

## THE PEOPLE\*S ANSWER

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DEAR BOB:

I write this, my sixth mailing to you, to bring you up to date with my Independent Mayoral Candidacy.

Since my last mailing (April 25, 1989) I have lost my father to one of humanity's great killers, cancer. His sickness, and then his death, has, of course, occupied much of my thought, and part of my time, these two months.

During this time I also have given much deep thought to all of the actions I am planning, to the book I have been writing (The People\*s Forum Network), to my methods of past and current action, as well as to my future plans of action to be of service to humanity. To tell you the truth, I find that I am not satisfied, and in some areas, very disappointed with myself.

To make a long story short, one that is now 12½ years old, let me just say, that I seem to have drifted from my own principles of (1) trying to keep my personality out of all the actions considered—or at least to keep it to a minimum by just putting the spotlight on the issues; (2) of not picking out particular individuals or organizations to do battle with—that is, to just try to stick to the right and wrong issues and let the ideas and plans win the day in all social—reform battles; (3) of not mixing religion with politics; (4) to not use any kind of force, deceit, trickery, dishonesty, and so on to try to win the day. As well as other similar distinctions of Self-control.

I had been struggling with these matters all along, as I always do, but one of you, of the 112 persons on my mailing list, called me after my last mailing to point out to me that my public disclosure of some of my personal feelings about Donald Trump (who's also on the mailing list), that I had written into the "Dedication" page of my book, a page which was previewed in my last mailing to you, is wrong action and is far off the course I have been trying to steer by. He said that it really smelled of personal confrontation, competition, pandering, ego, trying to butter him up, looking for something, and not very honest—because he knows that I do not agree with Mr. Trump's overall method of operation—his social focus, in the use of his vast skills, resources, and influence. Upon deep reflection, I agree with these comments and advice—that I have drifted from my declared principles. I won't retract what I said in the "Dedication page", that you received, because my vision is true (to me, anyway—I'm the one experiencing it), but I can say that it will not be in the book; that I will keep it to myself from now on. I would also

like to thank the one who woke me up-for giving me such wise counsel.

Being a person who has been searching for the Holy Grail (the Truth) on all social subjects (philosophical as well as political, social, and economic) all these years, and feeling quite confident that I have found many truths that our society needs to look at and open-mindedly consider, I find myself wanting to be a student-teacher, a quide, a helper--and on many fronts: I want to help humanity to heal itself through a great synthesis of social reform, political reform, and religious reform--that is, a public study of the one common root that underlies all religious viewpoints; and with the religious sentiment of love, brotherhood, and right human relations guiding all of our social decisions. In my mind the three are one, and should be one; and until humanity willingly and open-mindedly undertakes a great social education, and all done in the blaze of the public (media) spotlight (hopefully), leaving none of these ingredients out (even though they can be studied separately), we the people will continue the mad and ignorant dash to destruction; with the daily and diverse suffering all along the way being much, much worse than the final end itself. You know, it's analogous to life itself; for each of us (for most of us anyway, because the leaders of our world don't know how to operate correctly--or won't!!)--the long term of life's suffering is a real drag to have to endure while the final physical death itself is always real swift.

The bottom line to my future action is this!: Because it is so hard to deal with all these issues together, I find that I must go back to the drawing board and restructure everything. That is, I have to break my book apart in some proper way; I have to separate some of the public actions that I have planned for the people, and myself, to undertake; I have to let go, eliminate, and discontinue pursuing the urge I have of wanting to tell the whole story about some of my past actions and experiences in trying to bring the Project to the people--worldwide. For example, many, if not all, of the chapters that tell the story of "The Evolution of The People's Answer Project", including a transcript of the 120 posters that I had placed on Fifth Avenue in front of Trump Tower and Tiffany's back in 1987. I sent you a copy of the New York Daily News article (about that) as part of my fourth mailing, back on March 28, 1989. This section alone takes up about 50% of the book. I also have to cull out, and put into its own book, all the chapters that declare what my "Philosophical Foundation" is (this is the part that has me mixing religion with politics in the same book) -- this takes up about 20% of the book).

