Protestants - in a land of mainly Catholics. In other words, the Republic of Ireland was attempting to get Northern Ireland to secede from British rule. But two things stood in their way - the Protestant inhabitants of Northern Ireland and the British government.

At first the republicans attempted various forms of force and violence to achieve their ends, but in latter days they have moved into the political sphere in an attempt to get closer to their goals. But the important point is this - the attempt at secession was unsuccessful. This is no surprise, of course, because to secede from the authority of another is an attempt to secure your freedom - something the political state has no interest in. So any attempt to stake a claim to *territory* within an existing state and to seek to break off with that state is pretty well doomed to failure. You are not free.

## How to Personally Secede

Now while any attempt to carve off territory for yourself and your affiliated group from the political state you are currently “owned” by is bound to end in disappointment, there are ways you can *personally* secede - in order to throw off the yoke of slavery. And the reason is simple to understand. Any land you want to claim as part of a secession strategy is obviously *immovable*. You cannot pick up the land and move it somewhere else. And this fact is the crux of the secession issue. An existing political state may allow you to *buy* land within its borders, but it is not going to allow you to claim *sovereignty* over it. Ownership and sovereignty, in this case, are entirely different.

Imagine you lived in a country with a number of small islands off the coast. It’s quite likely you may be able to purchase such an island for yourself and your friends. But this act would not make you any freer than if you stayed on the mainland. Why? Because that island would still be under the sovereignty of the political state it is part of. So even if you literally bought it, as you would buy any land, your purchase would only grant you *use* of the land - not the right to declare sovereignty over it. Sovereignty is not for sale.

Any land-based secessionist movement is fighting an uphill battle, and the only way such freedom could be achieved would be if the future inhabitants of the territory in question were to fight and win a war of liberation from the present political state owner - not a very likely scenario. What this means is that any attempt to seek more freedom by wanting to set up a new political state, by *seceding* from an existing state, is most likely to be a complete waste of your time, energy and life.

So what’s the alternative? You can free *yourself*. You can secede *personally*. You can initiate a secessionist movement of *one*. And the reason you can do it is because you are not immovable like land. You are *mobile*. You can remove yourself, in various ways, from the political state that claims to own you.

Freeing yourself involves the very same strategy we've already discussed, finding *practical* ways to secure your property - your life, your actions, thoughts, ideas, and all your rightful possessions. For keep in mind, freedom is defined as your being able to exercise 100% control over your own property. If you can do that in every case then you are free. If you can secure even 50% of your property then you are 50% freer than before. In other words, the more of your property you can secure from seizure, the more free you are.

Naturally, such a personal secession strategy involves *direct* action. You cannot achieve more freedom for yourself by protesting on the street, writing letters to politicians or voting for political parties. You have to take your destiny into your own hands and make it happen for you. And fortunately there are practical ways you can increase your own freedom - if you have the motivation to do so. For keep in mind, most people don't question their slave status. Most people don't care. Most people will put up with whatever is on offer, because they don't know any different. But you *do* know different, and if you desire it enough you can make your dream of more freedom a reality.

## **Citizen vs Tourist**

While most people may consider citizenship to a particular country to be something positive, anyone who gives this issue some serious thought - as per the ideas in this report - will soon realise that such citizenship is more a *burden* than a blessing. When you think about it, the very notion of the political state - a place you are born into and which claims ownership rights over you - is anathema to individual freedom. Why? Because the state is founded on the use of force in order to strip you of your property. Sure, it doesn't seize *all* your property. It leaves you with just enough so you will be able to function in your job, raise a family and be a good taxpayer. But is living as a citizen of a political state the only way to live?

Consider two types of people living in the same country. One is "Joe Citizen", a law-abiding and upright person who holds down a good job, raises decent children, doesn't beat up his wife, and pays his taxes. The other is "Joe Tourist" who happens to be living in the country temporarily as a *non-citizen*. In what way does the state treat these two people differently? It's pretty obvious really. The citizen has a host of obligations and duties. He must send his children to state schools or private schools using state curricula. He must pay taxes in order that all those in need (the need for food, housing, medical care etc.) can have their needs met - at his expense. He must comply with a myriad of regulations and bylaws that control where he lives, whether he can drive, where he can smoke, where he can do business, what sort of business he can start, who he can hire and fire, what minimums he can pay them - and so on, ad infinitum.

On the other hand, the tourist is *invited* to the country with flashy adverts designed to seduce and excite. He doesn't have to pay any income tax. He doesn't have to bother with all the petty regulations that burden the typical citizen. He is free to come and go as he pleases. He is always welcome back as long as he behaves himself. In other words a tourist gets to enjoy all the features and benefits of a particular country - by paying his way as he goes - without giving up his freedom by becoming a citizen of that country. And why is that? Because tourists bring money into the country and are seen as significant contributors to the gross national product. When you have hundreds of thousands of tourists visiting each year, they do stuff, they buy stuff, they stimulate the economy. They are the good guys.

