

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.”** - *Thomas Jefferson, 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the U.S.A.*

Welcome to the August, 2008 edition of **Lifebuilder**! **There comes a time in everyone's life where we have to speak out and act against what is clearly not good or ethical behaviour, and that time in South Africa is now.** How much longer will ordinary South Africans, citizens of a country that has one of the most progressive constitutions that supposedly guarantees the freedom of the individual, be willing to support and condone the thoroughly corrupt, inefficient and ineffective parody of a Government that is currently in power in this country, thus willingly enslaving themselves to it and playing the ego's role of victim? By continuing to pay their taxes to feed the bureaucratic monster that Government has become, they are doing just that when ironically, **the Income Tax Act is blatantly unconstitutional** and the Government has no valid legal support for enforcing the payment of income tax. Read our featured article below the Events section, an **open letter to the President and Minister of Finance of South Africa about the unconstitutionality and immorality of the current marginal income tax system** that prevails in South Africa and many other parts of the world below to open your eyes to the 'scam' that ordinary, hard-working citizens have been persuaded to buy into for so many years by those in power (not just in South Africa, we might add) who would control and manipulate people, nations and the world for their own selfish purposes.

In terms of events, [Jonathan Quail](#) will be holding a **one-day meditation workshop on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August in Auckland Park, Johannesburg**, and there will be a number of property seminars around the country - the **Lifebuild Property Investment Network's** seminar in **Sandton on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August** and **Gordon Mackay**, a master property investor who owns over 300 properties, will be running his **half-day workshop in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban on how to create wealth through property investment despite the current slow-down in property** in South Africa on the next 3 Saturdays of August. See the Events section immediately below for all the details on these events.

We hope to see you at one of these events soon! Enjoy this week's edition in the mean time...

### Featured Letter: An Open Letter on the Unconstitutionality of Income Tax and Rates

14 August, 2008

An open letter to:

President Thabo Mbeki  
The Minister of Finance of South Africa, Trevor Manuel  
The Head of the Human Rights Commission of South Africa  
The Public Protector of South Africa

#### Re: Unconstitutionality of the Income Tax and Rates Acts

Dear Sirs

This letter is not intended as an act of subversion, sedition or treason, but a demand for freedom and rights granted by the Bill of Rights under the Constitution of South Africa.

In his speech on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2006, the President stated that the Government would continue to 'protect' the Constitution. This may be good and well, but the Constitution serves us nothing where it is not also implemented in practice. This letter is inherently also **a demand for Government to honour and give effect to the Constitution** rather than treating it as just a political manifesto to be ignored whenever is convenient.

After 14 years of democratic government, **'Apartheid' can no longer be blamed for the present circumstances in South Africa**, just as colonialism can no longer be blamed for the present situation in

Zimbabwe. The growing level of conflict, disillusionment and alienation in the country because of Government's wholesale misadministration, self-enrichment, corruption and incapacity to root out crime adds urgency to our demand.

In a multi ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-linguistic, multi-tribal country, as South Africa's is, there can only be a few things all agree upon, which makes it all the more important that those fundamental rights and values that have been agreed upon as the basis of life in South Africa enshrined in the Constitution are in no way compromised. The Constitution binds everyone in South Africa to each and every stipulation of its content, and its enactment rests primarily with the State, which the Constitution stipulates, "**must respect, protect, promote and fulfill the rights in the Bill of Rights**". The Bill of Rights states clearly in clause 13, "**No one may be subjected to slavery, servitude or forced labour.**" In clause 39 (1) a) of the Bill, it also states that the State "**must promote the values that underlie an open, democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom.**"

Wherefore, we submit that:

Firstly, in essence and in its application, the **Income Tax Act of South Africa is a legally enforced servitude imposed by the State** on its productive citizens in direct violation of the clauses in the Bill of Rights quoted above. According to commonly accepted language and understanding, income tax and the way it is implemented and the laws governing this implementation, can only be looked upon as an imposed servitude, which, according to Provision 13 of the Bill of Rights, no one may be subjected to. Therefore, **the present Income Tax Act must be looked upon as being not only unconstitutional, but also criminal in nature.**

The essence of the Income Tax Act is that it **defines the bond the State holds over the industrious individual** and defines this self-appropriated right of the State to such servitude. It also defines the varying level of bondage or extent of enslavement that the Minister of Finance chooses to impose, which changes from time to time. By its Income Tax law, the State, like a leach, has appropriated unto itself unconstitutionally a legal right to the fruits of the individual's labour with which this industrious individual endeavours to provide for himself or herself and his or her dependents. Exacerbating the situation, and entrenching even further this practice of placing productive citizens of the country in a position of permanent servitude to the State, is that **Government absolves itself from any and all accountability to the taxpayers in the way it spends the money** collected from them, quite obviously because it is usually spent according to its own political agenda and not in the best interests of these taxpayers.

By the Income Tax Act, the State unilaterally imposes and holds a preferential bond on the labour and production of the individual or company, totally at its own discretion. Being preferential, it needs to be honoured first before the individual or company can provide for himself or itself and dependents. The fact that **the State comes first and the worker and his dependants come second cements the present Government's imposed Income Tax Act as both slavery and a servitude** expressly forbidden under clause 13 of the Constitution's Bill of Rights.

