

BYE BYE BIG BROTHER!

By 'Grandpa' and Others

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A DEDICATION

A funny thing happened while we were going to press with this dedication.

We had a short list of a half dozen or so great men – philosopher-founders of the PT movement. We intended to name and profile these gentlemen for their great courage and achievements in the realm of ideas. They were the ones who inspired the PT concept and gave us the ‘six flags’ in various books and articles.

We wrote a loving dedication. Then, as a courtesy, we asked them if it was alright to give them a well deserved mention by name and a public pat on the back. We sent out a proposed dedication with a short bio of each.

Guess what?

They all said, in effect:

- 1) “We don’t need this kiss of death”
- 2) “Do you think we want Big Brother to put us at the top of his target list?”
- 3) “No publicity please!”

Of course, once we thought about it, this reaction was the obvious response. We should have expected nothing less. If you are going to be a PT or write about it, the first idea to remember is that PT is a Privacy Thing. No ‘real’ names, no street addresses! Don’t ever let ‘em know where you live, work or sleep. And so the original idea of our dedication (naming specific people) went to the cutting room floor.

Thus our new dedication is:

To Invisible Investors Everywhere

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ONCE AGAIN THE PUBLISHER AND EDITORS STRESS "never break the law" intentionally or unintentionally.

Publisher's Preface:

Have you ever seen the 1999 film, *The Thomas Crown Affair*? The film contains a memorable scene, where Pierce Brosnan convinces Rene Russo to run away with him. She objects, saying that they'll be fugitives and that she'll lose all of her money. He tells her that she can protect her assets. "I'll teach you," he says.

This book is that lesson.

THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING THERE IS A WAY OUT

The current world system of sovereign states leaves no human being outside of state ownership. You have no way to check-out; no way out of the game. You are registered as belonging to one state or another at birth, and that state retains an interest in you for the rest of your life.

This happens to us automatically, so most of us never really notice, and many who do fleetingly notice at some point aren't troubled by it. In fact, most human beings grow to rely upon state allegiance: They have somewhere to belong, they get occasional pats on the head, there are always leaders or opposing parties that can be blamed for misfortunes, and there is always a group to hide in.

But, as I say, there are others who do not want to remain tethered to the slow, dimwitted, collective mass of humanity. We want more, and we are willing to accept full personal responsibility, if we will just be left alone. In fact, we'd be willing to pay for whatever products we actually used (roads, for example), but we simply do not want to be tied to millions of other people – to be bound by their decisions and their foolish arrangements.

So, the system of sovereign states is bad for the few. Of course, it is of questionable value for everyone beneath the level of rulership, but that fact has not yet dawned on the mass of humanity, so the point is moot for the time being.

Now, as bad as state servitude is for those of us who have evolved beyond it, we are bad for the states as well. People like us are offended and frustrated by state servitude. Frustration leads to anger; and when such people get angry enough, they tend to create a lot of trouble. It's better for the states to let them to go live on the edges. As long as these few escapees are willing to live quietly, states tend to leave them alone. They are not worth the trouble. (The more ideological the state, the more likely to resent PTs – the less ideological, the more likely to ignore the issue.)

In publishing this book, we are not suggesting that masses of people should follow Grandpa's plan. (Nor are we suggesting that *anyone* follow Gramps' plan.) In fact, large numbers of people going PT might make trouble for those who have already done so. Grandpa's plan is for those who want to quietly check out of state bondage; who – for reasons more internal than external – need to separate themselves from the masses of willing subjects. It may be a while before the numbers of people interested in such a thing are large, but it is in everyone's interest that there is some sort of safety valve somewhere; that these people have some way out.

Going PT is a special sort of skill, requiring you to face a wide range of threats. After all, states are composed of many, many layers of bureaucracies, and any one of them can ruin your day. (Bureaucrats are not known for critical thinking.) So, even though it is in the state's interest to let the few unruly minds slip quietly out through a crack, some low-level functionary on a power trip doesn't think such thoughts. They want to exercise power upon someone, and they won't think much before doing so.

Gramps will teach you what works, what doesn't, and, most importantly, what kinds of thinking will lead you into trouble.

