Dear Zoë Pagnamenta Agency,

My name is Sarah Crocker. I am 32 years old. I am a Senior Technical Writer. I've worked in the software industry for the last 11 years. I have experienced all of the possible communication flaws throughout the Software Development Life Cycle and have strived in every job I have ever had to improve and reinvent the system.

I have an IQ of at least 144 and severe food allergies. I can only eat organic, only cook at home, and live a minimalist lifestyle using my own line of all natural products. I don't sleep very well, so I bike often to help wear out my body...or I used to until I got an infection in my feet. I have been applying for jobs, but the world as it is...I'm going to have to be labeled by my psychiatrist so the rest of the world will understand how to interact with me.

Here's the deal...I'm the best there fucking is. Jack Henry had to replace me with technology after they fired me. I am the fastest, most efficient writer there is. I believe in clear and concise writing. I can do the work of 3 writers in 40 hours.

I don't give a shit if anyone wants to publish the enclosed sample or read more on the topic. It's my work and the world really doesn't want to change and generally my ideas only piss people off. Here's the kicker...I have another 55 pages of content just like the sample enclosed. Each topic is only the start of its' own book.

I have other writing samples for other genres (sci-fi, horror, poetry, screen plays, musicals), but they do not conform to your submission requirements at this time. What I want to do is be a best-selling author and make enough money for me and my kid, so that we can survive and I can just be the weird, crunchy old woman I have turned into. I have a year of expenses in my bank account. I am the most versatile writer in existence. I can write about anything and beat any deadline. For me there is no such thing as writer's block.

Here is my challenge:

- 1. Find me a publishing company.
- 2. The publishing company can give me any topic to write about, an outline if desired, the required page count, my audience, if it is pro or con, and the required format.
- 3. I will have a book ready for them before the deadline.
- 4. I will re-write anything they don't like to their exact specifications without complaint.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarah Crocker

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Education

Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo

Bachelor of Science Professional Writing, Minor in Creative Writing emphasis Poetry, Minor in Musical Theatre, May 2005

References

- ✓ Jason White, Co-worker for 3 years Set Designer, Springfield, MO, (417) 315-9089
- ✓ Amber Parrish, Co-worker for 6 years Massage Therapist, Springfield, MO, (417) 830-9543
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Computer Skills

- ✓ Windows 95/98/XP/03/07: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, FrontPage, Project Web Access
- ✓ RoboHelp HTML
- ✓ Adobe: Photoshop Elements 2, Photoshop 7.0, FrameMaker 7.1, Acrobat Professional 8.0, Illustrator 10.0, Creative Suite 3, Dreamweaver
- ✓ QuarkXPress 6.1
- ✓ XML/DITA: Processing with ANT, Arbortext Editor 5.4, XML Spy, X-Metal, XML Notepad, Epic Editor, Elkera, XDocs, XML Mind, Oxygen
- ✓ Install Shield X Press
- ✓ Snaglt 6
- ✓ Experience coding/troubleshooting in html, rtf, xslt, xslfo, java, sql, xml, and rpg IV
- ✓ LucidChart
- ✓ Camtasia

Sarah's Naturals

I have my own line of all natural products:

- 3 in 1 Shampoo, Acne Treatment, and All Purpose Cleaner (Video Available)
- Toothpaste (Video Available)
- Coffee Body Scrub (Video Available)
- Laundry Soap
- Foaming Hand Soap
- Lip Balm
- Dishwasher Tabs
- 2 in 1 Air Freshener and Bug Spray
- Glass Cleaner
- Medical Grade Essential Oil Blends for all major ailments

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Money Tree Lead Systems

I was the Technical Writer, from March 2016 - April 2016. I wrote Release Summaries and created info graphs for software enhancements, lead the team in agile and scrum methodologies, and lead a video editing team abroad to create 15 videos that encompassed the entire training needs of the software suite for customers which was published on YouTube in less than 2 weeks.

McKesson

I was the Senior/Lead Technical Writer, from September 15, 2013-July 8, 2015. I wrote Release Summaries and help systems, gave presentations, created process improvements across multiple departments, wrote education, and converted previous documentation to DITA.

Great Educators

I contracted with Great Educators as Writer and Editor, from June 6 2013-August 31, 2015. I completed the following projects:

- Wrote a 192 page Mathematics Course-book for Algebra II.
- Edited Kindergarten-Geometry.
- Wrote Geometry test packets.

