

“Mark Twain – Surviving the 21st Century” “Episode 1 “3 of 12”

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TWAIN ON CAMERA

Good Day Human Millennials! The Late Mark Twain here with my first three of twelve suggestions on how you all might survive, well, the Millennial. You see I've been keeping track of the human going-ons down there on that big blue planet and I think it is time for all you ninety-nine percenters to start taking back control of your lives by steering the top one percent in new directions. And, I think you can do it in a passive way that would truly make the Late Martin Luther King proud. // You know Mahatma Gandhi was quoted saying “If the people lead, the leaders will follow.” Mahatma Gandhi was quoted saying that quite a lot from 1915 to 1947 as England took control of India. And, that statement is still pretty much true today – when the people lead the leaders do follow – it is not always easy to get there – but eventually they do.

Now for a moment let's all get real here. America's founding designers with guns actually set a really bad example when they took the lands in such a violent way on the east coast in early 1800's and then proceeding all across the continent in virtually every state before and after the American Civil War. To put it simply, those mostly rich men with guns could have just shared the land but instead they chose not to. So 244 years later all that bad karma is once again resurfacing. And, yes, this karma problem does, in fact, need to be addressed by all of you, but you can choose to do in a peaceful way. // Picasso said, “there cannot be an act of creation without their first being an equal act of destruction” That is true in the birth of a painting and also in the birth of a nation. In a painting you start off with a perfect dare I say virgin white canvas, and then as you add darkness and color to

that perfect white infinite horizon you create a more focused vision that reflects the true content of the character of the creator. That virgin white space is morphed into something that either inspires or scares, create smiles, or creates tears, generates love, or generates hate. That painting's birth either makes the world a more joyous place or a less joyous place. And, believe it or not, the painting each of you create on the canvas of your own lives by the brush strokes you chose to make every day is the only painting that really matters at'all. What each of you paint on your canvas today is all that really affects you and those you love. This is because you and the person next to you are the only real persons here who matter at 'tall - really. And how you make yourself and that person next to you feel with your daily brush strokes is also all that really matters.

But America today is not really like a painting anymore. America today is more like a once thriving vibrant and clean but now polluted and dying mega-pond. The great lakes today are highly polluted by human actions. Same goes for the San Francisco Bay, the Boston Harbor, and most every ocean across the globe once you get ten miles out to sea. And yes, all those places have mostly been violated by the actions taken under the direction of the very, very rich who in this new millennial actually can command the power to move mountains and birth lakes and destroy entire cities and oceans. That kind of power creates a lot of hubris. But don't think every plastic water bottle or Starbucks cup each of you throw away that eventually ends up in land fill or being dumped into the ocean does not count too. It does... ..like my wise Auntie Carolyn used to tell me and my brothers when we would fight "I don't care who started it – it takes two to tango – so just stop it boys."... ..She was right on the nickel there. We all do need to stop it. Don't get me wrong the mighty rich are the main players here and most of them are, well, miserably rich because their wealth and illusion of power has frozen their hearts and filled their busy little minds with a self-regenerating narcotic that the ancient Greeks call hubris.

Put simply hubris is the loss of mind and heart and soul that occurs when a human thinks they have become so powerful that they truly believe they are god – or at least one of "God's preferred and entitled chosen few" – now at that point, to that person, the rest of us 99 percenters become nothing but fossil fuel to burn and exploit. So does the planet. //

Okay let's back up a little. Let's all just think of America as a big pond again. Though it is very true that the top one percent can make some gargantuan ugly ripples in that pond. A second truth also holds that there are 99 times more of you in that pond than there are of them – so if you all start making your ripples in the same peaceful direction together, you might just counteract everything the topies are doing and literally redirect their hubris filled ripples and their hubris filled actions right out of your pond. Every single ripple does matter... ..why, my very script today started with a blank page and one pen – one ripple so to speak. Now this script is 3,400 words long and is creating scores of images and ideas in all your minds. That, put simply, is how a single ripple grows. Yes, one pen and one voice can make a difference – **one listener at a time. Really.**