It's easy to see how the tourist has more freedom within a particular country than the citizen does. In fact a tourist is a *preferred* person in many ways. And this provides a clue as to how you can create a much freer lifestyle for yourself. You can become a tourist and treat the whole world as your home. You can seek out the best of everything, everywhere, and live life as you want it - according to your own particular tastes and goals. In other words, you can treat all the countries of the world as places you can *choose* to work, live and play. Even better, you can pick and choose which countries suit which activity best. But what's even more interesting is how you can be either a *real* tourist or a *virtual* one - depending on your situation - and use this strategy to increase your personal freedom. If you want maximum freedom you can become what's called a *permanent tourist* and live off the "grid". Or, if you simply want more freedom than you have now, then you can use *virtual* tourist strategies to achieve your goals - by playing off one state against another.

## The Six Flags of Freedom

The political state you happen to be a citizen of literally *owns* you. It seizes your property at every turn and does this with flair and originality - via the *illusion* of freedom called democracy. By giving you the impression you have a say in government it can pass itself off as your representative and thereby lull you in a false sense of both security and freedom. But you can easily test such imagined freedom by attempting to stand up for yourself. If you refused to pay taxes you would face the harsh reality of the state's *true* nature - the *gun*. If you disobeyed the many petty rules and regulations that exist, you would soon find yourself financially destitute or even in jail. The truth is, the freedom you think you have at present is very much like the freedom *Truman Burbank* thought he had in the movie *The Truman Show* - where his "happy" environment turned out to be a prison.

If you want to gain more freedom, then you are going to have to challenge the political state's ownership over your life, and do it in a way that doesn't cause a stir or bring jackbooted thugs crashing through your front door. Given that the state has the firepower and the will to bend any and all rules in its favour, it is worse than useless to believe you can fight it on its own terms - like pointing to arcane admiralty or constitutional law and believing such laws are somehow on your side. You can't fight the state with guns or law, because it has a monopoly on the means of violence and the ability to manipulate any so-called laws to its own ends.

So where does that leave you? You need to remove as much of "you" as possible from the political state that currently owns you. You need to see the whole world as your rightful place of abode and use the rules in different countries to your advantage. You see, different countries have different rules, and you can discover these rules and see how they can benefit you. For example, there are low-tax countries. There are no-tax countries. There are countries where you can form a corporation without any reporting requirements. There are countries where you can drive really fast - legally. There are countries where certain drugs are not illegal. There are countries where medical care is much cheaper. And there are countries where you can live a lot more economically. In fact, if you discover what other countries have to offer it's possible to shift a portion of your life to each of these countries in very effective ways.

This multi-country "living" strategy is the *opposite* of putting all your eggs in one basket, and is usually called the *6 Flag Strategy*. Another way of thinking of it is becoming an *Internationalist*. The word "flag" here denotes a political state, and by using different flags for different parts of your life, you can escape

the worst excesses of the state that claims to own you. You can do this completely by *expatriation* and living the life of a perpetual tourist, or you can select certain portions of your life and move them “offshore” to reside in a more favourable jurisdiction.

Keep in mind, the purpose of such a multi-state strategy is to protect your *property* - your life, your ability to take action, speak your mind, think what you like, and work as you wish to create or purchase all the things in life that will make you happy. Your life and all its derivatives represent your property - and you have the perfect right to seek to protect it as best you can.

The 6 Flag strategy is usually explained in the following way:

**Flag 1:** You obtain citizenship and a passport from a country that doesn't 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. To achieve the goals of this first flag Americans would need to give up their US citizenship.

**Flag 2:** Form a company in a country that does not tax business income outside that country. Most traditional offshore centres qualify.

**Flag 3:** Obtain a legal residency in a country that either has no tax or taxes only the income generated within that country, not foreign income.

**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.

**Flag 5:** Spend your time in whatever countries you enjoy the most, taking care not to stay long enough to be legally liable for income tax as resident there.

**Flag 6:** Create a portable income for yourself so you can work anywhere at any time. The internet has made this viable in a number of innovative ways and once you are not tied to any particular location on earth you have a lot more freedom of action.

As an individual you can pick and choose from the direct property protection strategies above to create a situation that suits your own lifestyle and goals. For example, if you did not want to expatriate, you could still make use of flags 3 and 4, using offshore corporations, trusts and bank accounts to more effectively keep your assets out of harm's way.

Another option would be to seek a second passport as an “insurance” policy - as in the first flag. In other words, even if you don't want to leave your home country, or if it's not practical for you to do so now, you could create a “plan B” for yourself by obtaining a second passport which could be used in the case of an emergency.