We admit that nowhere is the matter of authority to tax detailed in Chapter 13 of the Constitution dealing with Finance, nor is it detailed where the money is to come from and on whose authority. However, this does not give the State the right to collect taxes in ways convenient to itself in violation of the Bill of Rights. **Wherever taxes come from and whichever way they may be collected may not violate any of the Rights agreed to and enshrined in the Constitution the State is bound to uphold!**

Secondly, Income Tax in the way it is applied and implemented is discriminatory in the way it penalises the industrious citizens and not the unproductive members of society, thereby failing to treat the citizens of the country equally. This victimisation draws the Income Tax Act's constitutionality further into question, as it **clearly violates the right to equality** stated in section 39 (1) a) of the Bill of Rights.

Thirdly, apart from being unconstitutional and discriminatory, income tax is also immoral and unethical. Whatever moral or ethical claims may be made to justify income tax, such morality will always be a convenient delusion of the small minority of those who stand to benefit from the system. A claim of justification is in itself never moral, but the hallmark of an authority wanting to persuade people to accept its authority unquestioningly on the basis of such morality. The action of forcefully holding the industrious and hard-working citizens of a nation hostage to an unfair law that penalises them for their hard work while exempting those who are unproductive from all such responsibility is **incompatible with every form of universally accepted morality, ethics or justice.**

By applying this immoral, discriminatory measure to **fund its election promises**, such as free houses and services, the State, in fact, attempts to declare the unproductive members of society to have a just and moral right to the fruits of the labour of the industrious. This irresponsible, delusional, inhumane, communist ideology world is **morally degrading** and has proven itself unsustainable in practice, as witnessed by the failure of communism around the world as a system of government.

Providing unconditional entitlements through subsidies and grants upholds and perpetuates third-world standards and undermines the dignity of people by making them dependent on the State for their survival. By such exercise, Government is also encouraging perceptions amongst the gullible and indigent members of society who vote for them that they are very progressive while in fact, their aim is to **keep these same people dependent on Government** in order to ensure they vote for the Government, and the effect on these people of this orchestrated dependency is degrading in the extreme.

Why is it degrading? Because, while wild animals are all able to provide for themselves, the belief is being inculcated into human beings, considered to be the highest form of life on this planet, that they cannot provide shelter and food for themselves and therefore have an intrinsic right to free housing and services at the expense of the State and therefore ultimately, the productive members of the society! This is not only degrading in the way it **undermines people's dignity and capacity to become self sustaining and self-empowered**, it also **lowers a person's consciousness** to one of abject victimhood so that it is lower than that of any animal that can happily provide for itself. [See clause 39 (1) a) of the Bill of Rights that refers to dignity].

Fourthly, **income tax in an open economy is the paramount contributor to unemployment and the widespread poverty, crime and other forms of human suffering that unemployment leads to**, all of which impair the dignity and self-respect of the people affected in a most dramatic way. Everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected and protected, especially by the State.

Any economist who is worth his 'salt' will admit that **income tax makes it economically impossible to produce competitively in an economy open to trade with the rest of the world**. A country where the income of its citizens and countries is directly taxed cannot compete globally with countries having a flat-rate tax system. This is why income tax was historically a tax levied in times of war in a closed economy under siege where the person with the greatest economic risk of losing their assets to the would-be invader would pay the most towards funding the war effort.

**Income tax as a system inherently raises the cost of production**, which leads to an **inability to compete globally within industry**, ultimately causing widespread business failure and unemployment. Since every business in the production chain, from the producers of raw material through to the manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and all the transporters in between the various stages of the distribution chain, is forced to add on approximately 50% to their price to pay government taxes and levies, and ultimately, their turnover is worth 14% less (in South Africa) because of VAT, how can any country with a marginal income tax system compete in the global market with countries who have a simple universal flat-rate income tax or no income tax at all? Salaries and wages also have to be increased by 30% to 40% so that employees too have enough to live on after they have paid their personal income tax.

Obviously, the learned economists advising the Minister of Finance have not acquired such fundamental insight to be able to tell him of the **harmful effects of income tax on an economy**, or perhaps the Minister refuses to listen to their advice? Unfortunately, economic charts and graphs on which these economists base their opinions do not reveal the underlying reason for the poverty and crime in this country - **they only show the symptoms or effects of this poverty and crime**.

**One of the fundamental underlying reasons for poverty and the resultant crime in South Africa is income tax**, because of which one finds general failure and exodus of businesses and entire industries, leaving dwindling exports and creating widespread unemployment. This in turn leads to a necessity to import what the country used to export, contributing to large deficits in the balance of payments of every country that persists in being an exponent of an income-based type of taxation in an open global economy.

The basic economic reasons behind this are that the **production cost of an article is significantly increased by the income tax system**, so the product will price itself out of the market to the extent that

it is not exportable, irrespective of production efficiency or prevailing exchange rates, which are hardly favourable for South Africa in any case. **Imports from countries who do not have this burdensome tax system will always be cheaper** than the same products that can be produced locally, ultimately **putting many local businesses out of business**. One only has to look to the demise of the textile industry in South Africa as a result of cheap, reasonable quality clothing imported from China, and the resultant poverty and crime in the Western Cape where the textile industry was primarily based, to see where this has happened in practice in South Africa.

