

The Great American Bailout!!!



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Dear America,

Mmmm, Mmmm, Mmmm we've gotten ourselves into a little predicament here. We will get out of it. Hopefully with lessons

learned, but that is still up in the air.

What happened? Before we put our 'somebody has to tell us the real deal on this' spin, lets talk about America,

I love America, even with it's flaws. The ideology of freedom, liberty and justice for all ... land of opportunity ... the place where people from all over the world come to make a better lives for themselves ... it doesn't get better than that. In fact, part of this ideology has led us to where we are today. The desire to achieve, the desire to acquire, the desire for more and more.

In most cases, 'desire' is a wonderful characteristic. Books are wonderful too. However, if you beat someone over the head with it, a book can be dangerous. It's a fine line. Desire is great, too much desire leads to selfishness and greed. Like a misused book, misused desire can be dangerous.

Back to the bailout ... it's like a big game of Monopoly, with America on the verge of going bankrupt. If you're pissed off at Wall Street, pissed off at the powers that be, fine, understandable. It is something that year after year top honchos and Wall Street money managers can get million dollar bonuses, yet when they go through one year of self inflicted hard times, they get bailed out. This has to be particularly annoying to the small percentage of citizens who do things right. You know, stuff like save, pay their bills on time, don't over indulge ... those people really have a right to be pissed. The rest of us, the ones who closed our eyes to common sense while cashing commission checks during the boom times, we should have seen it coming, Maybe we couldn't have imagined the massive severity of the problem, but we should have known this can't be right. In fact, I think we did, we just didn't care ... as long as the money keeps coming.

Well, now we know. If a society builds it's economy on fraud and greed, it's financial structure will come tumbling down. Hard to imagine, but we are now living it. Our thoughts aren't so much focused on the bailout, it's on our behavior as a society once we do bail ourselves out.

As long as Wall Street's coming tumbling down, lets bring the sports world and the entertainment world down with it. I love sports, but our society is no worse off if Alex Rodriquez is making \$2,500,000 per year or \$25,000,000 annually. Our society is no worse off if Brad Pitt gets \$2,000,000 per movie or \$20,000,000. In fact, our society would be better off. We like to be entertained, but at what cost? It's time for common sense to intervene, because there's not a athlete or entertainer in the world 1000 times more valuable than a teacher or nurse. Actually, even up, we'll take the teacher or nurse.

Are we going to go back to buying bigger houses and fancier cars when the economy starts booming or will we start to save and STOP WASTING? Fellow citizens, you know it, I know it, but it must be said, we have to get our priorities straight. I don't care if this is a \$700,000,000,000 or a \$7,000,000,000,000 bailout, if we don't get our priorities straight nothing will change.

Teamwork over toys. Giving over getting. Common sense, one citizen at a time. Lets go America, we have some work to do.

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