Now, I know that it's hard to believe each of you can make a difference with out becoming violent, and sometimes even harder to get the courage to start even trying to stay calm. I know the "top one percent" have gotten all you 99 percenters riled with their bogus media like a bunch of porcupines in heat. They got you all shooting quills at each other to keep you occupied while they make their secret deals to steal from your families and consume the planet for profit right behind your fighting little backs... ..and this is happening right now all around the globe. // Well, I am here to tell you all that it is time to calm down for a moment. Time to take a couple deep breaths. Time to just stop protesting for a moment. Time to light a candle in the darkness and sit and breathe for an evening. Protesting is something the topies also want you to keep busy at too because it allows them ways create even more fake media to make you all look angry and crazy which makes all of them fell and look a little less crazy and angry. Ladies and Gentlemen we have found the enemy and the enemy is us. // So, how bout we all just stop playing their little game here? Stop. Strategize a little. And simply start taking new directions every day in your very own life until one of those new directions gets another person to want to walk with you in the same direction, and then another, and another, until most everyone is walking with you in a positive peaceful direction.

Before you know it, the rich will be following your happy trail too - to see why all of you are smiling in spite of their shenanigans. And please, let's all stop fighting with each other

about race labels here? – that was old when I was a kid in 1861 and it's really getting old today. It is time for peaceful change without labels. Actions do speak louder than words – and kind wordless actions can speak much louder than racially charged protests. If you want the horse to follow you just walk away and carry a carrot. If the 99 percent take the lead with kind actions the leaders will follow – and if they don't... ..who cares? I saw all this happen for real in on April 9th, 1865, the day the Civil War ended. I did. Nothing really changed. People still had their anger – they just stopped killing each other for a while. // Now let's get back to the here and now... ..here is the big problem that nobody is talking about: For the past thousand years, people who were oppressed would scrape together the means to move away quietly or sometimes groups of people would move away and find empty lands, or if needed, bargain or steal land from someone else. Trouble is, that today, in the year 2020, you humans have this planet too overburdened and too overcrowded to do that. So today, right this minute it is time to come up with an intelligent and kind "Plan B".

My hope here is that you millennials can find a way to work this all out together, and that is the reason I'm here today to talk to you all. Like I said before, I was just a kid during the American Civil War and if you read the real history of that stupidity you find out ugly-fast that the Civil War was actually just a huge profit center for the top one percent on both sides because the big commerce of that day was hatred and cruelty propagated by, well, the top one percenters of the day. Sound familiar to any of you? Sometimes the rich have more fun playing war than playing nice. Time to play it forward. Okay – let's be bigger than the toppies and let's get right down to the first three of twelve ways those of you presently called the bottom 99 percent can get some control of your lives again without hurting anyone:

First Suggestion: "Start your own Video News Website", How crazy is that idea coming from a man who has been dead for 110 years? But truly, get together with your Computer Ap genius friends and your IT buddies and put together a local News Station in the form of your own independent news website. Now, on your privately owned website your team can report actual events NEAR YOU that EFFECTS YOU. Find some local advertisers to help

pay for it, or sell subscriptions, or do both. However, no national ads or political campaign ads allowed. And, build your station on YOUR OWN website and not a Facebook page or on Twitter. The minute your station is loaded into Facebook or Twitter's supercomputers you are no longer truly live at all because Facebook and Twitter can block or steer anyone anywhere they want to – either to or away from your site. // Now, use your independent website to report the truth. Verify your information and keep it all honest and straight up. Your station can also keep a watch on your town hall and state leaders too, while celebrating local achievements and practices. Your new local station, being locally owned, will actually help steer your local and state public agencies in real directions and force them to fight back against the Federal mega-laws that milk your farms, steal your community tax dollars and often drain your general population dry. When is the last time you saw a happy or helpful local news story? // Now no problem recruiting some reporters here, all you need are some bright 18 years-olds with smart phones! // The big news companies today only pay their field reporters Minimum wage as independent contractors - without benefits or health insurance – you can afford that. In fact, you can do better than that!