I want you to know that I've got a problem: I'm a preacher; a community activist; a social reformer; a politician; a visionary; a political, social, and economic theorist; and a seeker of Truth and social Justice. You can say, that I'm one of those types that strives to find ways to help guide the people to the Promised Land—that's all I think about; all day, every day; and all night, too. And on top of it all, I'm an all—around ex—bad guy who is trying real hard to become a useful citizen; trying to cleanse my lower nature.

What I'm saying is, that it will take me a while to complete this task (spiritually, emotionally, and physically), and I will not be on the public scene as soon as I had hoped to be—in order to inject ideas into the mayoral campaign. Being an Independent, I hope that I will be able to physically complete everything by the end of the "party" elections, so that I can be

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10,000 New York City blocks & neighborhoods skillfully "United"—networking our city into "The Best Public Enterprise Team in the World"—empowering us to win back our streets and subway system from the horror of crime and drugs—to put an end to land monopoly and land speculation (which are unjust special privileges)—doing away with political corruption, governmental mismanagement, and dynamically-wrong and ignorant taxation—all of which always leads "We The People" into all of our horrible problems of involuntary poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and degradation. (We are a "Model Project" for the world!)

A NETWORKING PLAN PRESENTED FOR PUBLIC CONSIDERATION

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involved during the general-election campaign. I'm also taking the time to get married—on July 2nd, in Baltimore, to Bonnie Rachael Hurwitz.

Anyway, since I am a perennial candidate (365 days a year, every year—until I win) it really doesn't matter when I come on the scene, because my style of campaigning, influencing, and organizing, will not come to an end in November; my preparation is for a lifetime's work. But I will continue to send each of you as much useful information as I can; and, of course, I am still at your service—to bring speakers into any public and private forum you request, on the subjects that I have, so far, been keeping you informed on—land use, taxes, and affordable housing. And to play my part in the private and public meetings, conferences, debates, and think tanks that I hope to be invited to.

In continuing along the same line of thought as my prior five mailings, I have enclosed three pamphlets for your review. My last mailing suggested that we "keep our [collective] eyes on the prize" while we all start studying, and then steadily implementing, the proper use of our land and the correct way to tax ourselves. These three pamphlets address the general idea of the total prize referred to. They all happen to be by Henry George. They are: (1) Causes of Business Depression; (2) Justice the Object—Taxation the Means; and (3) Ode to Liberty. I hope that you will absorb this "ammunition" in this order.

If any one of you, at any time, finds yourself becoming interested in the information I send you, and you are curious as to the contents of the letters and pamphlets that I have previously sent, which you may not have even seen because they were lost or misplaced—or, you just threw them in the garbage, please feel free to contact me and I will bring you up to date. Also, if you think that any of your colleagues should be on the mailing list, send me their names and addresses. When I mail to them I will add a note saying that it was because of your recommendation.

So far, in my mailings, I've concentrated on the land, tax, and housing issues—except in my press release (October 18, 1988) and in the third mailing (January 28, 1989), when I mentioned that I have a plan that will skillfully unite all the people, organizations, and institutions of our city into a great position of action that will help us to win back our streets and our subway system from the horrors of crime and drugs. And also that I have ideas and plans for reforming our prisons, our schools, and for having a free public transportation system. These will all be focused on once I do get onto the public scene.

Forever yours in universal brotherhood and all "united" action,

John J. DeSantis Jr., Independent candidate for mayor of N.Y.C.

PS: On page 2, line 6, of my April 25th mailing (my fifth one to you), please change the word "juggler" to read: jugular. Thanks! A copy of the cover to my book is on the reverse side of this page; It will stay the same.

John J. De Santis Jr.