

Sustention



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The following are the first few pages of “Sustention”

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Foreword

Sustention is the state or quality of being sustained, a self-leveling system, or auto-precipitous arrangement.

Back in 2017, life out across the Southwestern United States was incredibly difficult given the lack of resources such as water. Life with Autism was even harder. California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas were drying up. Millions of people were facing dire straits and something needed to be done about it. Someone needed to solve the water problem.

But didn't they choose to live in the desert and deserve the consequences of their choice? Wouldn't you like to continue to live in comfortable surroundings where you were born and raised? Do you want to leave behind all that you know and grew to love just to have a basic need fulfilled, like water? If you were Autistic, what would you want most? To thrive in your God-given environment where safety and familiarity of your

surroundings are comfortable or be thrust into an abrasive, un-caring place on Earth where you are not wanted, un-appreciated and out casted? So would you choose water over life?

It was completely solvable, the water problem, but no one with the appropriate resources cared to solve it.

For two billion dollars one could buy enough heavy earth moving equipment and four-foot diameter rubber-gasket cement pipe and hire enough men to lay that pipe connecting twenty-seven strategic reservoirs in the United States, solving most of the US water problems west of the Mississippi. No more flooding in the Midwest, no more lack of water throughout the Southwest. Provided one be allowed to buy the strategic reservoirs from the United States government.



However, no amount of money could make an Autistic person feel right within a non-Autistic world, money would only sustain him until the next day, provided nobody changed anything.

Perhaps external stimuli were only supposed to be uncomfortable for a short time, until they made the world different and better for them. Perhaps that was the purpose of largely epidemic occurrences of Autistic people being born then and now. An honest to God Biblical promise coming true, the meek inheriting the Earth, in real time.

Back then, they said Social Media was destroying real relationships, making the world a worse place than it was even before. But what if it was the codification of a new world order, one based on Autism, where people preferred to communicate in written text, rather than spoken word? What if the world was becoming prepared for their acceptable habitation? It may be that they no longer required acceptance from non-Autistic people, rather we would require their tolerance to allow us to feel.

Chapter 1: Buck

Buck is my service dog, a German Shepherd. I acquired Buck four years ago when I came into some money after a very successful sale of a book. Buck is trained to notice Autistic people and to inform me when he notices one by sitting in front of the person and raising his right paw. It's not that Buck can smell them, it is rather that he can see them, he notices that they are existing in his world and he informs me of their existence.

Buck is priceless to me but he has a value of \$265,000.00, and is worth every penny. He is seven years old. He spent every waking morning of his first three years learning about Autistic people. Five experts with ties to the field worked two years to train him. They were each compensated with grants of \$25,000.00 per year and the facility that raised Buck was compensated \$15,000.00 for three years of nurturing and housing him. The doctors each spent two hours a day with Buck performing tests, experiments and studying Buck's

behaviors. The doctors' used the time to work on their journals and papers regarding canine sensitivity to Autistic people.

Exactly how Buck notices people afflicted with Autism is not precisely known. The team of experts that trained him are still trying to figure out exactly what they did to allow Buck to know. So for the time being, Buck is remaining in stud capacity and has weekly visits to the clinic to mate with other German Shepherds in the hope of siring more Autism detecting service dogs.

Did I mention I don't really like dogs?

I was raised with German Shepherds as a child. My father liked water sports and trained our dogs Fritz and Bruno to water ski by using a wake board and teaching the dogs to hold the ski rope in their mouth while being pulled behind our boat. There is nothing worse to me than the smell of wet dog. It is a pervasive smell, very distinct and pungent.

When I was little, I got my face licked constantly. That sloppy warm tongue, experts in veterinary sciences report the saliva of a dog's lick has great healing powers, antiseptic properties, although it feels like a hundred degree slathering of catfish slime to me.

So since I don't like dogs, why would I even want an Autism detection service animal, you ask? Because knowledge is power. You see, today, Autistic people run the world, but they are not our elected officials, they rule our lives but they do not wear badges, uniforms, carry weapons or command respect. We are all under their control. They exist in plain sight, but we fail to see that they are our superiors, and that we are all their prisoners. The fact that we don't live behind bars is a misunderstood privilege, it may not feel like arrest but we do nothing without their permission. If we get a little stupid with money, spending it like fools on ourselves, then they bring down the stock market. If we get a little boisterous with outrage that a person with Asperger's syndrome was allowed a firearm and he happens to have

snapped and killed a few bystanders at a Wal-Mart, they bring down the internet.