Axia Consulting

I contracted with Axia Consulting as an XLST Developer, from April 8-May 11, 2013. I was responsible for the following:

- Developing XSLTs that transform one version of XML to another version of XML for their implementation pieces.
- Developing XSLTs that transform XML to a text report format with varying calculations included.

Jack Henry and Associates

I worked at Jack Henry from June 6, 2005-March 4, 2013. I was responsible for the following:

- Editing and modifying XSLTs and CSS to style HTML, RTF, and PDF documents. This includes creating new designs that didn't exist to compensate for existing issues and creating DTD specializations and managing the back end of a CMS.
- Generating and Publishing HTML, RTF, and PDF documents for BA review and final publication. This includes managing all templates and archives of these documents.
- Updating internal procedures related to publishing.
- Implementing a content management system. Creating new structures for document design, troubleshooting existing structures to improve processes, and creating consistency for all products.
- Troubleshooting and correcting errors in DITA documents that cause style or other technical issues and training writers to prevent future errors.
- Writing and editing content for CDs and blog articles about technical communication.
- Computer support for 30+ writers, including training writers on new processes and changes to existing processes.

It's Time to Change the World

Thank You Denver Colorado! I'm Still Sarah and I am still here to change the world.

Y'all ready for this...(Saxophone Version of Space Jam Theme)

You will not believe the struggle I have been through to get myself here. I feel like a country song gone wrong. I left my home, left my furniture, left my dog, left my boyfriend, left my family, gave custody of my kid to my ex-husband, all so I could find peace, because in Springfield, MO, I can't find no peace.

In Springfield, MO they do not understand the meaning of civil rights. My family is Christian and I am from the Bible Belt and I am telling you right now that religion only puts a Band-Aid on the problem. If you want to change the world, you gotta stand up and the reason I left is because I am allergic to bullshit.

I'm also allergic to everything else for that matter. I had seizures when I was a kid. My parents took me to the doctor, who couldn't find anything wrong with my brain, but they put me on medications anyways. I am allergic to Tegretal, Depakote, Phenobarbital, and yellow dye #5. Now if that wasn't bad enough, when I was working for McKesson, my body had a reaction to somethin' and I had a full body rash and went through 4 months of hell goin' to the doctors for different medications, before my friend Amber Parrish a massage therapist that works at home sent me to Gary Young at Zen Life.

He listened. He took one look at me and told me I was allergic to gluten. He changed my life, he changed my diet, he changed my whole outlook on food in general. And I will tell you what, I have come to Colorado so I can get healthy and I can take the train and walk wherever I need to go, because I am tired of driving in pollution, I am tired of the trash, I am tired of living in clutter, I am tired of not having a safe place to eat, I am tired of people telling me what to believe, I am tired of my family and the Mormons that come to my door that try to convert me.

Because here in the United States of America, we have the freedom of religion, we have the freedom of speech, we have the freedom of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, but we do not have the freedom to prevent people and corporations from trying to control us instead of investing in the quality of our lives.

Because I am a genius and if you want proof, you gonna have to look me up, My name is Sarah Crocker. Sarah's Naturals is my all natural product line, made of only organic components. You can find me on Etsy and YouTube, where I show you how to make my products. There ain't no fluoride in my toothpaste. I got three books: The Awakening, Deep Inside of Me, and #RedLine: Matthew. I also got a 1 page math proof of Beal's Conjecture worth a million dollars, if I can get

someone smart enough to just look at it and publish it that is on their list on their website, cause that million dollars comes with rules. I wrote that thing in 2 hours. I got a lifestyle calculator in html5, css3, and javascript, that will tell you if you can afford the lifestyle you want. But I am not finished with my work yet, I got a list of shit to do and I just want to do it in peace. I drove 777 miles away from my family to find peace and y'all can stay right over there, cause I am good. I have found my version of heaven and I got a check in my purse for \$29,000 dollars to make it happen.

I'm gonna use agile practices and scrum methodologies and the DITA Open Toolkit, not only to write my books and my software, but to manage my life. I am here to be a living example of a minimalist lifestyle. I am here to write a book called: How to Change the World. You want a preview: look at my blog sarahcrockerchangetheworld.blogspot.com. Because I don't just have a dream, I have a plan. And I will charge people \$200 an hour, cash up front, just to talk to me, cause this is the world of money and I have a service to provide, but I don't think we need money, I think we just need to turn off the TV and get to work, cause that's what I'm here to do.

