

To Our Readers and Supporters: A Personal Note

First, thank you.

To everyone who has taken time to read, comment on, or quietly follow my posts or essays—your presence here has mattered deeply. We're also grateful to those who have read our books. While very few reviews came in following our recent huge giveaway, we're still hopeful that the content has made a meaningful difference to those who received it.

In March, we gave away over 700 books in an effort to raise awareness and build credibility through reader reviews. Although a handful came in, the response fell far short of what we hoped might help sustain this effort.

Behind the scenes, our publishing business (dinojamesbooks.com) has become increasingly difficult to maintain. Even though it's run from home, monthly recurring expenses are about \$500, while income from book sales averages just \$70. This results in more than \$400 in new debt each month. At this pace, our modest savings will soon be depleted. When that happens, we'll likely have to shut down our work entirely—and may also face the loss of our home.

This situation has been developing for some time. I began writing books at the age of 80 to help offset the financial impact of losing nearly half of our annual income due to the depletion of a long-standing family trust. Now, with both my wife and I in our 80s, we are about to face another blow—she will soon lose half of her income as well. After that, we'll be left to rely solely on Social Security—an income stream that is already meager and increasingly uncertain in today's political climate.

Adding to the weight of our circumstances, both my wife and I are **multiple cancer survivors**. We have fought through more than our share of physical adversity. While I survived throat cancer, the radiation treatments left permanent damage. My teeth and neck muscles were destroyed, and my once-powerful singing voice was reduced to a faint, squeaky whisper—so much so that even my wife has difficulty understanding me. This ended my ability to teach or speak publicly, which once defined much of my purpose. Writing became my new voice, and the only way I could continue sharing, teaching, and contributing.

Food, too, has changed. I now live with a G-tube and receive all nutrition through a feeding system. Most foods I once enjoyed are memories now. I'm able to sip small amounts of liquid, which gives me the rare luxury of tasting something—but only briefly.

To complicate matters further, we are also **caregivers for my wife's 99-year-old mother**. At a time when we ourselves might reasonably qualify for assisted living, we are instead providing daily care to someone even older and more fragile. The emotional and physical demands of caregiving, combined with financial stress and health challenges, make our situation especially precarious.

Despite these hardships, we continue to create and publish because we believe in the value of what we're offering. The content of our books is not theoretical. It comes from a **lifetime of experience, deep personal reflection, and careful research**. Every page we write is born from lived reality—not just ideas, but truth hard-earned.

I've always prided myself on being self-sufficient. Asking for help is not something I do easily. But the time has come when continuing this work alone is no longer possible.

If these essays, reflections, or books have ever informed you, encouraged you, or helped you feel less alone, I now ask for your support in whatever way feels right for you.

Ways You Can Support This Work

- **Read our books.** Peruse our library. Every purchase helps us stay afloat and continue writing. (www.dinojamesbooks.com)
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We are doing everything in our power to continue this work—to offer thoughtful, honest writing at no cost to those who need it. Your support—whether through a purchase, a kind word, a donation, or simply helping spread the word—can help make sure that this effort continues.

With deep and sincere gratitude,

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