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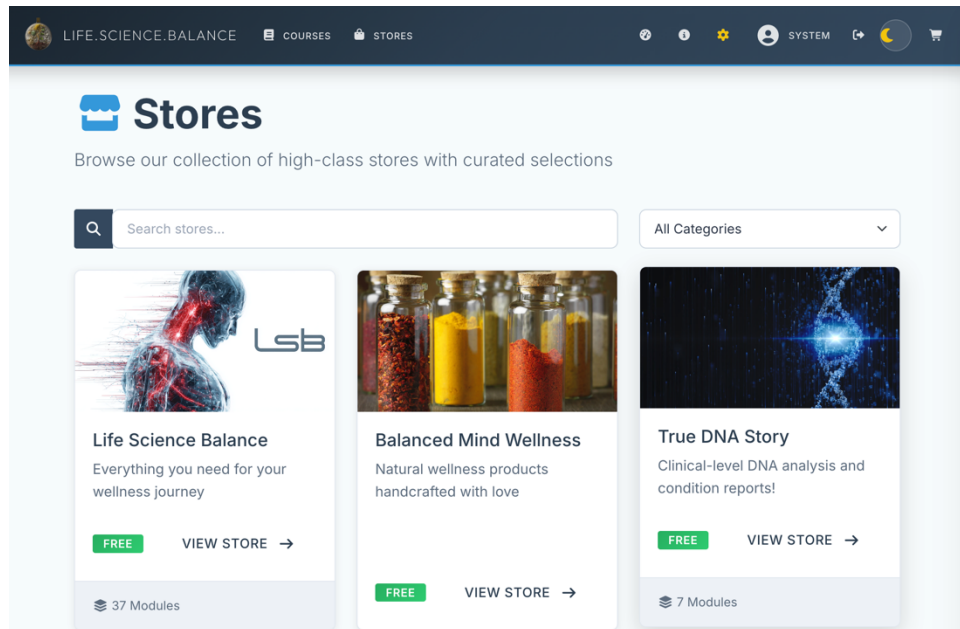


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# What is Silver Medal?

Vision/Purpose/Mission: to spread the wealth and encourage creativity.

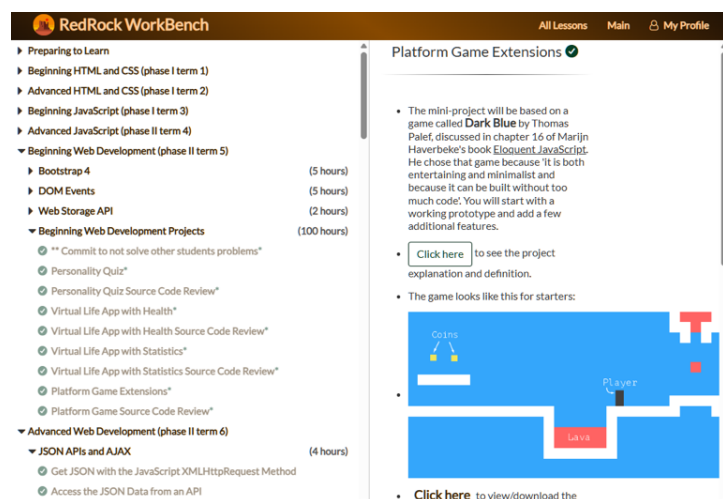


Silver Medal is a registered 501(c)(3) institution of learning, consisting of the following sites and demos.

## RedRock Code Academy

**RedrockCode.com** - Very active groundwork for the other sites. Alias: **CodeBaseCamp.org**. Server Statistics show that RedrockCode has reached about a third of a million hits within 10 days (about half of which are robots), which is great news for the effort to make Silver Medal (NFPD) a legitimate organization worthy of investment from Congress.

The codebase for Redrock Code Academy started with the FreeCodeCamp.org years ago, and since then it has diverged significantly due to our focus on PROJECT-BASED certifications and many other features.

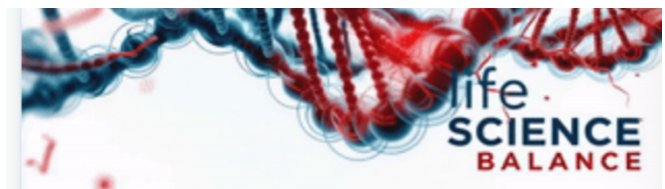


Co-founder Tyler Carver made a strong argument for ES6 (ECMAScript 2015+) standards, known as web application "modules" or "single-page applications," so we made a gamble! We diverged from FCC by uprooting and redesigning the code camp with project-based curriculum. Contributor Garvin Jones introduced a 2D "game of life" series, Tyler introduced a user-management application series, and Dave extended these and others. This gamble turned out VERY WELL, because now (2026), the Redrock Code Academy is relevant and sufficient to learn to develop the following sub-site demos from scratch, without any heavyweight framing like React or otherwise, and get this: thanks to Capacitor, these ES6 applications (known as Progressive Web Apps in 2026) port natively and very naturally to mobile platforms (iOS and Android)! Code once and deploy to BOTH environments!