Inevitably, basic economics will help liberate the tax-enslaved citizens of welfare states in developed economies. The **exodus of industry to countries with a flat-rate tax system like China and other Asian and Pacific Rim countries that is happening at a rapid rate will ultimately cripple every country that is an exponent of a marginal income-based type of taxation**. Not wanting to admit it, it is nevertheless clear that this 'pinch' is being felt very keenly right now by almost every First World country – witness the slow decline of the US economy over the last decades to the point where it will inevitably be superseded by China as the world's major economic power in the next two decades.

If instead, through the abolition of this destructive income tax, the people of a country are able to produce a competitively priced product that can be exported and sold in other countries for a competitive price, **all the welfare and other costs of services the State is supposed to provide could be greatly reduced, and with it, the State requirement for tax**, simultaneously also opening up many business opportunities for private entrepreneurs to create wealth for themselves and the country by providing the services the State is supposed to provide. **Being able to produce products competitively will create jobs for far more people**, enabling them to sustain themselves through their own work, a primary factor in restoring their dignity. The locally produced product will tend to remain affordable and cheaper in the country producing it than imported products because of shipping and transport costs associated with imported products, so creating an internal market for locally produced products as well as an export market to those countries who are producing products at uncompetitive prices due to their adherence to the income tax system and / or inefficiency.

The income tax system is also burdening the economy because of **all the skilled people employed in accounting and tax advisory firms**, not to mention the employees of the South African Revenue Service and the many Government employees with accounting jobs, all of whom could be released back into the market place where skilled labour and management is desperately required so that more people contribute toward producing a saleable product instead of living off the fruits of the labours of the few industrious citizens, as is the case at the moment. Presently, **tax consultants and accountants are adding to the overall cost of the product or service** because businesses and individuals must use their services to ensure they comply with the horrendously complicated Income Tax Act and minimise their tax liability, making the final product even more uncompetitive within the global market place - just another hidden cost of supporting the administrative monster created by Government.

Fifthly, because of its tendency to destroy jobs, **maintaining a system of income tax in an open economy becomes a useful tool for ensuring their political power and ability to get away with corruption and fraud**. These corrupt politicians not only seek election by making promises they promise to fulfill using the tax collected, they endeavour to keep their supporters impoverished and dependent by their calculated job-destroying tax system so that these gullible people will vote for them in anticipation of benefiting from all the wonderful handouts they promise, which of course never materialise after the election. Having large amounts of money under their control also gives them the power to control, manipulate and appropriate this budget to suit their own devious ends, which are always aimed at the enrichment and empowerment of themselves and their selected few cronies and the enslavement of both the productive citizens and the indigent masses.

The various types of grant and social security benefits that are paid by the Government, especially in the light of all the human misery caused by the system, can only be seen for what they truly are: **election bribes** by which a corrupt Government seeks to keep itself in power and **perpetuate the dependency of the unthinking masses** on Government to provide for them, so ensuring they continue to vote for the Government.

Sixthly, since the Income Tax Act imposes a system of income tax on the individual and carries with it the threat of penal enforcement of compliance with the Act, the freedom we pride ourselves in as South Africans is at best, a partial and impaired freedom. By definition and application of the Income Tax Act,

the **productive individual has no choice or say in whether he pays or does not pay tax, and no real choice as to whether to work or not either**, as he must work in order to live and support his dependents, so through this law, is in fact **enslaved to the State** for his whole life.

Instead of abolishing this imposed unconstitutional tax system so that the country can compete globally, the Government does everything in its power to protect and preserve this form of slavery and the servitude it holds on its productive citizens. Moreover, **instead of tackling the root causes of poverty and crime**, one of which is the income tax system, **the Government makes a show of addressing the symptoms**, in which it is also unsurprisingly failing dismally. Politicians duck and dive the true causes of these issues and blame the Apartheid and colonial past, creating vast inefficient bureaucracies to provide all kinds of entitlements to their cronies and larger constituency without creating any gainful employment, all because they are too fearful to face and address the real issues and too greedy for money and power to risk relinquishing any of it.

Seventhly, separate to the already imposed levies on imports, the Government now hopes to **stop the flow of cheap imports** from China and other Asian countries who have a flat-rate tax system by way of import permits and taxes, and in so doing, undermine the consumer's rights to benefit from globalisation. Freedom means the **consumer is entitled to freedom of choice** as to which products and services to buy, a freedom that is impinged on when imported products from other countries are taxed by way of import duties to make them unaffordable or entirely unavailable to the consumer, as it also is when local businesses are forced out of business due to their global lack of competitiveness as a result of income tax. This is an unconstitutional curtailment of the individual's freedom, which through the abolition of income tax would not be necessary. Government's attempt at curbing free trade, which everyone should be allowed to enjoy the benefits of as a free citizen, must be viewed as **an act of oppression undermining the individual's freedom**. [See clause (39 (1) a) of the Bill of Rights that refers to freedom].

