JAMES I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE  

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Has been on a quest for the meaning of happiness since the age of six (only because before that happiness was fairly easy and simple). Has written six prior books including “How To Be the Luckiest Person Alive.” Writes at the blog jamesaltucher.com the most personal, embarassing stuff a person can possibly write. Tweets at @jaltucher. I Was Blind But Now I See When I was six years old about half my first grade class was Jewish and about half were Christian. I was born and raised Jewish. As part of that, we always learned (through friends, school, family, etc.) jokes about Jesus. Similarly, the Christians had jokes about the Jews. We would whisper these jokes amongst ourselves but occasionally some would get out. I remember one time at lunch we had all just about had it. It was time to fight. Jews versus Christians. At lunchtime we were all running around, pushing each other down to the ground, throwing dirt on each other and shoving each other. Nobody got really hurt. Finally one kid yelled, “Wait!” And we all sort of stopped and looked at him. “Wasn’t Jesus Jewish?” Someone else said, “Yeah!” The first kid said, “How about we compromise for the Jews to just agree that Jesus was a great teacher and then we don't have to fight.” And then after that we didn't fight. But why would six-year-olds care enough about something 2000 years old to fight about it? It's because from an early age on, we're brainwashed about almost every single belief we hold dear. I've believed in so much that it has ruined me. For example: I believed that marriage would lead to a happy life. That $100 million in the bank would make me happy. That going to a great college and graduate school would make me happy. That having a TV show would make me happy. The becoming a chess master would make me happy. That having a lot of sex would make me happy. The list goes on and on of the things I thought that would make me happy. Each of the above, and 100 things more, made me so desperately unhappy at different points and yet I still fought for them, fought to control what I couldn’t have in a world where I became desperately needy for everything I couldn't have. Happiness starts when we have the freedom to pursue what’s inside ourselves instead of the myriad joys and pursuits and successes that are outside ourselves. How do we find out what happiness means so we can start to really pursue it? I describe “THE DAILY PRACTICE” in my last book and also in this book. In this book I provide much more material on it. I provide modifications and more descriptions to make it flow more smoothly depending on how much time one has to commit to it and also to explain it even more deeply than I have done before. This practice and the techniques used in this book have worked for me. I have been able to come back from the dead. To live with my fears, to conquer my anxieties (most of the time – every day is a process), and to continue striving for success and happiness. Note I didn't say I “found” success and happiness. It’s a process that continues every day. And tomorrow when I wake up again I have to apply these principles again. But every day I move closer... to what? That's it. Just closer. WHY HAVE I BEEN WRITING THE BLOG AT JAMESALTUCHER.COM? I want to show what a fool I've been: in business, in dating, in sex, in marriage, in fatherhood, in friendship. AND NOT JUST ONCE. Many times I've ended up broke and lonely and lost. So lost I've had to simply give up all hope of finding my way back or I would've gone completely insane. I've also been writing this blog with a tiny bit of sleight of hand. Often when I write about the Nine Obstacles of Success (as an example) I'm not necessarily equating Success with money. Money is an important step towards happiness because it buys our freedom. But when I write about creativity or how to eat what you kill, it's not only because I want you and I to have a lot of money (and we will as we follow those chapters) but to have freedom, to break down the brainwashing that chains us, and ultimately to find some happiness. Money doesn't bring happiness. But it allows us to spend more of our waking hours pursuing happiness once we
have it. It’s only a step towards happiness. I’ve stated before but will state again, MY ONLY GOAL is happiness. But first we have to figure out what happiness is? Because the brainwashing is so deep we’re convinced that going to Harvard, getting a home, voting, getting married, is what leads to happiness. It is not. We then think: getting more money, having more success, having fame, could lead to happiness. It does not. We can still have all of these things. They certainly help get you the freedom to pursue happiness. But they are not the means. Just part of the process we will learn how to accomplish here. So we have to build up our definition of “what is happiness.” Then avoid the obstacles to that happiness. And so, let’s say then one achieves this elusive goal. The next step is to make sure it lasts more than a day. That it builds, that it enraptures us and helps us to enrapture and free the people around us. BUT FIRST: We have to RETRAIN OURSELVES FROM THE OUTSIDE IN. And then from the INSIDE OUT. What does that mean? It means take a look at the beliefs you hold dear. For instance, a belief that is hard to analyze is that “it’s important to have a college degree.” Or it’s important to “vote.” Or it becomes important who we vote for. And what they stand for. Or that some wars are “justified” while