And, let me reiterate – **DO NOT DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL! READ THE DISCLAIMER AGAIN!**

May I also suggest that you thank God for the first amendment to the US Constitution.

-- The Publisher

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PT – What's It All About?

Do you want to escape the control over your life and property now held by modern Big Brother governments? The PT concept could have been called Individual Sovereignty because PTs look after themselves. We do not want or need authorities to dominate every aspect of our existence from cradle to grave.

The PT concept is one way to break free. It is a coherent philosophy, a plan for a stress free, healthy, prosperous life – not limited by government interference, the threat of nuclear war, the reality of food and water contamination, litigation, domestic conflicts, taxation, persecution or harassment.

Whether your problem is an unacceptable decree or an unwarranted accusation by some Gestapo-style government agency, PT offers escape. It is a way out of any negative situation created and imposed upon you by any government. Some individuals choose to vent their frustrations with acts of violence. The PT merely **avoids conflict** by refusing to play where the rules are unfair to him. We move our ass and our assets out of the forum.

WHAT DOES 'PT' STAND FOR?

PT stands for many things – Perpetual Traveler or Permanent Tourist, for instance. However, a PT need not travel all of the time – nor any of the time for that matter. A PT merely arranges his or her paperwork in such a way that all governments consider him a tourist, a person who is just Passing Through. In the eyes of government officials, the PT is merely on a temporary sojourn or vacation.

The advantage is that by being seen as a person who is only Parked Temporarily, the PT is not subjected to taxes, military service, lawsuits or persecution for partaking in innocent, but forbidden pleasures. Unlike most citizens or subjects, the PT will not be persecuted for his beliefs or lack of them.

PT is a concept, a way of life, a way of perceiving the universe and your place in it. One can be a full-time dedicated PT or a part-time PT. PT is elegant, simple and requires neither accountants, attorneys, offshore corporations nor other complex arrangements. It's the Perfect Thing.

THE THREAT CALLED GOVERNMENT

Governments, under the guise of protecting us, have intruded into every area of life, taking the largest part of our earnings in taxes and then rewarding us with little aside from restrictions and harassment.

All governments these days have virtually eliminated individual privacy. They continue to increase limitations on freedom of choice in many areas of human activity. Each country has its own unique restrictions. Most Western democracies are growing increasingly fond of keeping their citizenry on very short leashes, if not completely shackled.

The constitutions of most nations give lip service to the absolute freedom to travel, but in practice every government severely limits travel with passport, visa and other requirements. A few passports, such as the USA's, even bar their holders from visiting certain nations. By imposing entry restrictions on foreigners, most nations invite tit-for-tat measures. Personal finances, currency controls, domestic situations and job requirements make the freedom to go anywhere at anytime just a dream for most people.

PTs OPERATE LEGALLY, BUT OUTSIDE THE USUAL RULES

The properly equipped PT operates outside the usual rules, gaining perfect mobility and a full slate of human rights. PT is the logical and natural path to freedom from proletarian dictators, ambitious politicians, emperors, occupying armies, ruling classes and the tyranny of the majority. Indeed, we seek freedom from the arbitrary whims of sometimes deranged politicians and the destructive powers of rampant bureaucracy. This is the essence of PT.

PTs, People of Talent, can, at a few strokes of the pen, be truly free of Big Brother. Oppressors and exploiters in the modern world exercise control with paperwork and computers. One of your first and prime objectives is to get your (real) name off of all computer lists, customer lists and official registers of any kind. This is easy to accomplish.

PTs first drop off voter lists, then vanish from the roster of property owners or taxpayers. Your present government will no longer be interested in you if they think you have left the jurisdiction and have ceased to be a citizen or subject.

It is the goal of the PT to achieve invisibility by taking one or more new nationalities and acquiring an offshore address. For some citizens, like Germans or Swedes, it is necessary to first acquire a legal residence elsewhere. For others (Americans for instance), just notifying the home country that you are no longer living within their jurisdiction is enough.

PT freedom extends much further than monetary concerns. Neither the PT nor his family need be inconvenienced by the government instigated wars or military service that they would rather avoid. The flexibility and mobility inherent in being a PT means that one will never be an unwilling draftee, victim, jailbird, concentration camp inmate, casualty, refugee or displaced person. PTs choose their own fights and surroundings. They are not swept along in torrents of hysteria caused by forces beyond their control.