You might want to pause this video for a moment and watch the Patriot Act episode on the Death of News Industry on NetFlix or on YouTube if you want to understand better why local news is so important and why independent news reporting is required for democracy to continue. I like that show “Patriot Act” and I like the name too “Patriot Act” – and, truth here is, nobody is paying me to connect you to “Patriot Act”.

SUGGESTION TWO “Replace “Common Core” in Public Education!

Ok now, Suggestion Number Two: Replace “Common Core” in your schools with “Common Sense” and stop letting the Feds regulate and steer YOUR public schools. The “No Child Left Behind” act passed in 2001 was actually designed to steal 25% of the state school budgets in hopes of bankrupting your public school system by 2009 and replace it with “vouchers”. Now, in 2009, you all were too smart to fall for vouchers, so, today the feds just continue to use the 25% they steal from your school districts to fund their pro top-one-percent biased curriculum that replaced printed factual textbooks with biased top 1%

propaganda published offshore by – you guessed it – American mega-corporations owned by the top one percent // My goodness, even the Chicago Mobs of the 1930's didn't take 25% from the small businesses they squeezed, because back then, the mobs wanted small businesses to stay in business and be successful so the mobsters could keep getting their cut. Now, the top one percent today have a different plan. They, well, they just don't want any small business happening at'all because today's mob, which you presently call the top one percent, wants all the world's small businesses to be owned by mega-corporations like "Comcast", "AT&T", "Verizon", "Tesla", "Walmart", "Costco", "The Home Depot", "Great Clips" and "Super Cuts". Mega-ownership of small business empowered by the State and Federal governments they now control is how the top one percent keep you all struggling in your no-future slave-wage jobs working for them – and "No Child Left Behind" is the fuel that is making that all happen...

How so? Well, our federally controlled High Schools and junior colleges today teach few sellable technical skills. STEM classes let the student "play scientist and play engineer" but again, few actual employable skills are learned at 'tall. At the same time the ivy-league colleges teach nothing but the most efficient ways to deceive and shrink the middle class and get legislation passed to allow more mega-corporate mergers. Americas mega-corporations have outsourced everything so now you have but a few local manufacturing jobs in country - so why would your schools feel a need to train Americans for working-class careers when there aren't any? This problem has become the chicken and the egg here . FREEZE and add title "How can each State replace common core and stop sending 25% of public school budgets to the Federal Government?"

Alright now enough complaining, here now is a solution...

How do we fix the public schools and colleges? Suggestion Number Three: "Stop sending State School money to the Feds in the first place. And "Stop sending local city and county tax dollars to the state capitals." Just stop it, right now. // Now, the Fed's keep threatening they will stop sending your state school and highway funds back to you all if you' all don't keep giving all your local school money to them first. // That's like a bully stealing your lunch money and stealing your bicycle, and then making you mow their lawn for free just for the evil fun of doing so. // Best for all you bottom ninety-nine percenters to circle your

wagons (pardon the phrase) and avoid the bully all together here. Instead of forking over your school funds, how 'bout this? – Tell your State leaders to just stop sending the Feds your State school money in the first place!!! And, next, tell your cities to stop sending their city funds to the state as well. Today, most state governments are made up of the same breed of thugs that the feds are. Why do you think your YMCA's, city park districts, rec centers, playgrounds and senior centers are broken or closed all across the country while you'all keep paying your local taxes? It's because your State capitals have all quietly passed laws redirected money away from the local organizations you all voted to support and now channel those funds into their own purses. How do you think all those officials became "career politicians"? // Look around, the day has arrived and you all live in a time where the only decent jobs with decent medical insurance belong to the politicians and the top one percent. Local civic operations and opportunities have all been killed by your state and federal governments themselves while they make shady deals with the top one percent. State assemblies and the elected officials in Washing DC have already put all the nails in your coffins here. Ya'all need to work together and push back those nails and break out of those coffins because bottom 99 percent you are not dead in the water here – you just feel like you are – and rightfully so because you've been scammed by the best of the best – the top one percent on both sides of the political fence. So, put simple, keep your school and park and local money where you keep your lunch money in real life, in your own wallets and purses.

