

About Mr. Bill Gates  
and About a Cute Photograph  
and About *VERY MUCH MORE*

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Dan's Graduation Photo Placed here:

**Abstract**

# 1 Introduction

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This book was written by the father-son team of Daniel and Robert Wilhartitz. The elder Wilhartitz knew Bill Gates at Harvard and actually gave him a non-trivial portion of the initial idea that helped Bill make his first million dollars. (This book contains no photograph of Bill Gates, and the unusual photo on its cover was that of Daniel at his college graduation in 1970 during the midst of the anti-Vietnam-war protests.)

Daniel was a mathematics PhD student at Harvard during the 1970-

1978 era. His son Robert later first attended the Ivy League undergraduate program at the University of Pennsylvania (during 2016-2017) and then transferred to Columbia College for the next  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years of his studies. (During 2017-2019, the general competitiveness at Columbia College was roughly comparable to those at Harvard College in the more easy-going days of the 1970's.)

Amusingly, the taunting phrase “*Bill Gates*”, from the title of this book, will be significantly less important than the title's last three words of: “*Very Much More*”.

In fairness to Mr. Gates, both the authors of this book actually ad-

mire his genuinely positive contributions to the World's civilization. On a scale of zero to ten, we would certainly grant him a grade somewhere between an 8 and 9....

Our only caveat is that perhaps Mr. Bill Gates does not deserve a fully unambiguous grade of "ten". But we would certainly give him gladly a quite admirable grade of "8" or "9" (giggle,giggle).

More specifically, Daniel Wilhartitz cannot bring himself to awarding Gates a fully unambiguous grade of "ten" when Daniel believes Gates should have been given him, at least, some type of small verbal (and perhaps financial) credit for the one single idea that Daniel contributed

to the first million dollars that MicroSoft had earned (explained later).

After all, many economics and business professors have noted that the first million dollars a company earns is often its most valuable million dollars (due to the quite famous momentum effect).

But alas, Daniel doesn't wish to complain too bitterly about Mr. Bill Gates in this book. After all, many other authors and associates of Mr. Gates have also written that Bill was often too aggressive with many of his business practices. For example, such was declared by both Paul Allen<sup>1</sup> (who was the first business partner of Mr. Gates) and by the famous Wallace-Erickson book <sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>Paul Allen's book is entitled "*Idea Man*"

<sup>2</sup>The book by James Wallace and Jim Erickson is entitled "*Hard Drive: Bill Gates and the Making of the Microsoft Empire*". Its advertisement on the Internet describes Mr. Bill Gates as "part enfant terrible" with

Daniel does not wish to complain too heavily about Mr. Gates, however, in this book because Daniel has had a reasonably successful career as a professor of theoretical computer science, studying surprising logical and mathematical limitations upon computers <sup>3</sup>. Also, Daniel has been enthralled by his quite smart and handsome movie-actor-like son (Robert), with the two of us now having a fabulous opportunity to tell our full stories within the pages of this book.

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his “extradonairy brattiness, arrogance and hostility” in a “notoriously brutal industry”. Our opinion is that Bill Gates is actually much more positive and substantially nicer than the Wallace-Erickson characterization of him. We appreciate Bill’s quite charitable and forward-looking activities since the year 2000. However, we do prefer to give Mr. Gates a grade of “8 or 9” (rather than an unambiguous “ten” ) because we are also aware that he owns several weaknesses, similar to most humans.

<sup>3</sup>For instance, Daniel has published a surprising series of articles between 1993-2022 about how computers encounter substantial difficulty when seeking to treat the conventional multiplication operation with as much logical ease as they do normally treat addition. Amazingly, a theme prevailing throughout many of Daniel’s best-known journal articles, including a 2021 publication disseminated by Oxford University Press, is that fundamental philosophical paradoxes do arise if conventional multiplication and addition are treated similarly.

Before proceeding further, some added information about the comical photograph, on the book's cover, should be supplied. This photograph of a 21-year old Daniel was taken by Dan's father (Alfred) during May of 1970. At that time, Daniel had received his undergraduate degree from Stony Brook University and was about to enter Harvard's Ph. D. program (studying the *quite dizzying* subject of theoretical Mathematics).

It was the intention of the Wilhartitz family that this comical photograph of Daniel in the Men's restroom, wearing his cap-and-gown graduation paraphernalia, would be accompanied by several other more

conventional photographs of Daniel with his family, in more serious settings. By an amusing coincidence, it turned out the camera ran out of film after its first photograph was taken. (Thus, the comical photograph on this book's cover became the only photo taken of Daniel at his graduation from Stony Brook University.)

As matters turned out, this awkward stroke of fate became a very nice piece of quite good luck. This is because Daniel and Robert realized 52 years later that the combination of the words *Bill Gates* with the comical graduation photo became an ideal attention-grabbing stunt when this book went for sale *on the window sills* among book stores,



world-wide.

At this juncture, the two authors (Robert and Daniel) wish to make quite clear our explicit intentions. While we certainly find some aspects of the hippy-image to be awkwardly romantic, both of us reject the useage of even moderate amounts of marijuana (because of its resulting degneration on one's life-style).

*On the other hand, we still find the photograph on the cover of this book to be a useful seduction device to entice the reader's attention.* After all, it is obvious that a large number of world-wide readers will be attracted to a book whose cover simultaneously contains

the words “*Bill Gates*” along with the hairy Daniel and two urinals in the background.

In essence our goal in this book will be to repeatedly seduce the reader into seriously examining subtle aspects about the future of mankind, by using a methodology called the *Anecdotal Seduce-And-Clarify Technique (ASACT)*.

The intuitive idea behind an ASACT-styled essay is that a typical casual reader has an unfortunately limited attention span, and he simply doesn’t wish to think too hard when informally glancing at a book cover or when entering into a book store. On the other hand,

if a reader's attention is initially captured by an ASACT-styled book, then the authors can keep tantalizing their readers, as the book delves deeper and deeper into subtle subjects.

By this technique, an author can tempt a reader to examine quite subtle subjects because the author is inserting seductive ASACT-styled passages into a seemingly extemporaneous free-wheeling text. In other words, this technique enables an author to explore serious philosophical challenges about what mankind shall need for surviving the next millenium, within a light-reading book that amuses the reader with its seductive use of jocular anecdotes.

*Can such a striking style of writing a book REALLY work effectively in seducing a casual laissez-faire reading audience to examine serious topics, germane to mankind's survival ?*

The answer to the preceding italicized question is that this book, with the words of “*Bill Gates*” and two urinals on its cover, has just already seduced many readers into finishing the first chapter of our book ! So thus the Robert-and-Daniel team, with the oddly-sounding funny Czech-Jewish surname of “Wilhartitz”, has just successfully seduced the reader into examining the first chapter of our provocative father-and-son publication !

Much more delicate comedy, giggles *and quite serious* concepts are now scheduled to follow, in an intermixed manner, during the many chapters and anecdotes that appear within this book.

And lest the reader wonder (?) whether our ASACT writing style will be successful, it is worthwhile for us to gently repeat that we have, just, succeeded in seducing the reader into examining the first chapter of our book with its broadly open grinning writing style .....

*In other words, the reader should now be happy because we are promising a fully entertaining experience when reading this book !*

**HERE IS A FUTURE PROPOSED FINAL PARAGRAPH**

in this book by Robert and Dan:

**Thank God to Columbia College** for its fabulous required 2-semester course sequence, entitled “*Contemporary Civilization*”. Nothing would please Robert and Daniel more than the prospect that this book might become one tender part of this on-going and evolving historic course-sequence.

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