Rest assured that by making PT your secondary religion, you will be able to remain comfortably beyond the reach of Big Brother's ever extending grasp. It is impossible for any government to attack or wipe out PTs. Why? Because we are an amorphous group without consistent behavior patterns.

From the point of view of any government official, we appear to be the most desirable kind of tourist - respectful of local laws and authority, low profile and prosperous. PTs cannot be identified, classified or isolated from the general run of tourists. Thus, unlike some publicity seeking individualists or tax rebels, ***the PT courts no danger and invites no confrontations.***

AVOID TAXES LEGALLY

A Canadian investor with a large income from stocks and bonds would normally be obligated to sacrifice almost half of his earnings to the Canadian government. He could choose to reduce his tax burden in the most common, but ill-advised way – the fiddle. He would then become

a criminal – at least in Canada. Many countries have only civil penalties for tax violations, but Canada, the UK and the United States have made tax evasion into a criminal offence, resulting in what are, in effect, debtors' prisons for those who for any reason don't pay what the government says is their fair share of taxes. It would be far more sensible for this Canadian investor to break free, leave Canada with his assets and become a PT. Similar possibilities exist for all citizens of all Big Brother governments.

HOW TO BREAK FREE

By merely moving themselves and their assets abroad (possibly by establishing a legally recognized residence and domicile in a tax haven), most investors are able to legally avoid handing over half their income to the bureaucrats. As a PT, he would then also be free to live abroad or roam the world as desired, provided he did not remain anywhere outside of his **new tax haven home** long enough (or in such a visible way) as to be considered "resident for tax purposes." Thus, the PT avoids all income taxes without resorting to fraud.

Fraud is not necessary. A theoretically perfect PT need never file tax returns, government required disclosure forms nor any other paperwork.

THE AMERICAN EXCEPTION

The major exception to this scenario is for USA passport holders. Americans, to become PTs, have to divest themselves of what is commonly known as 'the most expensive passport in the world.'

Bye Bye Big Brother will discuss the particular problems faced by Americans in greater detail elsewhere. But as a general rule, Americans who earn (as a couple) over \$160,000 a year - or any 'unearned income' from dividends or interest - are taxed by the USA at the same rates whether they reside within or outside of the USA. It is not illegal to acquire a second passport or to give up USA citizenship. But it's a complicated issue. How to handle it depends on individual needs.

If you don't enjoy forcible extractions from your bank account or restrictions on your basic human rights, then you can easily leave your home country and move. Either register in a tax haven – or declare yourself to be a legal resident of anywhere you please. If you don't like

paying taxes, they **can** legally be avoided. There is no government that has the legal right or the practical ability to tax a PT who neither lives within its borders permanently -- nor has any assets there.

The PT is free to enrich the world with his talent, skills, invention, industry or artistry. He can then enjoy 100 per cent of the fruits of his work or enterprise. Unlimited, untaxed wealth and the power to dispose of it as you please is one of the major benefits of becoming a PT. PTs can produce good things, they can be paid in full without withholdings or deductions, and then spend their earnings on what gives them pleasure.

UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

As PTs, only restrictions imposed by ourselves can keep us from experiencing the wonders of the world. The PT can and will drive, fly or sail across international frontiers when and where he wants, alone or with anyone he chooses. PTs move freely without exit permits or visas. As PTs, we should be mentally, financially and physically prepared to leave anywhere we happen to be and go to the other end of the earth at the first whiff of danger – or just in search of greener pastures. The PT is able to move fast and decisively; to disappear and resurface anywhere, anytime.

As PTs we can read what we want to read, eat what we want to eat, see what we wish to see, imbibe or ingest as desired and invest anywhere in anything. We are completely free from restrictions placed upon us by governments. We can buy or sell what we please. We can associate with, employ or live with people whom we find agreeable and pleasing.

If we want to change friends, employment or climate for any reason, we can do so almost instantly without the need to get any sort of permission from the state. Until you become a PT, the range of opportunities denied to you is inconceivable. We don't miss things we are unaware of.