Eighthly, the income tax system has, in its misuse, **become the major evil the present regime has inherited from colonialism and Apartheid**. Income tax started during the colonial era as a war tax and continued under the Apartheid regime that presided over an economy that was effectively under siege through sanctions. Since 1994 and the opening up of the SA economy to the global market, income tax does not qualify as a war tax anymore, making its retention by the present Government an act of oppression and exploitation of the country's citizens. In the way it destroys jobs and keeps the majority of the country's people unemployed and therefore in poverty-stricken dependency while it exploits the industrious, its implementation by our present Government in an economy open to trade with the rest of the world must be viewed as a **deliberate crime against the people of the country**.

Ninthly, this is especially so since **it is primarily the State's responsibility to uphold the Constitution of the country in each and every respect**. Clause 7 (2) of the Bill of Rights stipulates that, "The State must respect, protect, promote and fulfill the rights in the Bill of Rights." Therefore, if the State fails to comply with this stipulation by not respecting, protecting, promoting and fulfilling each and every right, including the right to freedom from slavery and servitude, the **Government has become a fraudulent Government through its betrayal of the trust placed in it** by the majority of the people of the country who elected it to protect and uphold their rights enshrined in the Constitution.

Finally, where the State collects taxes in whatever form and does not provide the services it is legally obliged to provide according to the Constitution and Bill of Rights, **it is collecting such taxes fraudulently and is in breach of its contract (the Constitution) to supply the services it has received the payment of revenue for**. Squandering money on arms deals, ineffective pebble-bed nuclear power plants, lavish events, expensive cars and exorbitant salaries for a huge bureaucracy that is not held accountable for the results it delivers, not to mention all the unofficial bribery and corruption that is obviously happening, and then forcing taxpayers to pay for all this wasteful indulgence designed to enrich a few elite members of Government at the expense of the rest of the people in the country, is nothing less than theft and a form of slavery.

Equally enslaving and degrading is when **Government tries to control people's activities in every aspect of life**, interfering in activities such as sport and art that can in no way be seen as legitimate spheres for any form of government control or interference. Government is too power-mad to know what proper government should be about, which is to "respect, protect, promote and fulfill the rights in the Bill of Rights", and the resultant downward spiral of poverty, crime and corruption the country is caught in at the moment is ample evidence of this. The lip service that is paid to the fight against corruption in

Government - only 800 out of more than 40,000 reported cases of corruption have actually been investigated – and the leniency displayed towards those who do get caught – the 'Travel-gate' fraud perpetrated by Members of Parliament is just one recent example – are further evidence of the Government's total lack of commitment to truly serving the people of South Africa and upholding its Constitution.

In fact, **the Constitutional Court should dissolve this type of fraudulent government**, which ours clearly is, on the basis that Government has failed dismally in its stated purpose of upholding the Constitution. A Government that completely disregards the rights guaranteed in terms of the Constitution by passing and enforcing such a law as the Income Tax Act should be removed from power in terms of the Constitution, the highest authority in the country.

The **constitutionality of the Income Tax Act has not been tested in the Constitutional Court** to date, the obvious reason being the millions of Rand in legal fees it would cost to fight such a case effectively against the Government, backed by the full budget available to it, with no guarantee of winning the case, as a number of the judges in the Constitutional Court are appointed by Government and are slaves to their master's will.

Our present society's overall dependency on Government as if Government were Mother Nature, the great provider, needs to be greatly reduced if this country is ever to become globally competitive and offer all its citizens the freedom to enjoy a reasonable quality of life. **This means that the mindset of the majority of people in the country**, who, because of past oppression and political electioneering, look to the State to provide for them, **needs to change**. In order to do this, the irresponsible and highly damaging political practice of canvassing for votes at election time by offering free houses, services, health care and social welfare grants, which in this country has become the order of the day, needs to be stopped. If Government were serious about fighting poverty and were honest about its causes, it would scrap the income tax system and tell people the truth: that it is only through their own efforts and endeavours, supported by a Government that encourages rather than impedes entrepreneurship and business through regulation and taxes, that they can improve their lives.

For such honesty to prevail, Government also needs to bring its tax system in line with the constitution by **scrapping the current income tax law** and replacing it with a flat-rate tax system. **Rates on property**, which in essence are a tax on the value of property that is completely unjustified, should also be scrapped. Disguising this tax on municipal citizens' property as 'rates' is a sham and a hoax designed to deceive those very same citizens. The deceitful swindle is that it is a **TAX** on the supposed 'value' of a property, which does not create a Rand or even a cent of monetary value for the owner until the property is sold, whereupon any capital gain enjoyed by the owner is duly taxed. Yet paying tax on the value of their property on a regular basis is the **penalty** demanded of the owner by the local authorities. This **value has absolutely no relationship to what services the owner may enjoy** for existing in that municipal area, and only crooks or imbeciles will try to mislead property owners that there is any relationship whatsoever.

There is **nothing in the 63 pages of the 'Rates' Act No. 6 of 2004 stating that an owner must pay a tax, disguised as 'rates', on the perceived market value of his or her home or property**. Such rates are supposedly to pay for "basic services" that "benefit the community as a whole", as the official blurb states.

This is a blatant lie. The owner already pays for water, electricity, sewerage and refuse collection, charges that all include a healthy profit margin for the local council and VAT, another tax, on top of that. Having already paid for these services, the owner has no obligation to pay anyone else, and this is in terms of the Rates Act.