others aren’t. We’re taught from an early age what’s important and what's not. When I say “early age” it’s from so far back we can’t even remember. Your false training starts when you are swimming the breast stroke down the birth canal. For example, if you are feeling a little agitated as you hear the “importance of voting” belief challenged in the previous paragraph, or any of the other examples, if your blood is suddenly boiling or you feel the need to tell me off, then perhaps you are observing first-hand the depth of the profound conditioning. Looking in is a hard job, not for the faint of heart but rather for the warrior at heart. It takes courage. We’re exposed to over 10,000 ad and brand impressions every day. Each one of these imprints further programs the brainwashing we’ve been subjected to. **Break It All Down** We still have a chance to start over. To have the openness and sense of wonder and eager curiosity of a one-year-old while having a fresh mind that is not controlled by the external programming. So our definition of happiness has to unravel like peeling away at an onion. And we’re going to cry along the way. You can’t help it. Getting to unveil your own beliefs is transformative. You will be different. Your parents, colleagues, friends, lovers, might not be happy about it. They may be weary of it, distrustful. You’ll be the one-eyed king in the land of the blind and that will suddenly put you in an uncomfortable position with everyone who is still being brainwashed. This is a good thing. It means more opportunities for success. For money. For better understanding of yourself and the world around you. For better opportunities for real happiness. YOU’RE BREAKING FREE. Now you have to stand alone, where previously you stood together, but this is where opportunity is created. Now you can see past the valleys, and over the horizon something beautiful and new awaits. From then we have to rebuild the interior. The plumbing got all screwed up. We gambled our happiness that the exterior promises made by our elders, advertisers, governments, teachers, our friends, were real and fulfilling. But the tide has come in this past decade, things have changed, we are in a whole different beach and we’re all standing around looking at each other naked. So we have to think again. We have to put on new swimsuits, and learn to swim again. We do this by building the muscles that have long atrophied. The physical muscles, the emotional muscles, the mental muscles, and the spiritual muscles. We figure out new tools to light up our creativity, to fight fear, to eat what we kill. To hustle and then exchange society smarts with street smarts.” The 10 Commandments of James-ism By the way, replace the word “JAMES” with your own name. “Claudia-Ism” or “Phil-Ism” or “Jane-Ism,” or “Pierre-ism” or “Mario-ism,” etc. You have to believe first in the many complex layers of yourself before beginning to subscribe to the beliefs of others. You need to get to the core of you and what you believe before you accept what others say or think. You have to stand on your own two feet, be your own teacher, your own light. 1. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE YOU ARE BRAINWASHED.** Just like when we were kids we believed in Santa Claus and how George Washington chopped down the cherry tree, now as adults we’ve been trained to believe in much more dangerous and insidious ideas. Being aware that you need to question everything is commandment number one, including, by the way, questioning what I’m saying to you right now.

And then on top of the brainwashing we suffered in schools, from our parents, from our friends,
from society, there’s the 10,000 ad impressions each day that hit the periphery of our eyes and further tries to tell us what little intricacies of life will deliver goodness and happiness to us. We can’t even begin to be happy until we at least acknowledge that SOME brainwashing has occurred. And the more we examine this brainwashing, the more we will see how in other ways we didn’t even expect, we've been programmed like little robots. 2. WHO BRAINWASHED YOU? Parents, friends, teachers, government, media, entertainment, advertising, the education system, the banking system, and organized religion. In that order although they are all interrelated.

It's not their fault. And there’s no reason to be angry at them. They were brainwashed also. Everyone is just trying to survive the best way they know how. And there’s been generations of mental programming combined with now trillions of dollars of advertising dollars that keep everyone in line. IT’S A MASSIVE RECRUITING MACHINE that tries to keep us from our true happiness by redefining happiness in various ways that are inaccurate and even harmful. From here on in, we have to realize that the plane is going down and we have to put the oxygen mask on our own face first. The mega changes that occurred in the past 10 years turned the world upside down; we are in a different planet now, one that requires adapting, new ways of thinking, and of breathing. So get on your own mask, see how it feels. Breathe again. 3. WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT? Take one belief at a time, turn it upside down. Learn how to break down your beliefs. Be your own rebel. Take, for instance, the belief that “going to college leads to a better life.” Try to understand why you believe that. Who told you that was true? What happens if someone told you the opposite “that NOT going to college would lead to a better life?” Does that thought disturb you? Why does it disturb you?