Bye Bye Big Brother will raise your consciousness as to the nature of freedom. It is one way to rid yourself of limitations. This includes mental baggage as well as the restrictions imposed by Big Brother.

Upon becoming a PT, your author discovered that he could drive at top speed on a public highway without ever getting a ticket. The secret was merely using the German autobahns -- where there are no speed limits. Fast motoring may not be your cup of tea, but the point is whatever your particular pleasure, perversity or peculiarity may be,

there are always going to be several places in the world where it is legal and available. In Germany, the land of BMW and Porsche, the vast majority of the locals feel that it is their inalienable human right to zip along as fast as their cars can go. A PT need never be tempted to break any laws. If he feels like doing something illegal, like smoking a joint or playing a hand of high-stakes poker in a town where gambling is not permitted, he simply goes away and does it where it's legal. A PT seeks out places where he can do as he pleases, legally and openly.

WHY MANY PEOPLE LEFT IRELAND

Many men and women in Ireland were forced to become PTs because divorce is not allowed in Ireland. The thought of being forced to stay married for life to a much disliked spouse was enough to send them far across the seas.

The Irish government also considers many types of physical contact between two consenting adults to be a crime. This "forbidden activity" list includes adultery (even if one party was deserted by his or her spouse thirty years ago), fornication (sex before marriage), abortion (even if the result of a rape) and even oral sex between married couples. All of these activities are punishable by jail terms in Ireland.

Many other Christian and Muslim countries, controlled by God fearing fundamentalist moralities, have similar restrictions on human behavior. We believe these things should be a private matter. Ireland is a great place with a great passport – but for a Libertarian, in marital, sexual and reproductive matters, Ireland is still in the Middle Ages.

WELCOME TO FREEDOM!

With PT, gone are all the fear of fines, censure or jail for victimless crimes. Gone is the fear of eating certain natural vitamins, turtle soup or roast pork or drinking wine. These are illegal activities in almost half the world. Gone also is the fear of violating such laws as prohibition against peeing in a toilet reserved for members of a certain race or category. Goodbye to all such laws.

Goodbye also to all censorship and managed news. Goodbye to government forms in quintuplet. Our personal finances, the medical treatment we need, our personal domestic life and relationships are

strictly our private affair, not objects to be manipulated by government against our personal interests.

As PTs we can study any philosophy, raise and educate our children in our beliefs and opinions without contradiction from our government-controlled school curriculum. We can pass on our knowledge and point of view according to our inner lights. We need not follow the dictates of an obtuse school commissar who bans our favorite books and forbids mention of those truths we find most self-evident.

As PTs, we finally become able to invent, improvise, abandon, reject or follow any religion, personal morality or way of life we choose. We can shop, have a drink or eat when we want, not just when the local laws allow restaurants and stores to be open.

For those with unconventional thoughts, habits or beliefs, PT is an answer. Life can be lived spontaneously, freely, without state imposed restrictions. Becoming a PT means never again having to ask permission or submit to any higher authority. Life is free of permits, licenses, exit permits, visas, currency restrictions, taxes, record keeping, bureaucrats, social workers, litigation, filing and reports.

PTs need not put up with rules, regulations or laws they find personally offensive, inconvenient or immoral. Thus if it suits him or her, without any government or church dispensation, the PT may have as many spouse-equivalents as can be managed. The range of possibilities for greater freedom is expanded to whatever can be conceived. A PT may be celibate and need not own a car or acquire any other status symbol – unless they are desired.

On the other hand, the PT can live happily in a highly controlled society (like Monaco or Singapore) if he so chooses. Perhaps for some reason this sort of community gives him a sense of security or even superiority. ***PT is all about options.*** The more options you have, the more free you are. A PT can live under whichever system suits him best.

This freedom, however, does not mean that a PT should be or can be irresponsible by causing problems, injury or pain to others. The message of PT is not to encourage greed, lust, irresponsibility, immorality or any of the other seven deadly sins.

