

Dedication

This book is dedicated to you,
An American.

Yes, to you the individual American Citizen.

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Purpose

This offering presents to my fellow Americans a current day rendition of Thomas Paine's American Revolutionary classic *Common Sense*.

Today's *Common Sense* presents this concerned citizen's analysis of current problems within our American "National System" — the way America really works on a day-to-day basis. And most importantly, *how* We as a united American people could prudently and practically decide to address and begin resolving those problems for the Common Good. And do it now.

The purpose is to say what needs to be said in the interest of the Common Good of our citizens — the absolute goal being to initiate a Great American Discussion and Debate, that will coincide and collide with the 2008 U.S. Presidential and Congressional Campaign that began ramping up too early in 2007.

Simply put this is an analysis of what is wrong in various public policy areas within our National System and how we could realistically confront and resolve such issues starting as early as 2007, but for certain as 2008 progresses. It is intended to present perspectives on critical issues, to promote the common understanding of acceptable social concepts, and present solutions to long-standing public problems. This is not an attempt to convince or dictate, but rather to share objective perspectives and review aggressive solutions to key public issues for your consideration.

This is a direct challenge to the American public – our fellow American citizens in particular — to consider and to potentially embrace the bold yet socially prudent, solution-oriented proposals contained herein.

The *Second Coming of Common Sense (CS2)* is published with the intent of making your life and the lives of those you know and love, better.

Further, it is offered with the hope and prayer that after private consideration of these contents, that you would decide to take action to demonstrate your approval and support thereof,

to in some way assist in making these
social and economic solutions part of your daily life
and the lives of the other 300 million of
Our Fellow American Citizens.

— AJW

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for and against what they were hearing
that more than anything else has determined the final content
of the proposals that are the heart and soul of this book.

It is my firm belief that
the nation we all love,

Shall be forever in their debt...

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