More than that, it is time to throw out the Federal Teacher Credentialing System too, all together. The "No Child Left Behind" promoted "Western Association of Schools and Colleges" state credentialing program is mostly a federally devised scam that mostly overcharges potential teachers for "credential training" and is just another top-one-percent fake store front. Elementary school teachers do not need a Master's degree it teaching stupidity. They need mentor training from other teachers and good teaching materials to put in their classrooms. Listen you all – time to get back local control of your schools so you can start hiring teachers with the actual skills to teach clear thinking and marketable skills to your children // And, by the way, every student can't learn every subject in every subject, in exactly the same way with the same view on that subject – that is a common

core myth and it is at the heart of why common core will never succeed on any level. Do you know what veteran teachers call Common Core? They call it "Common Crap". I am not making that up! "Common Core" works against every educational principal that makes for good learning. Good learning requires independent thinking, in a safe environment where self-esteem is actually earned, and where students minds instead of being gobbled up memorizing dictated factoids in order to pass mandated test are instead allowed time to explore their subjects on their own with some joyous space and time put into their school schedules for some imagination time so they all can sprout and grow. Imagination is where new innovations are born. Imagination is mostly born in PE, music class, dance class, art classes, free reading classes, auto shop, metal shop, computer design, electronics, and wood shop. And after attending one of those classes students come back to their core classrooms with a relaxed brain and heart ready to learn and contribute. // Bottom line, ninety nine percenters, it is time to get real here. And public schools can teach career level skills to students who don't want to spend the money and time for college. We must get technical education, art, music, theater, wood shop, metal shop, auto repair, home economics, dental assistant training, plumber training, nursing, barbering, cosmetology and job-producing skill classes back into high school and community college curriculum right now before it is too late.

And, by the way... ..Registered Nurses should still be trained in Community Colleges with internships at real hospitals by real doctors and real nurses for a reasonable fee instead of having to follow the recently launched top-one-percent federally and state implemented Master's Degree programs being put in place today all over this country to generate obscene profits for the mega-corporations licensed and put into power by the Feds to break the nursing unions and make American nurses the latest casualties of the "No Child Left Behind" American worker slave train put on the tracks in 2001. // A new registered nurse should not have to fall one-hundred-thousand dollars in debt in order to qualify for what are now becoming low paying non-union nursing jobs at top-one-percenter owned American hospitals which have become mega-merged mega-corporations in bed with bogus health care conglomerates peddling fake-insurance on their fake insurance exchanges all enacted by the liars in Washington DC who sell this horrific pile of donkey

...dung as a new morally correct and more-fair American Medical System!okay, but that is a subject for another podcast. //

...Okay you'all, that's enough preaching and listening for now. (nod, pause) // To sum up my little sermon for today, there is no reason why some of you can't be building your own News website right now, or maybe even building a "Digital Home Schooling Site" for your neighborhood? Did you know that the Feds will give parents money and supplies directly when you home school? All you got to do is ask for it? Of course their little voucher brains won't give you enough to make it on your own, but, if some of you smart parents, say, get a dozen or more parents together and start a group "home-school project" you might all pool your funds and supplies and make magic happen for your children at a local church or home, near a local park for play time. There can be great wonder, joy and inspiration in a small schoolhouse. And with the internet today your little schoolhouse can instantly travel anywhere in the world or run any educational software you want. This is a Star Trek world, why don't we all start using it in a Star Trek kind of way? Of course, I mean the Star Trek series right up through and including Deep Space Nine. // "We the people" kind of forward thinking is where you all need to go if you ninety-nine percenters want to derail the train to demise the toppies have you all riding. And if you are a person addicted to being a toppie – well, why don't you start sending some of your money backstream a little in positive ways without boasting about it? Dolly Levy in the musical "Hello Dolly" summed this all up in a single sentence when she said "Horace Vandergelder, money is like manure, it doesn't do any good unless you spread it around and allow things to grow." // Alright – thank you for letting me take the pulpit for a moment or two and Bless you all – especially the ones who are still tuned in here. Thank you. //

Once again, the Late Mark Twain asking you to stay safe, stay kind and be the light – not the darkness." See you'all next time. You take care, ya hear?

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