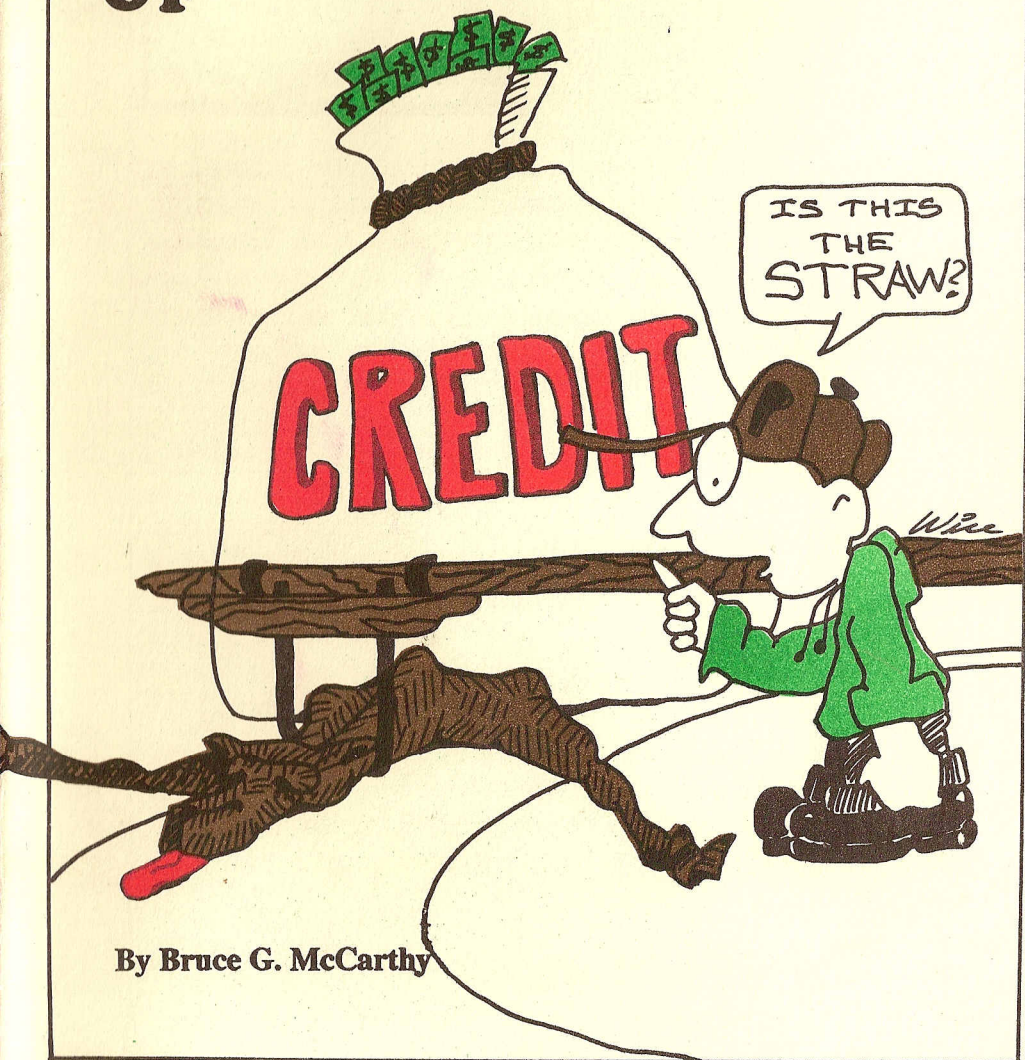


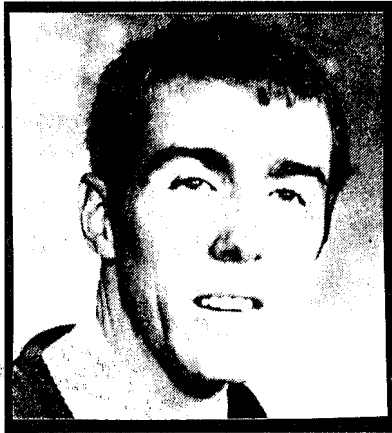
# THE PERNICIOUS TREADMILL OF



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and his wife Jan began developing a trade network to serve as a conduit for lawful trade and to assist the Remnants' anticipated response to *Rev. 18:4*, "*Come out of her (Babylon) my people...*"

This book is dedicated to Isaac Turner McCarthy  
(Papa's little *buoy*)  
and the Remnant in search of the Promised Land.