On the contrary! To avoid government's heavy hand is to avoid violating local laws and morality. We must go physically to those places where doing what we want to do is accepted as ordinary behavior. No point in spending time where our lifestyle, appearance or conduct will cause moral offense or get us into difficulties with local authorities. Thus, a PT who likes to drive fast can push his Ferrari

along at 175 mph on the German autobahn where it is legal. But when in California, the PT will gladly poke along at the legal limit.

The PT concept involves discovering those places where your particular pleasures are legal and accepted. Fortunately, there are few possibilities in human behavior, no matter how bizarre, that are not considered 'normal' somewhere on planet Earth!

You need not worry any longer about what the neighbors might think. Why? Because you can move to where your neighbors will think you are just terrific, or better yet, where they ignore you. You need not worry if your local laws or politics seem to be irrational. Is the mainstream morality incompatible with your own needs? Do you dislike litigious lawyers? Nosy social workers? Alimony prone ex-wives? Misconceived programs for the 'good of society?' Why put up with them?

As PTs we vote with our feet, but the trip doesn't have to be irrevocable or permanent. A PT can leave until things get better, then return. A PT gains the world, while giving up nothing except, of course, his rut, his treadmill.

PTs AND POLITICS

PT is merely an arbitrary set of initials we have chosen to identify a certain lifestyle, belief system or whatever you choose to call it. There are no dues to pay, no membership cards and, until recently, there were no meetings or conventions.

However, quite a few PTs exist already, perhaps a million, perhaps ten million. **No one will ever know how many PT's there are, because we are all invisible.** Many PT's have not heard the initials PT, nor would they use them to describe their lifestyle. Many will never read this book. They are nonetheless PTs, though they have stumbled into this path of enlightenment and freedom on their own.

In terms of politics, the PT may be a supporter of any party or political philosophy. Most likely he is not a registered voter anywhere. He certainly never marches in demonstrations. He probably believes in free trade and minimum government. Fascists, democrats, socialists and communists all end up producing centralized bureaucracies with severe restrictions on personal liberty. Most PTs tend to be individualists of libertarian stripe – interested in maximizing their own personal freedom. PTs seek the full and free enjoyment of life without robbing, defrauding, exploiting, controlling or leaning on anyone else.

A PT may be religious, but unlike most governments which sponsor official religions, he will (hopefully) not force his views or personal morality down anyone else's throat. A PT may, and certainly should, be moral according to his own lights. But he need not retire at night with gnawing fears that someone somewhere might be enjoying life more than he is.

PT is all about opening up options, avoiding coercion. It is not about cowardice. If you want to fight for some cause, preferably freedom, you can certainly do so – but as a willing volunteer, not a draftee to be sacrificed as cannon fodder.

The legendary Harry Schultz, an originator of the PT concept, became the honorary commander of an anti-Russian Communist Afghan rebel military unit in 1987 at great personal risk to himself. This was long before the Afghan Freedom Fighters were a popular or winning cause. "Some things we must do, because they are right," said Harry at the time. But considering what happened when the anti-Russian forces won power and became the Taliban, Harry has since decided that any involvement with guns or bombs is never a good option for a PT. "Personal survival and prosperity is the only rational mode for a PT."

Cutting loose from a strait jacket, and escaping from a life of parochial limitations, has to be a good thing for the individual. It will not harm society at large to have a few more rugged individualists and original thinkers doing their own thing. Not everyone can seek or handle such complete freedom. ***PT is for an elite minority. A PT needs inner direction and the ability to operate within reasonable, self-imposed limits.***

By exercising reasonable judgment, PTs unlock the best kept secret of the modern Big Brother era. PT or Individual Sovereignty is a path, for all people who know and understand its concepts, to be truly free from bureaucratic shackles. There is no need to become a hermit or a recluse. You don't need to abandon civilization to eliminate its negative aspects.

THE PT LIFESTYLE

A PT can be any age, gender, race, size, shape or religion. PTs may be married, attached or single, with family or without. The PT will not work at a conventional job but can and will make infinitely more money than those who do.

As already mentioned, without any income taxes or other government deductions, we keep 100 per cent of what we earn from providing

others with valuable things. As a result, the PT standard of living and quality of life is stress-free. A PT will be more healthy, materially richer and should always have the best quality of life obtainable on earth.

