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INTRODUCTION

A few years ago, I was strolling by the seacoast to get some fresh air. It was almost six in the afternoon on a hot humid day. Between where I am and the sunset, there were rows of yachts all over. I realized I was near a yacht club. Admiring the yachts, I said to myself: "Sure must be fun to own a yacht like that" as my attention was focused on one of the yachts which was strikingly more sophisticated than the others. I have always been fascinated by boats ever since I was a kid though owning one never really occurred to me. Again, I said to myself: "Only the rich can afford it."

Although the thought of getting rich crossed my mind, I never took it seriously at first. But somehow, I began to wonder if it's really possible for a nobody like me to become a millionaire someday. Something inside me told me to dig deeper, to know more about acquiring or creating wealth even if it seemed unattainable. I've heard of true stories about self- made millionaires. I've heard stories about people who started from scratch and turned it into millions. So I asked myself: "If others can do it, why can't !?"

Another reason (and probably the main reason) that prompted me to dig deeper was the thought of being an employee all my life, working from nine to five, seemed to get me nowhere. This led me to ask myself: "What's life going to be financially when I retire?" followed by a remark: "I have to do something about this."

That was almost five years ago and I'm glad I talked myself into doing something that will change my life, and change it did. I still don't own a yacht, attending to my other priorities first. But I'm well on my way to owning even a small one

I'm even more glad that you've decided to take a look at this book. It's my turn to share with you what I have learned during those five years and I am confident that the contents you will find within this book will benefit and change your life as it did mine.

I believe that if more people could learn ways to improve their lives through helping each other, the world will be a better place to live in. The time will come when those being helped are the ones who will be helping those who have helped them before (reciprocation of favors, which is advantageous to all concerned).

I am sure you are aware that learning is a never ending process. Learning starts anywhere, anytime; but it never stops, no matter when, no matter where, no matter what. Even if you are learning a subject on which you are familiar with or you are an expert on, you will still continue to learn new things about the same subject. And there's an even more enormous amount of things to learn about subjects which we are not familiar with, especially when we are in the era of a fast changing world.

The same thing is true to creating wealth. It is a never ending process of learning wherein new ideas are introduced and it is in these new ideas that somebody like you and me can make money.

Some of the ideas you will learn, once analyzed, are common sense thinking that you may have overlooked or have never bothered to pay much attention to before. And there are ideas in this book that you think have never made sense before, but they shall seem to make sense after you have given them a second thought.

How the Book is Structured

I have structured this book into three sections:

Section A covers the area which is the core or most important aspect of creating wealth: our thoughts. How our mind works and should work towards creating wealth is extremely essential. What's in our head will determine where we are headed. Our thoughts and ideas are our navigational aids that will direct us to create wealth.

Section B emphasizes the importance of financial knowledge to create wealth. It also covers preparations needed and different steps to take in order to get started. This section discusses how to stay on the path of acquiring wealth, until it is achieved.

Section C covers the types of businesses and investments which you can get involved in to attain financial success. You will get to know when or at what stage you can consider yourself to be financially stable without relying on somebody else's financial help.

I have written this book in a simple, straightforward, stress-free reading format so that people like you and me with varied interests and professions can comprehend the teachings with ease. It doesn't require any particular, special, or highly technical skill in any field of expertise to be able to know all the things that evolve in the world of creating wealth. You'll be amazed that most of the ideas are quite basic in nature. A lot will be gained once you spend (or shall I say invest) some time to go over it.

We all have this hidden talent to create wealth. We just need to utilize it and to harness all the potentials it holds.

Our mind and all the thoughts that go through it and all the things that surround us physically can be compared to a chef who has all the ingredients around him. All he needs to do is cook his specialty. How it will taste depends on the chef's talent. The resulting dish is like wealth ready for us to enjoy.

Allow me to be clear and specific. We are here to learn to create wealth within legal means. We are NOT here to learn how to gamble to win in order to create wealth.

Let me also remind you that creating wealth takes patience, dedication, and an open mind.

I think it's time to get to work, so let's get rich.