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# FOREWORD

*One of the major causes for the now rampant divorce rate in America, is **debt**.*

*In talking to most business people , they will tell you that their greatest problem is **debt**.*

*Likewise, Politicians continually harp about our ever-increasing national **debt**.*

*Yet one of the most frequently taught subjects in our schools and one of the most advertised items on T.V. is **debt** and how its correlative, **credit**, can improve your lifestyle.*

*Many of us who have been suckered into the debt trap would like to pass on our experiences to all who might be considering credit as a means of "getting ahead" or to get their "start in life." We especially feel the need to warn our nation's youth of the pit falls of debt. My advice for anyone would be - Do not go into debt, no matter what! But for one to simply advise that is not enough; it must be accompanied by understanding...*

*We asked Bruce G. McCarthy if he would write an article for our Kingdom Seekers Ministry, to offer our readers a few suggestions and alternatives to debt. Considered to be an expert on the subject of economics, he pulls no punches , but factually exposes the pitfalls of debt and credit.*

*This booklet is the result of our request. Within this booklet he presents the Biblical view of economics while providing some very plausible suggestions and alternatives to *The Pernicious Treadmill Of Credit*.*

*I know you will find this treatise to be quite enjoyable reading, as it is laced with his dry and healthy sense of humor.*

*Hopefully, by reading this booklet, you can begin to avoid some of the bitter lessons learned too late by so many...*

**James R. Lambert/Kingdom Seekers Ministry.**

# TEN STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL TREADMILL LIVING

1.) At birth (assuming you've succeeded in making it this far), obtain a Social Security Account Number, your ticket to the phenomenal world of maritime/admiralty jurisdiction - e.g. driver's licence, draft card and IRS fan mail.

2.) While getting a "head start" in government school, open a bank account, procure a credit card, and treat yourself to a flashy new sports car. You owe it to yourself!

3.) To nail down a good paying job you'll need to pursue a "higher education" made possible with a convenient student loan. After graduation, chances are good that you'll be able to commence making monthly payments like a real pro. Smile - you're on your way kid.

4.) While in college, take a minute from partying to find a credit-worthy partner with whom to share a blissful eternity making payments. This is your first business merger so look for good career potential.

5.) Avoid unnecessary overhead, like having babies, which would hamper your successful career pursuits and instant gratification, or burden our delicate ecology and increase the inflationary pressures on our highly complex economic system.

**"If fewer people were bidding against each other... then prices would not go up, and our money would keep it's value." - *Keeping Our Money Healthy*, Federal Reserve Bank of N.Y. , p.12 (rev. Apr. '77)**

6.) If you "mess up" by adding another unproductive consumer to our already over-crowded planet, however, our state licensed child "care providers" will make sure you both keep your noses to the grindstone.

7.) Build "equity" (Oh! Did I forget to mention that contracts for debt/credit were consummated under Equity jurisdiction? How careless of me.) with a variable-rate "balloon" (the sky is the limit) mortgage and everlasting payments on your very own home. Why rent for a while when you can rent forever?

"Borrowing...is a convenient way of obtaining the use of expensive goods without renting them..." - *Two Faces of Debt*. F.R.B. of Chicago, p. 2 (Aug. '78)

8.) Become a responsible pillar of the community. Start your own franchise clone with a business loan and begin taking advantage of those tax deductions you're going to need - in exchange for all that information IRS has come to expect. Since many new business failures are attributed to "under-capitalization" - be sure to borrow plenty! (Plenty of **what** we cannot say, but whatever it is, get lots of it!)

9.) Now that **you** have become our most valuable asset, get lots of insurance - just in case you can't meet the payments - particularly if one of you should "expire" while operating one of our precision-engineered treadmills.

10.) Last - and most important - stay on very friendly terms with me. You may need another loan to satisfy that lien IRS just placed on your property.