Some of these beliefs are so sacred inside of us that it really feels like punishable blasphemy to believe the opposite. I know this because I’ve had death threats and angry emails over almost every belief I’ve ever challenged on my blog (examples will follow later). THE GOAL IS NOT NECESSARILY TO BELIEVE THE OPPOSITE OF ALL THE THINGS WE’VE BEEN PROGRAMMED TO BELIEVE, BUT TO SEPARATE OUT WHO WE ARE FROM OUR BELIEFS, SO THAT WE CAN TRULY EXAMINE THEM, SCRUTINIZE THEIR ROOTS, AND BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THEM FROM ALL 360 DEGREES INSTEAD OF JUST THE ACUTE SHARP ANGLES THAT HAVE BEEN SHOVED AT US ALMOST SINCE BIRTH. Let’s shed our labels. People want to be in the “tea party” or they want to be “environmentalists” or “democrats” or “republicans” or “a homeowner” or a “graduate.” Let’s shed all labels for a little bit while we inspect them. Maybe they are all good labels to have. But there’s nothing wrong with re-examining them under a new lens. It’s understandable that we want to be part of the pack, the herd. The flock feels protective. But we’ve learned now that it is most likely a bag full of false protections. The past decade has been such a hard decade in many ways. 9/11, the Internet bust (and tech depression), the wars, the loss of tens of millions of jobs, the housing crisis, the financial crisis. We know, for instance, that the myth of corporate safety was just that – a myth. People who worked at corporations for 40 years were fired without severance or benefit’s. This happened. I don’t mean to say “the only one you can rely on is yourself” because clearly the people who love us are valuable to us. But at the end of the day, happiness comes when we escape the robotic constructs built to house our beliefs and become real humans, and stand in the light. I am also NOT advocating going it alone. Nobody can do everything alone. That is not only arrogant it is plain dangerous. But examining our own beliefs gives us a solid ground from where to relate to others in a more honest way, and create more effective relationships that provide better results in the new environment we find ourselves in. Honesty with yourself is the first step towards challenging the beliefs of the mega-system. 4. HAPPINESS IS THE ONLY GOAL. We don't have to know what happiness is yet. But we know this: we don't want to be sad or fearful anymore. We don’t want to be anxious. We don’t want to do things that cause us to feel guilt. That’s a start.

THINK ABOUT IT, WHEN YOU SAY YOU WANT TO HAVE MORE MONEY, WHY IS THAT? You may answer that you want it so that you would be able to travel some more, or have more time for your children. And why is that? You may say because then you would see the world and write that novel
you always wanted to write, or teach your kid to throw ball. And why is that? And you may say, because then I will be happy. So why not go for “happy” in the first place? Why the long route when there is a shortcut? Certainly money buys some degree of freedom. So getting more money is a reasonable goal. And we’ll get it. But let’s cut out as many intermediaries to happiness as possible. 5. THE OBSTACLES OF HAPPINESS ARE SICKNESS, INERTIA, DOUBTS, LAZINESS, CARELESSNESS, VACILLATING, LACK OF PROGRESS, DELUSIONS, AND FALLING BACKWARDS. Each of those allows us to fall back into our brainwashing and stop ourselves from challenging the world around us so we can break down our thoughts and see things as they truly are. 6. THE PATH TO HAPPINESS INVOLVES BEING AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN: PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, MENTALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY. 7. PHYSICALLY: We can exercise, we can try to eat healthy, we can sleep eight hours, we can avoid alcohol and other foods or liquids that are either hard to digest or will later inhibit the brain cells we desperately need to enjoy quality of life in our elder years. This is hard. I’m not advocating being a vegan, or a weight lifter, or a yogi. Just being aware. When I was younger I could eat five Big Macs a day. Now if I eat more than two meals a day it becomes much harder for me to digest and clean my system. I’m 43. It’s important for me to make sure when I’m 83 I’m still healthy and able to explore the things that make me really happy. The root of almost all physical ailments as we age is what we put into our intestines (and lungs). 8. EMOTIONALLY: I’m a pretty angry guy. I feel a lot of people have wronged me and, it’s not just a feeling – a lot of people have wronged me. I also have a lot of regrets. A lot of things have happened to me that are my fault that still make me sad. But dwelling on this does neither me nor them any good. You can’t be healthy if you obsess on the crappy people or events in your life. More on that later. Also, fear is an important topic here. We try so hard to control the world around us. Will it give us money? Will it get us the girl? Will it get us the job we want or the promotion we want or will it get us the customers and allow us to build the business we want? These are just a few of the things I often wake up first thing in the morning afraid about. Fear gets in the way of finding out what makes us happy. You can’t be happy if you’re stressed. Controlling the world and have it going your way will only lead to a temporary happiness. What happens the next time the world goes a different way? Then you aren’t happy anymore. 9. MENTALLY: Your mind needs to be as sharp and creative as possible. You need this for two reasons. One is so you are creative enough to achieve the success and money that will allow you to pursue and purchase your freedom. Two so that you can train the analytical parts of your mind to break down all the myths that we hold true every day. I have several chapters on this. 10. SPIRITUALLY: This word has a bad connotation. It sort of smells “new age-y.” Or like organized religion, which many people despise and have rebelled against. But what I really mean is “Surrender.” If you wanted the Earth to move out of its orbit from the Sun, you would give up. You can’t do it. You would try (somehow, I don’t even know how you would try) and then finally you’d say, “I give up. I can’t do it.” In general, life is like that. We have dreams, most of them don’t work out, and we can either continue to force those dreams into place, or we can give up. Giving up doesn’t have to be a sad thing. It’s a transition. It’s a little death (a term often used to describe an orgasm).