The PT philosophy releases creative souls from the many burdens of coping with Big Brother. Hopefully, once governments realize that they cannot afford to lose their best and most productive citizens, they will become more responsive to the needs of their people. The only historical precedent for individuals going off on their own, due to dissatisfaction with government, was in Central America. The ancient Mayans of the artisan and productive classes, apparently without any leadership or destination, simply said "No to high taxes; no more sacrifices of our prettiest young virgins."

As individuals, having better uses for their money and their virgins, they just drifted off into the jungle. A ruling aristocracy was then left without a population to pay its bills. The Mayan Empire disintegrated. Cities with eight-lane boulevards, palaces and impressive monuments were abandoned. It happened within a few years.

WHAT IF EVERYONE BECAME A PT?

The reality is that not enough people will become PTs for it to make any noticeable difference. Paris, Rome, London and New York, with populations in the millions, will not become ghost towns. Mass migrations have been going on for thousands of years.

One of the big realizations for PTs is that as foreigners, we are simply treated better. We usually have an enhanced legal status outside our native land. If everyone with a taste for travel, an independent income or a portable job became a PT, there would probably be nothing more than temporary international exchanges of talented and productive individuals.

The best talent, the most productive people are always drawn to places offering peace, prosperity and a suitable climate for creativity. Major cities, economic opportunities and good weather will continue to attract many non-conformists and individualists. Becoming a PT expands the mind and increases the list of possible destinations.

Virtually anywhere in the world can be a good destination for a PT as long as it is NOT at the place you are starting out from.

HOW TO BEGIN YOUR PT QUEST

An immediate full-scale PT lifestyle is appropriate usually for those who have developed either a sufficient asset base or a portable source of income. However, there are many exceptions to this. Virtually any individual can become a PT with a few months preparation. Reading this book is the perfect way to start making your own preparations.

By adopting the unconventional (but consistent and logical) set of ideas put forth here, you can gain power and freedom. The enviable status of PT is available to all, but few individuals will snatch this prize.

Why? Belief systems foisted upon us tend to ensure that unnecessary taxes, an aggressive military establishment, intolerance of minorities and redistribution of wealth by government (i.e., theft) will be among the many popular injustices perpetuated by most governments. Who among us has not, at one time, accepted these falsehoods?

Big Brother governments will always find a new bogey-man to justify greater control of the populace and higher taxes. Productive and creative people are needlessly forced to give away the major part of their earnings each year. What happens to this money? It is poured down the toilet, spent on huge bureaucracies that only seem to succeed in creating more of the problems they are supposed to be solving.

Big Government is the problem, not the solution.

Fortunately, Big Brother need not intrude on the PT's world. What is the PT's world? It is an individual person, a sovereign individual – supreme, unfettered, making his own decisions, leaning on no one and allowing no one to lean upon him.

If you travel to exotic locations, it is customary first to visit your doctor for the necessary vaccinations. How many people similarly look for an inoculation pill to avoid being harassed, robbed and possibly incarcerated at the hands of Big Brother? It is not natural disasters, nor was it disease that has been the cause of most premature death and suffering in the last 8,000 years of recorded history. It is Government!

Is there any magic dust or silver bullet that can eliminate all government interference from our lives? PT life does not eliminate every vestige of Big Brother control, but it does free the individual PT from the most onerous parts of it.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO BECOME A PT?

PT can show you a new way to experience the world. The Germans have a word for it: ***Weltanschauung***. Even if you don't immediately understand what this word means (roughly, 'world-view'), you will change your ***Weltanschauung*** as you make the transition to the PT lifestyle.

For starters, as taxes are eliminated, the income of most PTs is immediately doubled. Most frustrations of life with Big Brother are instantly eliminated. The more logical question is, "Can you afford not to become a PT?"

Throughout ***Bye Bye Big Brother***, you will discover more about the theory and practice behind PT. We will expand your ideas and horizons, make you see the world in a totally new light. We will equip you with all the contacts and information you need to make logical and successful decisions on your journey into a new life.

This is a hands-on guide. After covering the theory, we will give you plenty of practical advice and information. You won't find much of it elsewhere. Much of the book is written in parable style to help you grasp the ideas while you are being amused. Let's start with a story...