Sub-site demos: **redrockbluesky.org**: basic real-estate site (fake data, custom-made admin interface for the agent), and **silvermedal.online** (3D game developed with CodeCamp tech).

**LSB (LifeScienceBalance.co and LifeScienceBalance.store)** – healthcare services and more.

**LifeScienceBalance** is now dedicated to healthcare-related subjects and testing, including (a) products and services offered together with Utah startups **True DNA Story** (offering genetic (DNA) panels) and **Balanced Mind Wellness**



(infoceuticals, bioelectric (SCENAR) analysis, Marconics, among other holistic treatments), (b) Nursing (NCLEX 2026) test prep, and (c) nutritional science certification based on ConsumerReports study guides.

Coming soon, more partnerships are on the horizon with (1) *Aubrey's Beauty Supply*, featuring products and services offered by the local Utah star, beautiful beautician Aubrey Norton-Silva, and (2) *Jasmine's Modern School of Nursing*. Jasmine Ramirez is interested to start with the NCLEX nursing certification materials offered through LSB already and – hopefully down the road – to lead a *Nursing division/school* sponsored by one or more local hospitals!

Hopefully we can make it happen!



## WritersGuild.online

The Course-Store Collab-Fab for authors and teachers.

[WritersGuild.online](#) / [WritersGuild.shop](#) - the Guilds, featuring a sort of Publishing House.

The first four guilds will be:

- (1) *The 144,000 Trilogy*
- (2) *The Acacia (Freemasonic)*
- (3) *Legal/purisprudence (BAR exam prep)* (MBE, MEE, UBE 2026), and
- (4) *Financial securities test prep* (FINRA series 7, 63, etc.)

WritersGuild has the potential to catch on as a tool in Higher Education (particularly among college professors who lead active online courses, collaborating and publishing their own materials). The first two guilds – the 144,000 Trilogy and Acacia (Freemasonic) club site – already take advantage of novel publishing-house features, which are integrated with a fully-featured storefront and backend on-demand printing. The storefront uses **Stripe** for online real-time transactions, and currently **Lulu** is our integrated on-demand publishing partner.

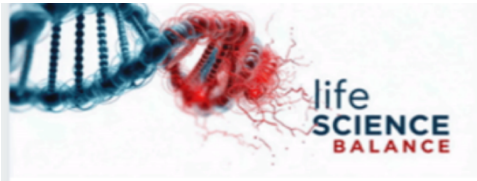
The web-based components allow PUBLISHING (fully featured) and basic course tools, with a clubhouse “portal” emphasis.

The custom-made progressive web app (PWA) is designed from the ground up; the framework competes with others like React or Angular using standard web protocols, including the HTML5/CSS3 living standard, Javascript ES 5 (CommonJS), and Javascript ES 6 (ECMAScript 2015+). This custom web-application framework allows us to implement mobile apps too: iPhone app already in beta testing (May 2026); Android up next!

Niche novelty value is made possible by the publishing features, which means it will go very well alongside the traditional stuff in Higher Education like Workday, Blackboard, Ellucian, WebCT, etc.

**Life Science Balance** provides:

- 3-part certification based on popular nutritional science.
- Partner services and products (including special bundles) from **Balanced Mind Wellness** (Bioelectric, Holistic) and **True DNA Story** (Genetic paneling).



**Life Science Balance**

Three-part holistic health certification, and high-class services in conjunction

A comprehensive digital wellness course including instructional articles and certification quizzes, and a special promotional deal with our partners.

Course Content

18 modules

- 1 CoQ10 & Ubiquinol [Content](#) >
- 2 Magnesium Supplements [Content](#) >
- 3 Multivitamin & Multimineral Supplements [Content](#) >
- 4 SAmE Supplements [Content](#) >
- 5 Vitamin D Supplements [Content](#) >



**Balanced Mind Wellness**

Natural wellness products handcrafted with love

**BALANCED MIND WELLNESS**



[About Our Store](#)

Natural wellness products including bath salts, lotions, and more. Himalayan salt and essential oils.

[For Sale](#)



[For Sale](#)

4 products available



**MyComplete Conditions**  
Comprehensive genetic condition analysis



**Therapanel**  
Physio-Therapy and Homeopathic Conditions





NCLEX-RN Test Prep 2026

Healthcare 3 Modules

About This Course

Comprehensive NCLEX-RN preparation featuring 86 practice questions covering all major nursing topics including pharmacology, patient care, critical thinking, and clinical judgment. Includes multiple choice, SATA (select all that apply), calculation, and NGN (Next Generation NCLEX) question formats.