Sometimes you’re just on the floor, failure has slashed you again, and all you can do is look up at the sky and say, “You win. I give up. Tell me what you want me to do and I’ll do it.” And you hand yourself over. To who? Not to God. Not to an old man with a beard living up in the sky. But deep inside you there is a creative force that desperately wants you to succeed, wants you to make a lot of money, wants you to fall in love and be happy, wants you to do these things not so you can live in exotic mansions and travel the world fifty times over, but so that you are free from the constraints of a normal job and can pursue the real exploration of what and where is the happiness around you. Follow these ten ideas with discipline (described more throughout the book) and you will make more money than you know what to do with. This world is filled with money. The global economy is over $50 trillion dollars. You only need a tiny speck of that to have the freedom to quit your nine to five job where you are totally exploited, so that you can then take a breather, live a long healthy life, and pursue the things that really make you happy. If you are
just a little more creative, emotionally healthy, and physically healthy, than your competition and you avoid the nine obstacles, then that money is eventually yours. Money is the most external manifestation of the spirituality that’s the tenth commandment above. It stems from the fabric of your core beliefs. Smart and strong subtle beliefs lead to the clarity and efficiency that can make riches manifest. Follow these ten ideas and you will start to have the relationships that bring you up instead of down. You will have the creativity to bounce from idea to idea to explore what’s real in your brainwashing and what isn’t. Ultimately, you’ll change and you’ll change from being robot to a human, from a zombie to truly alive. You’ll look around and see all of the zombies with the glazed look in their eyes, their angry anonymous thoughts flaring through their heads, their desperation and neediness for more money, more sex, more of anything that will make them forget what their real goal is. For everyone of us that clicks and comes to “know thyself” a thousand others follow. The zombies can see the light once you become the beacon. Everything that was a zombie in you will shed away, like the bandages that covered the mummy, until finally a real human will stand up. Others will notice, some may hate you, some will be curious; some of us will get back to swimming happily in the new ocean. That human will look straight at the sun for the first time with eyes uncovered by bandages. And the sun will be so happy to see you she will smile right back. **What is This Book?** This book is divided into two parts. First, looking at the ways in which the mega-recruitment machines have hypnotized us into believing what they wanted us to believe: so they could take our money, fight wars, convince us that we were safe while they took advantage of our hard work in exchange for that myth of protection. I bring these things up not to convince you that they were all WRONG. I could care less what they were. Nothing I say in this book will change anything that happens on the outside. Wars will still be fought. The recruitment machines, funded by billions of dollars, will continue to run their assembly lines of zombie creation. You and I can’t stop that. Fighting with a pig only makes you muddy and the pig happy. But I bring them up to show how looking at the beliefs we hold dear can be examined under a microscope, and perhaps even modified inside of ourselves so they don’t have as large an effect (e.g. they stop taking our money so we can use that money for other means – like buying our freedom and pursuing more individual dreams instead of the pre-boxed sets that they so beautifully wrapped up for us). That’s Part One. Part Two is WHEN WE GET INTO THE NITTY GRITTY OF WHAT HAPPINESS REALLY IS and how can we find it. Two sources try to tell us what happiness is: The 10,000 ad impressions we get each day which try to convince us what shaving cream, what potato chip, what college, what mortgage rate, what charity, will make us happier. The monolith of the self-help industry. Whether it’s “positive thinking” or “pain bodies” or the “law of attraction” or “optimism diets,” none of that will ultimately work. Words are just words. Even this book won’t do anything for anyone without hard practice and work. We want to be happy so we fork over our dollars to these industries. But at the end of the day we are all primarily householders. We don’t have time to meditate for three hours and then do yoga and then do neurolinguistic programming and self-hypnosis while we diet. We have families to raise. We have careers to pursue. We have money to make. We have colleagues and family to deal with. We have real fears that invade us at night. I have real fears. Things I’m scared of every single day. It’s only through diligent work that we can start to overcome these fears. With fear comes stress, and stress leads to sickness, inertia, and all of the other things that slows down