(Sing I will Survive)

Thank You and Good Night! Cause I need to get some sleep. I got shit to do in the morning. Keep commin' back, it works if you work it. Live Long and Prosper.

Yeah, so, that was the dream that never happened. I was too abused by my family, my friends, and the world to go to Colorado and give that speech. When I tried to leave, all my abusers freaked out and went into abuse overdrive. They wouldn't stop judging me. They wouldn't leave me alone. So I disconnected myself from the global consciousness that is the internet and cancelled my phone. I took all of my products, videos, and books offline. No one appreciated it anyway, except me. No one could really understand, because my audience lives in a toxic pond and I am way too different. I don't fit in here, because I have an IQ of at least 144. If I had a label, Aspersers or Autistic would probably be it. Autism for me is where you listen to the rules and follow the rules and you don't have a fucking clue why no one else remembers the rules. It's where you live without a box, because there is no box...there is no spoon. It's where you see the matrix and understand that you are the help system and the blue screen of death is flashing. It's time to wake up. It's time to reboot the system. It's time to change the way we think.

Here's how we do it.

Are you ready?

Are you really ready?

Then turn the page...

The World without Money

Every person in this world deserves better than we have given them. Every person deserves to have more than their basic needs met. The human race has let fear get in its' way. We are all afraid of not having enough and it's this fear that causes us to not have enough.

If we want to survive, we need to stop thinking about ourselves as separate beings and start thinking about everyone as a whole. We need to learn how to share on a global scale. Everything in the world is going to change, but it's our choice how it changes.

We need to start by uniting as a world. No more borders. No more belongings. We need to agree that everything belongs to everyone and as a world we are going to have to manage our resources according to our actual needs.

Everyone will have a job to do and everything must be changed in order to make this work. We don't know what is going to happen in the future. But we need to be prepared for the worst case scenario and how we are going to handle it.

Money. The root of all evil, so some people say. The world revolves around money. People live and die because of money. Businesses no longer exist because of lack of money. People go hungry because of lack of money. We want to do things but can't, because there's not enough money. We help others only if we have enough money.

Let me tell you a secret. Money doesn't really exist. Money exists only as a fair replacement for the bartering system. But it's not really a fair system. You do a job, you get x amount of money, which allows you to buy x amount of things you think you want and need. The real purpose of money is to create competition. Competition for businesses, jobs, products, people, and resources. Virtually every problem we have in the world today can be linked to money and can be solved if we stop using money to create the solution.

But here's the catch. I know, there's always a catch. Everyone in the world has to be willing to share, change, and be willing to do what is necessary to keep our global society functioning. Everyone has to be willing to help each other. Now this does not mean that there will be no actors or singers or writers or football stars or that you cannot do those things, but it does mean that while you are pursuing these types of careers you may also be required to work a job part-time to contribute to the rest of society. It also means that if you have one of those careers you no longer have a million dollars to buy everything and anything you want.

So let's say we created this society where there was no money and everyone got everything they needed, what would prevent everyone from just quitting their jobs? Nothing. Here's the thing. Most people work, because they want to provide for themselves or their family Most people work because they have some kind of responsibility or just enjoy what they do and don't want to be bored. It's time to take care of each other.

Here's how to restructure society to accomplish this possibility.

The Environment

We need to change the way we live before we no longer have the choice of change.

Doing all of these things will allow us to free ourselves from the waste of resources and will give us all of the resources we need to sustain our planet.

Use Free Energy

We need to tap into the free sources of energy, wind and solar. Everything electrical should be run on solar or wind energy.

All vehicles for transportation, houses, and buildings need to be retrofitted with solar panels. We need to build a solar tower in every city and windmills where they are the most effective.

Recycle

Every business that produces any kind of product will be required to use only recycled materials to create their products and packaging from. They will also be required to recycle any waste that is created in the process of making their products and produce Zero emissions.

Every person will be responsible for recycling all waste from the products and packaging they consume, including: clothing, shoes, electronics, furniture, ect.

Water

All water that is used in sewage will be treated and filtered so it can be re-consumed by the population.

We need to build rain collection stations and to be able to filter water from the ocean.