Yet another way of making use of these flags would be to work on creating an *internet* business for yourself - one which can ultimately replace your existing land-based job or business. Once you have a

“Flag 6” business under your belt you are in a position to up and leave the “danger zone” whenever you are ready or whenever you must - fully prepared and funded.

There are yet other even more powerful strategies that cannot be openly discussed in a public report like this. But let me put it this way, *where there's a will there's always a way*. And if you know where to get the right information, you will find many ways to apply one of more of the 6 Flags to your own particular circumstances. And I know *where* and *how* to get such information.

## **The Gateway to Freedom**

My own world was turned upside down when I first got on the internet back in 1996. The minute I laid eyes on it I knew I had a *revolutionary* tool in my hands. For the first time in human history here was the means to connect with the whole world - from the comfort of my own home. My mind swirled with possibilities - new ways to communicate with people, new ways of buying stuff, new ways of finding out what's going on in the world, new ways of being entertained, new ways of learning, and new ways of doing business.

All this has come true, and more. But what I didn't quite realise at the time was how the internet would be a vital *tool* in the achievement of more freedom in my own life. After I'd messed around with it for a couple of years, an idea formed in my head - the idea of how this new-found connection with the world could be translated into a positive tool for personal change. And that's when the internet became my gateway to freedom.

It happened this way. A couple of years earlier I had got myself into a bad situation, due to a couple of business ideas gone wrong. I had to sell my house, empty my bank accounts and admit to virtual bankruptcy when I realised I was in debt to the tune of \$35,000 with no meaningful income to pay it off. That event shook me to the core, and while I did consider *legal* bankruptcy I decided against it in favour of charting my own course. I found a job and started paying my way. But when I looked at the numbers I realised it would take me years to pay off my debts at that rate. I needed a *second* source of income. And when I considered how hard I'd have to work, and how that would put me into a higher tax bracket, I began to despair that the system was stacked against me and that I'd never dig myself out of that financial hole.

Fortunately I came across a mysterious red book entitled “*PT*”, which revealed to me a little known and definitely radical strategy which could provide an escape hatch - a way to keep all my money and pay off my debts much faster. That book cost me \$100, and is the best \$100 I've ever spent. Why? Because it opened my eyes to another way of looking at the world and living in it. And when I'd finished reading it my first thought was, “*How come I've never heard of this before, and wouldn't a lot of other people be interested in knowing about the strategies revealed in it?*” It was then I decided to create a business to spread such powerful ideas, and the internet became the perfect medium for launching it. That was back in 1998, and since then I have lived as a permanent tourist - off the “grid”. This has enabled me to maximise my personal freedom and given me a lifestyle in which I have to pinch myself continually to remind myself how fortunate I am.

The PT strategy was originally conceived by investment newsletter writer *Harry Shultz* and popularised by *WG Hill* in the book “PT”. And whether applied in full or part, it puts the power back into your own hands and gives you the means of protecting your property like never before. You can apply the full strategy and lead a much freer life outside the system, or you can apply various components of the strategy to create a *virtual* presence in other countries and increase your freedom accordingly. The big question is, how do you learn more about this strategy? How do you get good advice? How do you get your questions answered? And how do you get support?

That’s where my service [SovereignLife](#) can help, and assist you in asserting sovereignty over your own life. Because I’ve been living this way for a long time, I’ve built up a considerable amount of knowledge and expertise - and have amassed a large amount of practical information, strategies, resources and contacts that can assist anyone who wants to go down this freedom path.

But *SovereignLife* is more than just an information and resources service. It’s also a *community* of like-minded individuals. And this community aspect of membership is a vital ingredient. Stepping out on a road less travelled can leave you with a sense of “aloneness” surrounded by people who do not understand what you’re doing. But within the *SovereignLife* community you will find people who think and act like you, and who have valuable insights and experiences to share. It is this “mastermind” component of *SovereignLife* that makes membership so useful and productive.

If reading this report has stirred something within you - a desire to break free and discover for yourself the ways and means of achieving more practical freedom in your own life, then I invite you to take a closer look at what *SovereignLife* offers. I’m convinced that anyone with the motivation to step out on the freedom road will gain immense benefit from becoming a member. So why not check it out for yourself and learn more about *SovereignLife* membership.

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Thanks for taking the time to read my report. I trust it has given you something to think about, presented ideas to challenge you, and opened up possibilities to things you had not previously considered. Feel free to pass this report on to anyone you know who would appreciate it. And if you decide to join me in *SovereignLife*, then I will certainly look forward to welcoming you.

Yours in freedom

**David MacGregor**

### **Freedom Bibliography**

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