our happiness. And sometimes we can’t just wake up at 5:30am and go to sleep at 8pm (as I suggest in my prior book) and write down 10 ideas a day. Sometimes we need to give ourselves a break and modify things until times and schedules permit. I’ll discuss this more in part two by giving different exercises and modifications to the Daily Practice. How to deal with the people who bring us down, how to fight the fear, how to be creative – these are all components of bringing a daily practice into your life so that not only does your entire life change, it changes so quickly that you won’t even recognize the final result. **PART I I WAS BLIND… The 10 Commandments of The American Religion** Look at some of the external beliefs we hold dear and break them down. I’m not saying you should agree or disagree with me. Let’s just look at these commonly held beliefs from a different viewpoint. Let’s learn how to look at things upside down. Upside down, backwards and forwards, let’s tear these little issues apart and we’ll see who is naked in the ocean when the tide comes in. Let’s start with the most external.
When I say the “ten commandments” of the American religion, I’m obviously making it up. There aren’t any commandments. There is no American Religion. But this is an exercise in seeing some of the ideas we’ve been programmed with almost from birth. Let’s take a look at these ideas and see how truly bad it feels to look at the opposite of these beliefs. If I stand in the center of Times Square, New York City, and said something like “Moses didn’t part the Red Sea” or “Jesus never existed” everyone would just keep walking around me, ignoring what I said, etc. Whatever, they would be thinking: I have things to do, very important things that have to get done. And this guy is clearly crazy so not worth my time. But if I stood there and said, “going to college is the worst sin you can force your kids to commit,” or “you should never vote again” or “World War II was not a holy war” or “never own a home again,” I would probably be lynched on the spot. The American Religion is a fickle and false religion. Used to replace the ideologies we (a country of immigrants) escaped from with tenets that don’t withstand the test of time. With random high priests lurking all over the Internet, ready to pounce. Below are some of the tenets of the American Religion. A strong belief in any of the below will lead you to want to control the world so that it provides these things for you. Not getting these things will lead to fear. Fear leads to stress, unhappiness, and feelings of lack of control over our lives that won’t go away. There’s that book, “The Law of Attraction” which says that if you autosuggest you want a “home” then you will attract it. The Law of Attraction is BS. When you fully break down the misbeliefs and disbeliefs that have diseased your mind and spirit then the right things will be attracted to you. There are no Laws. You become the Law. You will have the health in every way, the creativity in every way, the ability to fight your fears inside of you and outside of you that make you a nation unto yourself. Nations make their own laws. There are more than these ten things. There are one thousand commandments to the American Religion. But this is a decent start. **Commandment #1: The Frontier** My kid has to read about “Lewis and Clark” this summer as she prepares to go into the fourth grade. The “frontier” is a very beautiful, almost spiritual concept. The idea that we can always expand, always improve. For the first several hundred years after the Europeans took over the United States we expanded into every unmapped territory and killed everyone in our path. The frontier represented this spiritual mystery – a physical manifestation of the unknown. An escape. An escape from the debt collectors, from our families, from the government and it’s rules. The frontier was dangerous but there was the promise (or hope) of wealth, of happiness. So we left, we conquered the frontier. But then what’s on the other side? WHAT WENT WRONG WITH THE FRONTIER? We’re missing out on the more subtle points of the word “Frontier.” For the past several decades we’ve expanded into the frontier of technology, creating everything from computers, to rockets that go to the moon, to the Internet, and many cures for many diseases (polio, smallpox, etc). This is exciting, what the spirit of America is all about. But now our innovators, technologists, and creators have to pay down their homeowner debt, their credit card debt, and their student loan debt. They have to vote for people who never truly represent them and get us further and further into trouble. The government puts more and more hurdles in front of our creators. The frontier needs to go into another direction. It sounds “new age” to say the frontier needs to go inwards. But clearly, the hope for an escape, for more, for danger, for a different kind of wealth and success, needs to take a drastically different and creative direction in order for us to truly conquer a new frontier, since it’s not the obvious. Who knows what further twists and warps the