Food

Everyone should grow their own garden of fruit and vegetables. We need more farms to produce the resources we need.

We need to manage all food resources so that everyone gets what they need and only as much as is available for fair consumption.

Jobs

Everyone will work, unless they are in school, or have some physical or mental problem that prevents them from working. You may request any job you want, but based on your experience and skills that may not be the job you get. If you need additional training to get the job you request you have the option of going back to school to attain that training.

We will create a database of all jobs available. We will to create a database of all people, their skills, and experience.

The people will be matched with appropriate jobs. You will be expected to remain at that job, no matter if you dislike it or not, for 1 year and then you have the choice of pursuing different education or applying for another job.

If two people are living together and there are children living in the household, of the two people caring for the children, one of them will be required to work, the other one may either choose to take care of the child or children or choose to work and send the child/children to daycare. If there is only one adult living in a household with a child/children they have the choice of staying home with the child/children or sending them to daycare while they work.

There will be no special rewards, houses, or other products given to actors, musicians, writers, dancers, CEO's ect.

Products

This includes appliances, cars, housing, toilet paper, and any other product that we use that is not consumable.

All companies will be entered into a database with a listing of all products they create.

All products will be evaluated and everyone will vote on which companies produce the best product for each category.

All employees from other companies creating that product will be moved to the company voted as the best for that product category.

Example: Sanyo, Sony, and Toshiba all make TVs. Everyone votes on who makes the best TV and Sony gets a majority of the votes. All the personnel and equipment used to make the Sanyo and Toshiba TVs will be moved to the Sony company.

Housing

A housing database will be created. This database will list all of the unoccupied and occupied houses and apartments available around the world.

A database of people will be created. This includes if you are currently married, have children, current residence, age, and if you are looking for residency or a different residency and why.

People will be matched with the appropriate houses in their area according to what they are looking for and in what location in relation to their job.

Laws and Punishment

Most laws revolve around money in some form or another. Without money it will be difficult and even ridiculous to enforce some of the laws we currently have. Without money, some actions will not even take place. There will be no more stealing, because if everyone is given everything they need there will be no reason to steal and even if something is stolen it can easily be replaced. Therefore, punishment will be reserved for the most heinous of crimes to yourself or to others.

Physical Harm or Abuse to Others

This will include rape; murder; emotional, sexual, or physical abuse; and any other act that harms living beings. Murder does not include if the living being is being used for a common food source for the survival of our species. Murder also does not include if someone chooses to commit suicide and request medical assistance in front of witnesses or legal counsel. Murder also does not include abortion, though anyone considering abortion will be strongly guided to seek an adoptive couple.

It will first be determined if this harm was intentional or accidental, by a court system with a jury of your peers. If it is determined intentional, you will be removed from the people you harmed and sent to a medical facility for therapy to determine the likelihood that you will continue to harm others. If it is determined that you will continue to cause harm, you will receive the necessary medical treatment until you are able to function well enough to return to society.

Drug Abuse

Though drugs and alcohol will not be illegal, anyone using those substances in excess may not be allowed to do certain jobs. Also, anyone found to be addicted will be sent to a medical facility for rehabilitation and therapy until they are able to function well enough to return to society and assume their responsibilities.

Contracts

There will be no legal, marriage, product, or service contracts.

For any service or product you need, you will contact the service and product management center. They will direct you to the appropriate resources for the items you require.

There will be no legal marriage. Marriage will be a ceremony. There will be no legal or monetary repercussions or gains for the creation or dissolution of a marriage. Also, any adult human will be allowed to marry any other consensual adult human in a ceremony of love and consensual commitment. Marriage will be a choice without circumstances or expectations. All marriages and dissolution of marriages will be registered with the job and housing databases.

Children

Creation of children must be registered with the job and housing databases. If you choose not to or cannot care for the child/children you create, they will either be placed in adoptive care or with another family member.

Societal Participation

Everyone will be required to either be in school or perform some type of job according to their physical and mental capabilities, skills, and experience. You can request any job that you want, but all jobs will need to be performed to the best of your ability even if they are not the job you desire at the time.

Money

Money and any other type of bartering or trading system will not remain in place. It will be expected of all human beings that they are a part of this world and in being so requires you to work, go to school, or care for children in order to fulfill the needs of the world.