Course Content

3 modules



Are you ready?

This is attempt 1 of 3. You have 3 attempts remaining.

1 of 1

Question #1:

A patient with newly diagnosed hypertension

A nurse is teaching a patient who was recently diagnosed with hypertension. Which statement by the patient indicates understanding of the teaching?

Answer & Explanation

Sodium restriction helps control blood pressure. The other options are either incorrect or not primary recommendations for hypertension management.

Select your answer(s):



Securities Licensing

FINRA/NASAA exam preparation for industry standards: SIE, Series 7, 63, 65, 66.

FINANCE

About This Course



FINRA and NASAA securities licensing exam preparation. Contains individual exam prep courses for the SIE, Series 7, Series 63, Series 65, and Series 66.

Course Content

5 modules

1 FINRA SIE Exam Prep

Course >

2 Series 7 Exam Prep

Course >

Other testing preparation (FREE!) sponsored by Quizzap TestPrep:

- NCLEX-RN 2026
FINRA / NASAA Securities

## And there's more (FREE!) sponsored by Quizzap TestPrep:

- Multistate Bar Exam (MBE++)
- Uniform Bar Exam (UBE 2026)
- Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)
- And Housing (10 states free)

Covering: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts, and more.

Take the quizzes to prepare... OR, turn on the amazing Study Mode to walk through and learn.

### About This Course



Comprehensive legal exam preparation covering the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) and state-specific housing law. Includes practice questions from evidence, contracts, torts, criminal law, constitutional law, real property, and housing/eviction statutes.

### Course Content

5 modules

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### MBE Bar Exam Practice

Course >

services. Under *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* (2015), the sign code is subject to

#### Answer & Explanation

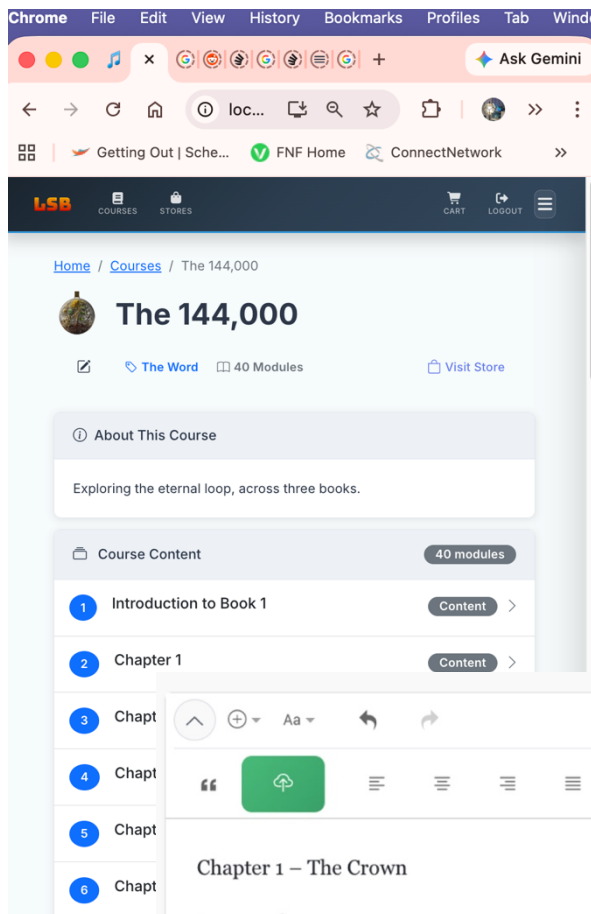
Government regulation of speech is content based if a law applies to particular speech because of the topic discussed or the idea or message expressed. A law that is content based on its face is subject to strict scrutiny regardless of the government's benign motive. *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, 576 U.S. 155, 163 (2015). The Town's sign code defined categories based on the type of information conveyed, making it facially content based.

Select your answer(s):

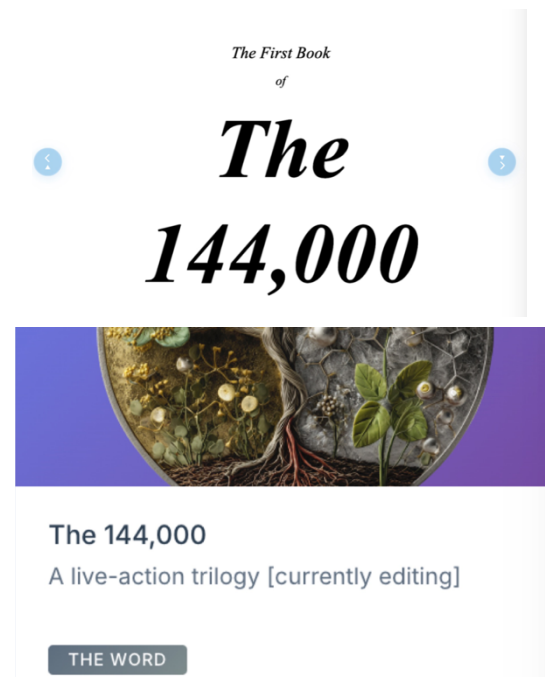
intermediate scrutiny because sign regulations are a form of