American Religion will take to destroy us more than we’ve already been destroyed? At the end of the physical frontier is the ocean, and we’re all being pushed into it until America and everyone in it drowns. **Commandment #2: Own A Home** The American Religion wants you to have a home with a white picket fence. Why would the high priests of the American religion want that? So then you owe the banks money for 30 years or more (after second, third, fourth mortgages). The banks need to borrow from your checking account at 0.5% and then lend right back to you at 8%. That’s how they make money and it’s one of the largest industries in the country. So you are not flexible as to where you can move. The job market is ruled by supply and demand. Supply of jobs in an area is finite. So they want to make sure you can’t move so quickly so that demand only goes up (you can’t move and more and more people hit the age of 18 or higher). Note that many people equate owning a home with “having roots.” It’s as if owning a home connects you in some immortal way with the 3 billion year old planet. Your roots
are now connected to it. It’s linking “home ownership” with the delusion of immortality, the “fear
of death” that every religion attempts to assuage (through “heaven,” “reincarnation,” etc.) See the
below chapter to read more about Why I Would Rather Shoot Myself in the Head than Ever Own a Home
Again. Commandment #3: Go To College There’s the myth that going to college leads to “a better
life” or a “promised future.” Almost like how the contract Abraham had with God would lead to
Judaism being a group of “chosen people.” A couple of points: Statistically, there’s no proof that
smart, ambitious, aggressive people, won’t benefit enormously from a five year head start against
their peers who choose to spend five years doing homework and drinking beer and going to frat
parties. (Don’t quote me the statistic about the differences in salaries between college grads and
non-college grads, because there’s enormous selection bias in that statistic and it’s like comparing
apples and oranges right now). The government needs to pay off $74 trillion in Social Security in
the next 50 years. They have to make money somehow so student loan debt is now higher than
credit card debt for the first time in 50 years. Imagine that. We send our young, fresh, children off
to college and then 5 years later (5 years is average time spent in college by those who GRADUATE)
they come out owing the government $100,000+. Thank god the government gets to exploit our
kids so they can pay off the promises they made under Lyndon Johnson during the Vietnam War.
There are so many exciting alternatives to college. I list some of them in my last book, “How to Be
the Luckiest Person Alive”. I’m excited for my children, because I hope they have experiences that will
teach them to stand on their feet, get to see the world early, realize their deepest dreams, live a life
of wonder, be grounded yet creative, learn to eat what they kill. I much rather they experience this
rather than sending them into the rat race so they can end up ignorant, in debt, and working at
nonsense jobs so they can pay off the gangsters who have guns pointed right at their heads. One
anecdote: the guy who caught Derek Jeter’s 3000th hit. He was a young man in the stadium. He’s a
salesclerk at Verizon. I have nothing against that job. Anyone can do what they want. But he also
has $150,000 in student loans to pay back. Why couldn’t he get a better job with his college
degree? Why did he just give Jeter his ball back? Jeter is going to make $100 million in the next few
years. This guy could’ve paid his loans back and been free. FREEDOM is everything. He wanted to
be a “good guy.” The American Religion needs you to be in debt. Needs you to pay hundreds of
thousands of dollars to read the same Plato you could’ve read in the bathroom at your local library.
“Life is secure now.” Yes, you are fully secured by the shackles they hand you on graduation day. See below: “FAQ on Not Going to College” where I answer some of the
questions that were posed to me after my initial articles on this topic. What about employees who
will NOT hire people without college degrees? And my answer would be: Who needs them?
Innovation and better raising of our children can leave them better standing in this new world.
Don’t work for small-minded people or you become small-minded. Commandment #4: Holy
Wars Apparently some wars are “holy” and can’t be argued against. I disagree with this but that’s
my opinion. When I try to state that opinion I get everyone coming out of the woodwork wanting
to argue obscure history with me. At the end of the day, any excuse to kill little children is not an
excuse I can believe in.

We've been brainwashed. We need to acknowledge this. We need to recognize who
has been doing the brainwashing and work towards reversing its effects. Then,
building from the core, we can learn who we really are, get success, wealth, and
finally happiness. This book lays out the techniques to escape the zombie recruitment
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