If your home or business premises is well maintained, looks good, has a nice view or any recreational facility, on all of **which tax has already been paid** when the property was sold to the owner, the owner will be further penalised for whatever 'value' the appointed municipal valuer decides it has. **Fancy taxing a good view! This is how ludicrous the rates tax really is!**

Only property that has access to roads and services like water, electricity and sewerage, whether provided by private developers or municipal authorities, can be incorporated into any municipal administration. **Property tax is supposed to pay for the maintenance of these roads and the infrastructure that provides the services**, which is clearly not happening, as the deterioration of the

roads and the infrastructure providing basic services in areas where this infrastructure exists is obvious for all to see. Unless an owner gets value for his or her taxes that have been levied specifically to pay for the maintenance of the roads and services they should enjoy, **their money has effectively been stolen and they are being subjected to a form of slavery**. Slavery is outlawed in terms of the Constitution and theft is a criminal offence.

We need not mince words: **rates payable on property are just another way to extort money from the over-taxed minority** who pay and have paid most of the national government and municipal taxes in the past to pay for the bloated, inefficient and corrupt national and local government structures that do not deliver a reasonable service to either the people paying rates and taxes or to the vast majority of the people that elected the government, who continue to suffer in poverty, hoping for a better deal under a new leader and his cronies who have already proven themselves to be as corrupt as the current leadership.

These taxpayers, despite paying for the entire administrative municipal structure, **have no influence over the decisions of the authorities whose large salaries they pay** because the local councillors are not individually elected by people living in every ward, but are elected by the majority of voters in the entire municipal area. As a result, these councillors and the people who run the administration are **political appointees** who are **well rewarded for their support of the ruling party** with cushy jobs and fat salaries, attached to which there is **no accountability** for their performance or results.

If you were doing business with a company that asked you to pay it for services that were not delivered at all or in a completely sub-standard way, you would very quickly cease to do business with that company and find an alternative provider of those services or free yourself entirely from dependency on those services. **Why should government authorities be allowed to get away with running a monopoly on providing services which they do not provide and then insisting on payment**, in effect stealing money from people, just because it is the 'law' that has been conveniently promulgated by them?

Abraham Lincoln, largely responsible for abolishing the practice of slavery in the United States, pointed that the biggest threat to freedom is Government, something that has been clearly demonstrated around the world throughout history. After centuries of government that has taken away the freedom of some or all of its people at one time or another, **is it not high time that the citizens of South Africa, and indeed, every country, finally enjoy freedom from every form of Government intervention, exploitation and slavery that impair the freedom our new Constitution enshrines?**

Given all of the above, we, as citizens of South Africa whose right to freedom is guaranteed by the Constitution, hereby demand that:

1. **The Income Tax Act be repealed** and the Government introducing more equitable ways of funding the activities of the State and dramatically reducing the need for such activities and the bureaucracy necessary to support it.
2. All **accounts of Government departments, municipal authorities and parastatal organisations be made publicly available on the Internet** to ensure total transparency. [See the Bill of Rights clause 32 (1) a) on the transparency of government].
3. The Minister of Finance, with the assistance of many now redundant employees of SARS, seeks to **recover all money misappropriated and unaccounted for in the various tiers of government** with the same gusto as SARS currently pursues the evaders of income tax, permitting no plea-bargained interest-free repayment deals, as presently seems to be the practice in the unlikely event of a member of Government actually being found guilty of corruption.
4. The **Human Rights Commission take an active part in seeing to it that the above-mentioned rights**, and all other Constitutional Rights presently violated and / or generally neglected by the State, **are afforded in practice to each and every citizen of this country** according to the provisions in the Constitution.

As concerned citizens of the country, we hereby state our strong desire and intention to eliminate poverty, reduce crime and make South Africa a country that gives all of its citizens an equal opportunity to enjoy a life of freedom and dignity, rights that are enshrined in our Constitution. We hope that we can



count on you as undoubtedly intelligent men to see the sound economic principles and inherent wisdom in our arguments for scrapping Income Tax and will, out of a desire to improve the lives of the people of South Africa, act accordingly to meet the above demands.

Should these demands not be met, **we reserve the right to encourage people not to submit personal tax returns or pay income tax on the grounds of the Income Tax Act's unconstitutionality.** We also reserve the right to institute a **class action suit against Government to reimburse all taxes it has collected unconstitutionally since the adoption of the Constitution in 1994** and to institute a class action suit against President Mbeki and the Government, including the Human Rights Commission, indicting each of their members jointly and severally for compensation of those who have suffered unnecessarily through the imposition of this unconstitutional tax.

Should the unconstitutionality of the Income Tax Act or the legality of any action or litigation be contested by the State, the costs incurred by the State, should it lose the case, as it properly should if the Constitution is upheld by the Constitutional Court in judging the case, will have to be funded from money not collected as a tax. Furthermore, where political party appointees in Government are found guilty of corruption, misappropriation or other misdemeanour, we reserve the right to ensure that **the party that appointed them to office is held accountable for repaying these misappropriated monies** at its own cost and not at the cost of the tax or ratepayer.