Everyone has some way of contributing to the advancement and continuation of the human race and of our world.

Companies and Services

The following companies and services will change or transform into new categories

Company or Service	Change
Insurance	Will be merged with the product and service management center.
Banks	Will become product and service management centers. They will control
	the equal distribution of regional products and services.
Human Resources	Will be merged with the job database.
Real-estate or	Will be turned into the housing management center. They will control
realtors	the equal distribution of all regional houses and apartments.
Stock Market	Will become the hub of all product management centers. They will
	control the equal distribution of world products and services.
Family Services and	Will be merged with the child placement, child care, and adoption
Child Support	services.
Services	
Government	Will be responsible for equal distribution of products and services in
	their regions. Current State governments will be responsible for their
	states. Governments currently managing countries will be responsible
	for their countries. The United Nations will be responsible for the entire
	world.
Military in all form	Will be merged with the national peace corps. Their job will be to keep
and Police	peace across the world. They will negotiate disagreements on all
	matters and be tasked with dissolving all conflicts over resources and
	additional help during all natural disasters.

Current Prisoners and Unemployed

All prisoners will be released and assigned jobs manufacturing the solar tower, solar panels, and car conversion kits.

All unemployed will be assigned jobs installing the solar tower, solar panels, and car conversion kits.

All prisoners and unemployed will be trained according to their job assignments.

The Future of Our Planet

To change the world we must change our ideas and expectations of the world and ourselves. We have overcomplicated everything that exists today. Doing so prevents us from taking care of ourselves, reaching our goals in life, and doing what is necessary to save our world in a state where we can still exist.

We are at the brink of destruction. We are at war with a planet we cannot control. But to solve the problems of the human race, we must unite globally to achieve what has never been achieved before.

We cannot simply get rid of money and watch all our problems go away. We must act united in a conscious goal to preserve our right to live, to exist. We must all choose to come together, the world must come together and do what is necessary to ensure the continuance of the human race.

The outline above is merely one structure we could follow. It does not include all the specifics necessary to improve our planet or our way of life. It is more or less an ideal society that we can achieve should we truly desire to evolve to the next level of existence.

I plead with you all now to take my suggestions in deep consideration. I know that any of these changes will be difficult and I know that the problems of the world cannot be solved overnight, but together anything is possible.

We need to stop letting our petty differences and disagreements get in the way of doing what is right for the human race. A new future with new possibilities awaits us all together.

Ok, so that is the dream, now here is the plan.

Are you ready?

Are you really ready?

Then turn the page...

Create a World Treaty

- 1. All countries agree to the following items:
 - A. We will forgive all other countries for past discretions and wrong doings.
 - B. We will focus future efforts on taking care of the world as a whole.
 - C. We will share all resources and ensure fair distribution of these resources.
 - D. We will openly communicate and share information, including technology.
 - E. We will work as a united world to discontinue any practices that harm the earth, natural resources, wildlife, or the population.
 - F. We will help each other in any way possible to ensure our continued existence and cooperation.
 - G. We will assist other countries in developing new technologies to solve the problems of our planet.
 - H. We will assist other countries to develop and construct new energy grids and solar collection systems.
 - I. We will abide by the new structure that will be set up for the military and companies.
 - J. We will not attack any country under any circumstances and will refer to the United Nations for all disputes that need to be settled.
 - K. We will be honest with the population of the world about everything that has happened in the past and everything that will happen in the future and will post all classified documents on the internet.
- 2. Repercussions for any Country not following the Treaty:
 - A. The government for that country will be disassembled.
 - B. The country territory will be equally absorbed into the surrounding countries.
 - C. The countries gaining this new territory will absorb all responsibility for the existing population and ensure fair distribution of the acquired resources.

After the treaty is signed, all countries will begin re-structuring their societies to create the new solution. Are you ready? Are you really ready? Then turn the page.

The World's To Do List

- 1. Gather all world leaders.
- 2. Sign a new treaty.
- 3. Restructure all governments to focus on:
 - A. Creating new energy structures
 - B. Environment care
 - C. Fair distribution of all resources
 - D. Feeding and housing everyone
- 4. Create Databases
 - A. Countries
 - B. People
 - C. Resources
 - D. Housing
 - E. Jobs
- 5. Resources
 - A. Structure fair distribution of all resources based on population needs for each country.
 - B. Create world-wide energy grids.
 - C. Create solar towers and windmills in every city.
 - D. Distribute all existing fuel-efficient vehicles to trade-in for non-fuel-efficient vehicles.
 - E. Create car conversion packs that allow existing cars to run on water or compressed air.
 - F. Genetically re-engineer all seeds to produce more food and to create new crops so new seed creation is not necessary.