Your friendly banker,

*Honest Bruno*

**"Withhold not good from them to whom  
it is due, when it is in the power of thine  
hand to do it. Say not unto thy  
neighbor, Go, and come again,  
and to morrow I will give; when thou  
hast it by thee."**

*- Proverbs 3:27-28*

# THE PERNICIOUS TREADMILL OF CREDIT

"He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver;  
NOR HE THAT LOVETH ABUNDANCE WITH IN-  
CREASE: this is also vanity." - *Ecclesiastes 5:10*

In an age of booming technology, labor-saving "widgets" and "Babylonian Beefburger" franchise outlets lining America's streets, we should be enjoying the highest standard of living ever known. And, superficially, we are. But looking beyond the cheap facade of glitter and tinsel on "franchise row," the realities of this great American carnival tell a more sobering story.

Never in history have there been so many lawyers but so little justice, so many schools and colleges or lack of common sense, so many fine hospitals and highly-trained "medicine men" with an abundance of unhealthy people. Never have there been so many restaurants with so little worth eating. The examples are almost endless and economics is certainly no exception.

Never before have we been blessed with so many banks for depositing our *loot* - or so many people indebted to them. Never have pay checks been larger - and mortgages so long. Never has government been so helpful or taxes so high, and never have we so arrogantly asserted *freedom* to do our own thing - or pursued debt *bondage* with such a passion.

**There was a time when the objects we possessed were a measure of our wealth. Today they measure our debt. Abundance was simply not enough; we aspired to greed. As King Solomon stated in Ecclesiastes (supra.), we love abundance and are no longer satisfied with increase. Instant material and sensual gratification have become our way of life.**

### THE BANKER

To pave the way and show us how to enjoy the "good life" is our noble and daring scout, the banker.

The "have it now" craving begins early. Infatuation with new automobiles, for instance, starts our young people on the *treadmill*, often before they finish school. Parents co-sign for their children's bank loans, while bankers encourage them to "establish good credit," promoting a habit-pattern destined to last a life time. Some future...

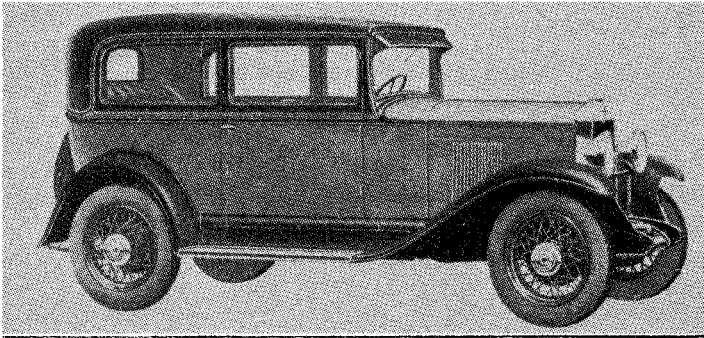
Without a doubt, many of your friends and acquaintances enjoy using bank credit to obtain things which are not theirs, such as the bank's new automobile, airplane, boat or house; but a violation of the loan contract can lead to repossession, quickly showing the folly of their ways.

**"The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender." - Proverbs 22:7**

Bank credit is not, as some might think, a new phenomena engineered by do-gooders to help rid the world of poverty. To the contrary, commercial banking, the most profitable of all businesses, began in ancient Babylon. Loan contracts existed as far back as 2,000 B.C., many of them secured by mortgages.



Alternatives to debt bondage are available, even in these pressing times. Young people would do well to profit from the frugality of an earlier era, when an old jalopy, perhaps twenty or thirty years old, was purchased without debt and then restored to new condition as funds became available. This produced no economic suffering or hardship and, in fact, proved to be an enjoyable pastime. The results were often remarkable!



But then, those were the days when youth were considered poor credit risks. They still are. Thus parents must co-sign as surety for what our forefathers would hardly believe... their own children's debt!

**"My son (*mom and dad in this case*), if thou be surety for thy friend (*son or daughter*), if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger (*banker*), Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth." - Proverbs 6:1-2**

Young people who love and honor their parents should carefully weigh the implications of this relationship, for it means an absolute promise on the part of the parents to perform the service of a debtor, if for some unforeseen reason you cannot (or will not) keep your word. It means a "bond of law" is set upon you and your parents as indentured servants, from that day into the future - a future no man can possibly know.