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### **Editor's Comment:**

**Apartheid** was the law in this country for many years, but it did not mean that it was right, ethical or in tune with **Divine Law**, which is the **Law of Love** that states **we are all essentially One because we share the same immortal Spirit**, and therefore **it is only as you give, that you receive.** With government, it is all about ego-driven taking for self-enrichment by a few who give almost nothing back. The increasing civil disorder and criminality in South Africa is because of this violation of the Divine Principle of Love, expressed as the betrayal of the people in power of the people they were elected to serve.

Is it not **insanity to allow this to continue and a whole country to slide into an ego-created nightmare of corruption, crime and violence when you become aware of what is happening?** When you pay rates, or any other taxes for that matter, you are condoning and in fact supporting this insanity and the calamity that it will lead to – just another badly ruled African country mired in poverty, crime and corruption. All we need do is look to Zimbabwe, a once prosperous country, to see the end of the road to hell we are currently all journeying on in South Africa.

Mahatma Gandhi, who forced the British Empire to grant India its independence through the campaign of passive resistance he instigated and led in India, said that **we must become the change we seek in the world.** If we are to **live lives of true integrity where our thoughts, words and deeds are in harmony with the Divine Law of Love**, we cannot allow the ego, in whatever shape or form, to rule our lives or determine our country's destiny. We must do all in our power to prevent this from happening and re-establish the perfect Divine Law of Love that works in practice in any and every situation to create the greatest good for the greatest number of people. This is our **spiritual practice**, known as '**karma yoga**', the highest form of yoga in the Indian spiritual tradition, and the active part of our journey back to the awareness of our unity with the Divine Principle that we are and always will be one with.

If this article resonated with you and **you are willing to act to free yourself from the burden of taxes used to perpetuate the madness we call civil society in South Africa (and in other countries) and establish a society governed by the Law of Love**, click [here](#) and send the email that pops up and you will be **emailed back with detailed information on what you can do to free yourself and your country from the control of the dark forces masquerading as Government** that will lead it into a hellish nightmare of Zimbabwean proportions if unchecked. History has shown that there is much like-minded people can do if they stand and act together in the service of a common cause, so never allow despair and hopelessness, which are the domain of the ego and so well used by the authorities who want to control you, to enter into your mind, knowing that, as Gregg Braden, a leading spiritual teacher and mystic, once said **"There is a power within every human being**



**against which no earthly force is of any consequence whatsoever."**

While you wait for more information, watch '[Zeitgeist](#)', a movie that will show you the extent of the madness of the system (and the people who control it) that most people accept unknowingly as the primary authority in their lives by living their lives according to its dictates – click [here](#) to do that online now. (Note that you will need a broadband Internet connection to be able to watch it). You can also forward this article on to everyone in your address book to start making a difference right now. The more people who awaken to the truth of what the true intention of Governments around the world (and the unseen forces controlling them) really is – nothing less than the total enslavement of the people they govern - the less likely it is to happen.

Remember, all it takes for the insanity of the ego to prevail and even the little freedom so hardly won in the past through the efforts of great souls like Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln and Nelson Mandela to be lost is that ordinary people like you and me are too fearful or apathetic to do something to resist it when we know we should. Will you be one of those people who does nothing and unwittingly contributes to the creation of an enslaved and insane society to leave to your children, or will you exercise your Divine Power as a human being to choose to think and act to create a better reality for you, your children and the generations yet to be born?

If you feel strangely moved by these words, you have felt the call of your immortal Spirit that yearns for total freedom and the peace it brings, so act on this call now (before your fearful mind stops you!) by clicking [here](#) and sending the email that pops up to be **emailed back with detailed information on what you can do to free yourself and your country along with it.**

I leave you with some quotes to ponder before you decide what to do about what you have just read:

"Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God." – *Thomas Jefferson, 3<sup>d</sup> President of the U.S.A.*

"To see what is right and not to do it is want of courage." – *Confucius, Chinese philosopher*

"Faith is not trying to believe something regardless of the evidence; faith is daring to do something regardless of the consequences." - *Sherwood Eddy*

"It doesn't interest me who you are, how you came to be here. I want to know if you will stand in the centre of the fire with me and not shrink back." – *Oriah Mountain Dreamer*

Namaste (which means '**the Divine in me honours the Divine in you**')

Jonathan Quail

## **Lifebuilder Events**

### **Lifebuilder Mini-seminar - How to Become Financially Free in 5 Years or Less**

Date: **Wednesday, 27 August**

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

Venue: **FNB Conference and Training Centre, 114 Grayston Drive, Sandton**

Fee: R200

In this session, we will show you **how you can generate a regular, large and growing passive income through property investment without investing any of your own money**, why **now is the best time to be investing in property in South Africa** and exactly **where to invest to enjoy capital growth of 30% to 40% per annum and cover your entire bond payment with your rental income** that is 99% guaranteed through the system we can help you to plug into. If this sounds impossible to you, suspend your scepticism and come and learn how to do all this through the **Lifebuild Property Investment Network's** unique system. You will also learn about **advanced wealth creation and business system principles**, including how to reduce your current debt repayments dramatically, that

you can begin applying to your new property business (and any other business in which you are involved) to **generate more than enough passive income to live an abundant life**, helping you to find that **elusive life balance** so few people manage to attain.