6. Housing

- A. Assign/re-assign housing based on population and family needs for each city.
- B. Attach solar panels on all houses.
- C. Create rain collection systems that are filtered and merged with the main lines in the houses.

7. Products/Companies

- A. Create a product polling center.
- B. Merge all companies with similar products, based on polls.
- C. Restructure all companies to comply with new guidelines for recycling, reuse, and complying with a zero emissions policy.
- D. Attach solar panels to all buildings.
- E. Create rain collection systems that are filtered and merged with the main lines in the buildings.

8. Job Market

- A. Assign jobs or educational training to all unemployed based on job criteria and each person's skills.
- B. Assign part-time jobs to all politicians, actors, musicians, writers, athletes, and artists.
- C. Re-assign current jobs based on population needs and restructuring.
- D. Decrease hours worked from 40+ to 25-30 hours/wk.

9. Prisoners

- A. Complete a psychiatric evaluation for all prisoners.
- B. Put all prisoners, deemed harmful to others or themselves, and drug addicts in rerehabilitation programs.
- C. Start training prisoners, deemed not harmful, on solar tower, windmill, and solar panel creation.
- D. Release all prisoners to seek regular employment after their original sentencing time has expired.

10. Population

- A. Move population existing in highly polluted areas to areas or countries where pollution is decreased.
- B. Determine current population to resource ratios and how long current resources will last based on current population growth.
- C. Distribute educational materials explaining current population to resource ratios.
- D. Decrease future population by sterilizing anyone who has created 2 or more children.
- E. Create necessary genetic engineering practices so that people who want to have children can choose the sex of the child and genetically pre-dispositioned health conditions are ruled out.
- F. Decrease future population by creating a 1 child/person or 2 children/couple standard.
- G. Provide preventative health care practices to everyone.
- H. Provide rehabilitation centers for anyone obese or addicted to any substance.
- 11. Restructure all military and policing forces to focus on peace keeping.

12. Environment

- A. Discontinue deep-sea drilling.
- B. Create water filtration systems for all polluted water sources.
- C. Focus pollution clean-up on highly polluted areas.
- D. Discontinue all methods used by any company that creates any type of pollution and determine new non-pollutant methods of accomplishing the same tasks.
- E. Determine methods to repair ozone layer damage.
- F. Build structures that absorb current pollution.
- G. Retro-fit all buildings and houses with the most energy efficient appliances, plumbing, windows, air conditioning/heating, ect.

Sounds scary right? How in hell are we going to do that? Well, to get from point A to point B, we need to change the way we think.

Are you ready?

Are you really ready?

Then turn the page...

It's Not Enough to Simply Exist

I saw **In Time** at the theatre. It was a great sci-fi flick, but afterwards I found myself feeling rather depressed. For them, time created quality of life, for us it's money, but the concept is the same. The more you have the better life you can create for yourself. Like morphine when you're in agony, enough money can give you the comfort you need but too much generally leads to self-destruction, addiction, and emptiness.

So how do we find that comfort level? It really depends on personal preference, but in reality no one needs a \$10 million dollar mansion.

So often we hear the phrase "that's just the way it is" and "we can't do anything about it" but why not? Shouldn't it be our highest priority to act...to do whatever it takes to make the world better?

There's no reason why people should starve or be homeless. There's no excuse for it...not any more. We have enough. There is enough housing and water and food and energy and resources, we just have to share and use our intelligence to create a better solution.

There's no excuse for people being homeless when there are empty apartments and houses. There is no reason why we can't give these people a home, a life, clothes, food, a job. So why aren't we doing it? Because they're not contributing? Because they're not doing it for themselves? Some people just need a little help. Do you think they won't contribute if given the chance? Wouldn't you? Do you think they will tax the system? Aren't we all doing that already when we don't recycle or when we drive gas powered vehicles or when we don't take care of our bodies and end up with preventable conditions like obesity.

