

OFFER IN COMPROMISE... WHAT AN ACCEPTANCE LOOKS LIKE

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You know since I've been processing Offer In Compromises, I've often wondered what you, the people think when these go through to help you out of your tax problems and what you think they look like when they do. It gave me pause to think and think and think again that I should show you one that has actually gone through, so that you know what to expect when I get one through for you.

Now, it usually takes me three days to think about your offer. The first thing I have to do is go over all the information you've given me through my mind, then I go into the actual physical work-up on the forms. I then digest the contents of it and go through a thorough evaluation of it to get your final product. But, like I tell all my clients, don't expect me to perform a miracle overnight, even though I have done so for some. Your offer might be of a different origin and differ somewhat from their normal conformity.

BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WON'T ACCEPT YOUR OFFER!

The other day walking by the lake, I thought to myself what could I do to instill into the communities mind the importance of what an Offer In Compromise really can do for you and how it looks when it does. So I decided I would show you what a real Acceptance of an Offer In Compromise actually looked like...

This couple I saved \$87,500. SEE BELOW their acceptance letter. They agreed to let me show their letter although, I did not print their actual names. See Below!...What to expect when YOUR Offer goes through...

Recipient of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Internal Revenue Service
915 Second Avenue, N/S 215
Seattle, WA 98104

SEATTLE, WA 98106

Dear Taxpayer,

We've accepted your offer in compromise dated 03/22/95. Our acceptance is subject to the terms and conditions on the enclosed Form 656, Offer in Compromise.

Please note that the terms of the offer require you to file and pay all required taxes for five years from the date shown in the upper right hand corner of this letter. Additionally, please remember that the terms of the offer include the provision that we will retain any refunds or credits which you may be entitled to receive for 1995 or for earlier tax years. This includes refunds you receive in 1995 for any overpayments you made in 1995 or in earlier years.

If you are required to make any payments under this agreement, make your check or money order payable to the Internal Revenue Service and send it to:

Internal Revenue Service
Collection Branch
Attn: OIC Technician N/S 3500
P.O. Box 3541
Ogden, Utah 84409

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the upper right hand corner of this letter.

Sincerely,

Group Manager

So there my friends, what an Offer In Compromise that has been received looks like. Let's hope all of yours are so favorable. More good information from your Tax Lady Lorna Walker, telling you again, Stay "Money Wise and Money Smart" and don't forget to "Keep that Man Out of Your Pocket" See Ya...

**Great wealth makes
us neither more wise
nor more healthy.**

Youth and Police Discuss Community Concerns

Writer: Caroline McNeal



The Youth Forum that was held at the Columbia Branch Library on October 12th, 1995 proved to be a success. There were 20 youth or more in attendance to discuss their concerns over police harassment and policy. Some adults were in attendance. Questions were directed from majority youth. The roundtable discussion began at 7:00pm and ended at 8:30pm. Youth representative Portia Robertson introduced the speaker of the evening, Detective John F. Hayes.

Other officers in attendance were: Renee Witt, Lt. Emmett Keisie and J.L. Jackson from the South Precinct. Detective J. Hays addressed the group with questions from participants on, "what to do if a policeman decides to stop someone walking for questioning." Detective Hayes suggested: It is always a good idea to relax and answer questions asked.

Often an officer is concerned about the individual's safety, and is trying to determine if the person questioned lives in the vicinity. There may be a robbery or complaint that has been reported, that has occurred within the surrounding community, and it is important to provide safety for everyone; and determine if an individual is a legitimate resident in that community. There are times when individuals seen walking or running are contributors to the incident that has just occurred. Officers are concerned about your safety. However, there is a protocol: Officers should state why they are addressing the person, to keep tension down and make it possible to proceed peacefully with the inquiry. Detective Hayes urged students to address the officer in a polite manner, first showing the officer school I.D.

or a Wash. St. Drivers license, or a legitimate form of I.D.; inform the officer where their residence is located; and ask the officer if you can be of help. It is essential to always carry identification. When it is evident that you want to cooperate and you are in control, the situation is less tense. Also, when officers stop a car and question a citizen, the individual driving and the officer are the only two person's that are conducting business. Passengers do not have anything to do with the situation. Officers usually will ask the driver to step outside of the car so that the two can talk rather than get a passenger involved. The questioning is only between the officer and the driver.

Peer pressure is not good. It can cause the situation to grow out of control. A citizen has the right to call in complaints to the police station. Sponsors: The Black Dollar Days Task Force, and Promise Children Fund: Building Strong Community Youth Leaders. Youth Leader, Portia Robertson, LaShawna Poree, and Margaret Jeffrey. Youth Director, Dr. Robert Jeffrey, BDDTF-Executive Dir. Supporting youth concerns: Jean Roberson-Job Service Specialist, Rainier Job Service Center.

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MIND IS THE DIVINE PROGRAMME



It is the mind, consciously or sub-consciously, that determines most of the physical defects or improvements in circumstances as requisite conditions for the acquisition of certain experiences by the soul.

Some of this experience could be deliberate modifications in destiny designed to enable the soul cope with such changing conditions like the effects of mishaps which result from causes like floods, quakes etc., afflictions from sources external to the body and outside the influence of the victims mind like accidents, wars and injustices.

People often blame these changing conditions on destiny. This is wrong. It is like dropping a bomb on a school laboratory and blaming it on the student's science syllabus. When such unexpected conditions develop, an efficient mind should be capable of rising to the entailed challenges, and it is the means to this end that is regarded as modifications in destiny.

It is the barren mind that enslaves both the body and soul to destiny. Like the student who may decide not to study under a leaky roof, the soul is not under any compulsion to remain in any body whose condition militates Against its progress. It follows, therefore, that it is not predestined to share in all the experiences of the body which being a product of circumstances, environment and earth, is prone to all forms of infections from exposure and inherent impurities.

There are people who spend what is left of their short life arguing what a good man should be or not be instead of striving to be one. There are others who pass sleepless nights planning the harm they intend to cause others. And there is yet another group who, finding themselves in a position of authority believe that they alone hold the key to fulfillment of the destiny of those serving under them. The truth is that nobody has the power to change another's destiny without the subject's approval and co-operation.

It is like in hypnotism where the subject's willingness to co-operate is the determining factor. What some people do not realize is that wickedness is the offspring of the inability of the perpetrator's mind to cope with the provision in his destiny. Goodness, on the other hand, is the work of the noble mind that has risen above the bestial state.

In other words, the mind of the doer of evil still functions at the elemental level. It should be remembered that it is not every student in the school that is able to cope with the syllabus for his discipline. Likewise, not every incarnated soul is able to go through with his destiny principally due to the very poor state of his mind that could be attributed to bad upbringing and wrong environment.

It follows, therefore, that every wicked man or woman is a dropout in the natural scheme of things. It is these set of entities that indulge in all known forms of villainy exactly in the same manner as the frustrated college student who, finding failure staring him in the face, resorts to expo and other like vices.

The main aim of this article is to encourage people to seek the upliftment of the full potentials of the mind. It is the mind that is responsible for all our achievements and failures, our misfortunes, joy and our pains. It is the weak and ignorant mind that makes the soul the slave and, the body a veritable nuisance.

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