Our lives today are deeply rooted in dopamine and serotonin reception. When we severely impact or alter our resources and inhibit our most basic needs (food, shelter, clothing and internet) we are reduced to primitive stimuli ruling our world. Serotonin provides feelings of well-being and happiness. Dopamine provides feelings of reward and motivation. Both are triggered to flow within us from our Neurotransmitters, released from synaptic vesicles in synapses into the synaptic cleft, where they are received by receptors on the target cells. The release is regulated by a voltage-dependent calcium channel. We are composed of seventy percent water and operate like a battery, with electric currents channeled through sodium, potassium, calcium and chloride. Take away water and we become unable to continue an electric current, hence we die. Therefore water is extremely important for life. If we prohibit or deny the

reasonable and logical distribution of water, we cause death, and that is breaking a Biblical law.

My quality of life depends very heavily upon not pissing off those that are in charge of this world, and Buck is what allows me to know of their existence. The fact that he is a service dog and that I have certain inalienable rights to have him perform a communication service for me, affords for me a quality of life I appreciate far more today than I did back in 2017. Four years ago life was much more difficult for me. Not that it is a cake walk, but I have a much higher appreciation for the difficulties others face today. Some say they are ‘touched’, gifted, special or just not right, but I have an Autistic-vision dog to point them out to me so that I have a fighting chance at a pursuit of happiness.

I write to an audience of one, to the one person in the world that cares to know something that I know and who wants to be communicated with, to know he is not alone. When I release a book, I am hoping to reach that one individual who will care to read it and to feel in

good company with a sense of urgency to communicate back to me. Feedback on my writing is all I ever wanted out of life. Many copies of my work sell upon immediate release, but yet he does not let me know what he thinks of it. While the money is good, the working conditions are a bit insensitive, like a SETI Institute scientist constantly sending out a signal and waiting for a return sign of life from way out there within the universe.

Chapter 2: What Dan Knows

A few years ago, in 2015, a movie called “The Big Short” opened the eyes of Dan Smith to the world of water. At the end of the movie, Doctor Michael Burry took the four billion dollars he made in his hedge fund, Scion Capital, which he ran from 2000 until 2008, and then closed to focus on his own personal investments by purchasing solely water assets. Doctor Burry has a son diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, and Doctor Burry believes he himself has Asperger Syndrome after reading about the disorder. Ever since that movie, Dan began researching water. The more he studied it and the inherent problems regarding water, he became intent upon fixing them. There is a Biblical saying, “To whom much is given, much more is expected” and I am wholeheartedly in agreement with it. It means simply if you are given resources, you are expected to produce with them, provided you are not forsaking God or impeding others’ liberties and pursuits of happiness in the process.

Out of all the financial instruments in the world, Hedge funds have most of the resources controlled by the fewest number of managers. In the world of finance, there are billions of individual private bank and real estate accounts; millions of pension funds, insurance companies, mutual funds and private equity funds; thousands of foreign exchange, sovereign wealth funds and REITs; but Hedge Funds, a fancy name for a private investment club, there were only hundreds of them. They control the most powerful source of concentrated financial power over all others and are the repository of choice among Autistic programmers.

Fund type	billions USD	What is it	Largest in World	AUM (Bil)
Private wealth	\$32,800	personal bank account	Bill Gates	\$86
Pension funds	\$31,500	pensions paid by employers to employees	US Social Security	\$2,837
Insurance companies	\$24,400	risk management held in accounts	Berkshire Hathaway	\$195
Mutual funds	\$23,800	professionally managed diversified holdings	Blackrock	\$5,400
Real estate	\$10,000	hold a real estate asset	Buckingham Palace	\$1.55
Foreign exchange reserves	\$7,341	foreign currency deposits held by a country	China	\$2,998
Sovereign wealth funds	\$3,980	government owned investment fund	United Arab Emirates	\$1,329
Hedge funds	\$3,005	private investment fund	Bridgewater Associates	\$103
Private equity funds	\$1,600	investment managers of private equities	Apollo Global Management	\$150
REITs	\$764	Real Estate Investent Trust	Blackstone	\$102

So as Dan saw it, it only took money to fix the problem, the technology existed, the path was righteous, the power was produced, the pumps were obtainable,

the piping was possible and the solution was always going to remain present, it was always going to flood on the Mississippi River between St. Louis and Memphis, and there was always going to be a drought out West within the desert. And there are hedge funds that have invested in water resources with excess cash reserves exceeding two billion dollars. All that was required was to advise the Hedge Fund managers the solution was profitable and viable for their investments.

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