We have to stop thinking about ourselves and start thinking about the whole. We all need help. We need to start helping each other. We need to start thinking in a new way. We should be powering our cities with the sun and wind instead of nuclear power plants or coal.

We can't just stop everything and fix it? Well why not? Why can't we? Why not provide free housing, food, water, electricity, clothes, education, and medical care for everyone? If you are a contributing member of the global community you shouldn't have to suffer. If everyone's basics are provided, why wouldn't they contribute? Our view of life and the world has to change. By helping others we help ourselves. If we all contribute, if we all share, then everyone's needs will be met. We have to break the cycle of singular struggle and create a cycle of beneficial dependence on each other where everyone works to care for the whole.

In a way, we already do that, but it's not for the right reasons. It's all for the self instead of the whole.

We need a jolt to wake us up. Maybe the system, like **In Time**, needs to crash to create anew and re-focus our efforts on what's really important. It's not enough to simply exist. We look to God for it all to mean something, well let's give it a better meaning than what it is now or say screw it...let's break it down. Stop paying taxes, stop going to work, start rioting and stealing what you want, start living off the state, start taxing the system until it breaks down to nothing.

Maybe the wrong way is the right way. Maybe it can't be fixed until it is irrevocably broken. Or maybe, just maybe, we can be smart and choose to change, choose to be fair, choose to share, choose to love one another as ourselves and actually correct our problems to create a better society for all species of this planet.

All You Have Is Today

"All you have is today. There is no such thing as yesterday or tomorrow." - Fortune Cookie

I got that message many years ago and it has really stuck with me. For me I see two meanings to that message.

- 1. Literally, we live in a constant state of Now. Now is the only thing that really exists. You can't change what has happened in the past. You will never know what will happen in the future. We all live moment to moment in a constant state of Now. It's the only reality that exists. Sometimes I wonder if anything ever really existed before this state of being (very Matrix, I know).
- 2. You have a choice. Today is your choice. You have to make every moment count. Your choices in this moment will affect the rest of eternity, so choose to be the best person you can be today. Now is your only time to act. You can't wait for others to make the world better, you have to be constantly striving for what you want to happen in this world. You have to be part of the solution. You have to act. You have to live every moment choosing to make a difference.

Both of these meanings exist at the same time, but more than that, we exist as a unified force, though we are separate. We all make different choices in life and those choices reflect what will happen in our own personal universe in addition to everything in the world around us.

If every person chose to use every action they create in a positive force to create a better existence, it would happen. But we are selfish. We care more about our own survival than we do about the future of the human race. We doom ourselves with our in-actions, with our complacency, and our ignorance. To so many it is more important to judge others than to embrace them, even when the best spiritual teachers have told us otherwise.

This is why I joined Occupy. This is why I write. This is why I help others. I strive to free Etheria from the Evil forces of Hordak...wait, I'm not wearing my She-Ra costume, sorry about that. But Occupy gave me a purpose. It gave me a direction. I will do what I can for as long as I can and I can't stop, my conscience won't allow it.

I exist to help you find your way, to help you find your path in life so you can do the same for others. We are here to learn from each other. We are here to seek out the best possible solution and learn from our mistakes and the mistakes of others.

I challenge you to make your life extraordinary. Use every moment to create a better tomorrow or a better state of Now, however you see it. The solutions available to every problem that we face already exist, you just have to be willing to do the work necessary.

Think what would happen if everyone recycled and voted and stopped driving cars and started planting gardens instead of grass on their lawns and started putting their money into renewable energy sources and education instead of the stock market. What a different more powerful tomorrow we could create.

The Rules Don't Apply

Rules are only rules as long as everyone follows them. As our culture and our internal belief systems change, so does how we define ourselves. It is that definition that dictates what is still relevant and what is no longer necessary. When we think beyond "what is" to the truth of existence, we find that most of the structures we follow only exist because of the culture of our predecessors and the reason we follow that structure is based out of fear. When we question what is and determine its' relevance or irrelevance, we take a step toward our next level of evolution as a species.

It is no longer necessary to simply be a worker bee; we are all thinkers, dreamers, and visionaries. We are all capable of so much more. Competition in this evolving culture demands ingenuity and creative thinkers. It demands that you question what is and strive to bring forth innovations in order to bring about a better tomorrow. When that creativity is stifled because of fear, we all suffer.

Do not let fear hold you back from achieving your greatest destiny. We do not belong in a box.