To book your seat now, [click here](#) and send the email that pops up, or if you want more information about this event and the **Lifebuild Property Investment Network**, [click here](#).

## Gordon Mackay's 'Money and You' Seminar

Date: **Saturday, 16 August, 2008**

Time: 8.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Venue: **FNB Conference Centre, 114 Grayston Drive, Sandton**

Date: **Saturday, 23 August, 2008**

Time: 8.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Venue: **Breakers Hotel, Lagoon Drive, Umhlanga Rocks**

Date: **Saturday, 30 August, 2008**

Time: 8.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Venue: **The River Club, Observatory, Cape Town**

Investment: **R495 (R200 for under-21's)**

[Gordon Mackay](#), a master property investor who owns **over 300 residential properties** (acquired in only the last 5 years using none of his own money nothing) will show you how to do exactly what he has done in the next 5 years using none of your own money in this entertaining and highly practical seminar. He will show you **how easy and safe property investment when done right really is and why it is the most viable way for the average person to become wealthy and retire early** without all the hassles – staff, premises and equipment, high overheads, etc. - normally associated with building a big business.

Gordon lost nearly everything in the early 1990's during the recession and depressed real estate market when he invested in shares using borrowed money and owed the banks over R5 million that he couldn't pay back. He was technically bankrupt. This was a low point in his life and he went through extremely challenging times, but overcame this extreme adversity to become the successful investor he is today. Learn how he repaid all the money he owed and in the last 5 years, **bought over 300 properties that pay for themselves every month using the banks' money**. He will show you the **techniques and strategies he has used that work in practice** to help him do this, and that **you will be able to start applying immediately**.

After attending Gordon's seminar, people have discovered how easy it is to overcome any problem and become a success. It's very simple once you know how! Here's what a few people who have attended Gordon's seminar have had to say:

"You have the ability to reduce complex topics and issues to make them understandable by ordinary or indeed, fiscal-literacy-challenged people like me. You're performing an incredibly valuable service, by making your years of experience, insight and wisdom available to others at a very affordable fee. You held my attention throughout, whereas normally my brain gets enveloped in a pea-soup fog immediately someone starts talking figures. Take a bow and continue the excellent work!" - *Clive Simpkins*

"I am so positive about our future. Once again, thank you Gordon, for the absolutely wonderful seminar - to me it is the best I have ever attended." - *Bernadette Zeiler*

"I would like to thank you for the difference your seminar made in my life." - *Belinda*

"I have put into action what I learnt and am really seeing how easy it is." - *Mia*

"I found the attitude and success part of Gordon's talk to be a revelation." - *Barry*

"Not only did you educate me on a professional level but you educated me on a personal level too." - Joedi

"What a seminar! Thank you for a very, very inspiring seminar! You were down-to-earth and set realistic goals for us." - Rajesh

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone who wants a significant **passive income** for the rest of their life
- Anyone who wants to **retire early**
- Anyone who wants the knowledge and skills to become a **successful investor and entrepreneur**
- Anyone who wants to know **how to make money through property**
- Anyone who wants to know about the advantages of **the National Credit Act**
- Anyone who wants to know how to take **advantage of rising interest rates**
- Anyone who wants to **learn more about using trusts to protect their properties and assets**
- Anyone who wants to know **the truth about investing in the stock market**
- Anyone who wants to know **the short-term and long-term future of the property market in SA**
- Anyone who wants to **improve their existing business and increase sales**

## HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT

- You will learn **how easy it is to become extremely wealthy with very little money to start with**
- You will **gain the confidence and knowledge to make money through property investment**
- You will learn **many different ways to get finance**
- You will learn about the **different legal structures you can use for your property business** and which one is most suitable for you
- You will learn how to **overcome your fear** of investing in property and becoming wealthy

## WHAT WILL BE COVERED

- **Gordon Mackay's life story** about how he overcame extreme adversity and became successful
- **How you can become very wealthy by investing in property** with little of your own money to start with
- How Gordon made **667% return in 3 years by investing in the stock market**
- How Gordon **bought 100 properties in a year with none of his own money**
- How to create **multiple streams of income**
- How to **identify the right property**
- How to **get your tenants to pay your bond** for you
- How to **manage tenants** and get your rent paid every month on time
- **Secrets of negotiation** that will save you hundreds of thousands of Rand
- How you can **turn an 8% annual return on investment in property into a 120% return**
- How to **pay less tax legally**
- The **advantages of having your assets owned by a trust**
- How to get **multiple bonds** and **buy many properties**
- The **difference between good and bad debt**
- How you can **benefit from rising interest rates**
- How you can **profit through property investment in any economic climate**
- **Practical, proven tools, techniques and strategies** to help you succeed as a property investor
- And much more ...

Your investment for this life-changing seminar is only **R495** or **R200 for people under the age of 21**. Click [here](#) and send the email that pops up to **book your seat/s now** and learn how easy it is to create a life of abundance where money is not a limiting factor that you have always wanted.

## **Lifebuilder** Meditation Workshop with Jonathan Quail

Date: **Sunday, 31 August**

Time: **9 - 6 p.m.**

Venue: **The Theosophical Society**

**Corner Lothbury Road and Streatley Avenue, Auckland Park, Johannesburg**

Investment: **R480**

If you've always wanted to know how to meditate properly and get all the benefits of meditation you've heard about - calmness, better health and increased productivity - or if you have already tried meditating or meditate regularly, but find it difficult to do or want to deepen your meditations and experience the benefits you feel you have been missing, this workshop is what you have been looking for.

[Jonathan Quail](#), the founder of **Lifebuild**, will guide you through six different kinds of meditation during the course of the day:

- An energising and healing **'forgiveness' meditation** that **clears negative energy** we hold in our bodies and **reveals the real 'you'** over time as you practice it;
- A **'destiny' meditation** where you open yourself up to the divine inspiration that will reveal in images and feelings **your special purpose and function in this lifetime**, which some call destiny;
- A **'hypnotic' meditation** where you are guided into a state of light to medium hypnosis through voice and music and then exposed to auditory suggestions that re-programme your subconscious mind with positive and empowering beliefs to replace negative, self-limiting beliefs;
- A **'breath' meditation** you can use for longer meditations, as well as shorter periods of as little as 2 minutes where you breathe deeply and focus all your attention on the breath to literally and at a soul level **be inspired and re-connect with the Source of Life within you**;
- A **'meditation in motion'** that allows you to exercise and remain in a meditative and relaxed state while you enjoy your exercise and receive all the benefits of exercise;
- A **'bliss' meditation process** is a passive one where you will learn how to go into the deepest transcendental state beyond the conscious mind and find the 'peace of God that passes all understanding';
- A **'prayer meditation'** that helps you to review and release any negativity accumulated during the day and cleanse your mind of it to commune with God before you go to sleep so that your sleep is very deep and restful.

Between these experiential, guided meditation sessions, Jonathan will be speaking about the purpose of meditation, which is to help you to **transcend the egoic mind and re-discover who and what you really are** and conversely, the illusory nature of the world and the universe. He will show you how to bust out of this illusion and experience true inner peace using the meditations you will learn during the course of the day as your most powerful tool. The day will be very **interactive** and you will have time to **pose any questions** you may have about anything and have them answered.

If you have tried different meditation methods, read books, watched movies, attended talks, been on courses and been on a journey of personal development and spiritual growth for some time, yet still feel that you are missing something that you can't quite put your finger on but is like a hole in you that just won't be filled, then **attending this course will lead you to the 'Secret' that will fill the hole so it overflows with joy**, a Secret so awesome that it shows up the Law of Attraction touted as the great 'Secret' of life in a well-known movie and countless personal development books as the insubstantial illusion it really is.

Jonathan has been on his spiritual journey since the age of 12 and over the course of nearly 25 years, has explored and learned about **many different philosophies and techniques for personal development and spiritual growth**, including many different types of meditation starting with Transcendental Meditation 10 years ago. In this one-day workshop, he will share the best of the

meditation techniques he has personally tried and tested, as well as the wisdom he has gained through many hours of meditation, reading, prayer and living life to help you save time and avoid suffering unnecessarily on your own spiritual journey to the Destination you seek.

Here's what a few people who have attended Jonathan's talks and been coached by him in the past have said about him and his talks:

"Excellent, mind blowing - helped me to understand company restructure and cope better with change. Empowering - enlightening, definitely an eye-opener, new concepts realising a higher conscience. Informative and motivating." - *Salleha Jamal, Bankserv*

"I would like to Thank You for an outstanding and value for money presentation. It was Incredible!" - *Gordon Mackay, Property Investor and Speaker on Property Investment*

"I again reiterate how wonderful your talk was. You are indeed a talented speaker. It was a pleasure having you there. I believe you have a wonderful future ahead of you in public speaking and motivation. You are a special human being." - *Candice Goldstein, Sportron Distributor*

"I would like to thank you for this wonderful and totally mind shifting course." - *Sarita Heerman*

"Resonated with my very being ... confirmed what I know ... Fabulous ... Incredible; SA needs this right now!!! Take it out there, this whole beautiful country needs to shift its focus from crime to success, safety and abundance ... I just want to take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude at the gift(s) you gave me (us) last Wednesday. I loved every moment of your session and look forward to attending another one of your sessions again soon." - *Dumisani Magadlela, Development Bank of Southern Africa*

"You seem very schooled in spirituality in all its myriad facets. I'm very impressed by your Lifebuilder emails & find many parallels with my own understanding of spiritualism." - *Manoo Golden*

"You have got great wisdom and a wealth of knowledge ... I can't express how I feel today, one of the best moments in my life. Thank you for showing me the way to the truth." - *Thabiso, coaching client in Botswana*

"Everything is starting to fall into place and with a purpose. I will find my purpose. Forever thankful (for) helping me to find myself again." - *Len C, coaching client*

Click [here](#) for more information about Jonathan and his work, and [here](#) and send the email that pops up to book your seat for this session. You can email Jonathan on [jono@lifebuild.com](mailto:jono@lifebuild.com) or call him on **083-964-9065** if you have any questions about the workshop.

That's all for this month. In next month's edition, we will be talking more about meditation and its undoubted benefits. Until then, may you be blessed with inner peace and outer prosperity (which will certainly increase significantly if you follow the guidance given above!).

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