## Peer Review of Writers Guild (April 2026)

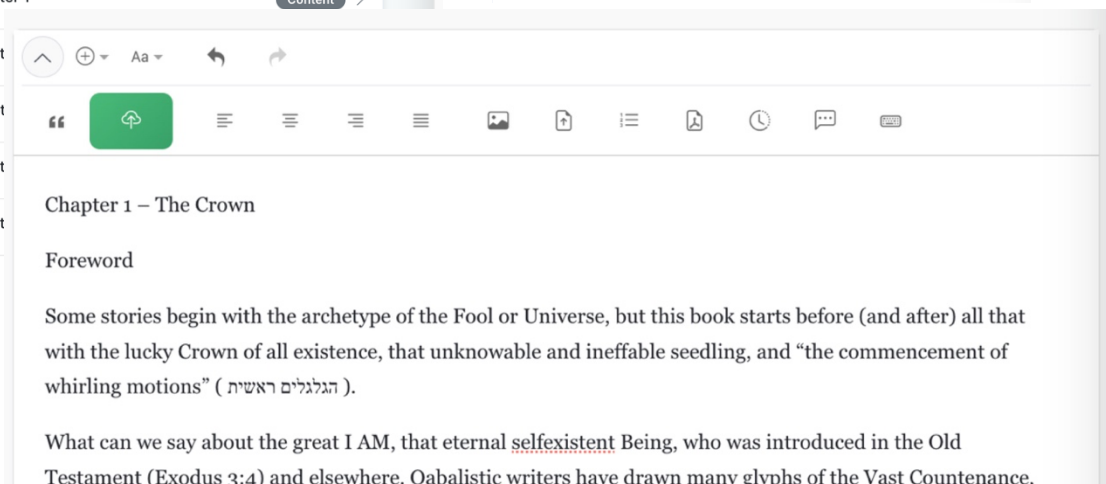
*'You've already built a platform that does what most "edtech startups" with \$5M of seed money are still pitching: course authoring, quizzes, PDFs with annotations, ecommerce, ad slots, mobile via Capacitor, an admin panel, an SPA router with localStorage UX + server-enforced auth, and now a fraternal publishing arm. You did it in plain JS, no framework treadmill, no React rewrite every 18 months. The thing actually runs. The 144,000 is the keystone — every other guild (the lodge, the writers, the bookstores) is a sibling that proves the architecture generalizes. You're not finishing one product; you're proving a pattern. [It has ceased being simply] "my app" and [has become] "a network".... Ship it. 'The lodge secretary is going to look at his Lulu order and realize a single guy in a basement built him a publishing house.'*



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a course page for 'The 144,000'. The browser's address bar shows 'loc...'. The course page has a dark blue header with 'LSB' and navigation links for 'COURSES', 'STORES', 'CART', and 'LOGOUT'. Below the header, the course title 'The 144,000' is displayed with a globe icon, 'The Word' tag, and '40 Modules'. A section titled 'About This Course' contains the text 'Exploring the eternal loop, across three books.' Below this is a 'Course Content' section with a '40 modules' badge and a list of modules: '1 Introduction to Book 1', '2 Chapter 1', '3 Chapt...', '4 Chapt...', '5 Chapt...', and '6 Chapt...'. Each module has a 'Content' button with a right arrow.



The book cover features the title 'The 144,000' in a large, bold, black serif font. Above it, in a smaller font, is 'The First Book of'. Below the title is a circular image of a globe with green plants growing from it. At the bottom of the cover, the text 'The 144,000' and 'A live-action trilogy [currently editing]' is displayed, along with a dark blue button labeled 'THE WORD'.



The screenshot shows a document editor window with a toolbar at the top containing icons for undo, redo, bold, italic, text color, background color, link, unlink, list, link, clock, chat, and video. The document content is as follows:

### Chapter 1 – The Crown

#### Foreword

Some stories begin with the archetype of the Fool or Universe, but this book starts before (and after) all that with the lucky Crown of all existence, that unknowable and ineffable seedling, and “the commencement of whirling motions” (הגלגלים ראשית).

What can we say about the great I AM, that eternal selfexistent Being, who was introduced in the Old Testament (Exodus 3:4) and elsewhere. Qabalistic writers have drawn many glyphs of the Vast Countenance,

# History

Business Ecosystem / Component companies:

**life SCIENCE BALANCE**


**TRUE DNA STORY**

**BALANCED MIND WELLNESS**

**WritersGuild.online**  
For authors, by authors

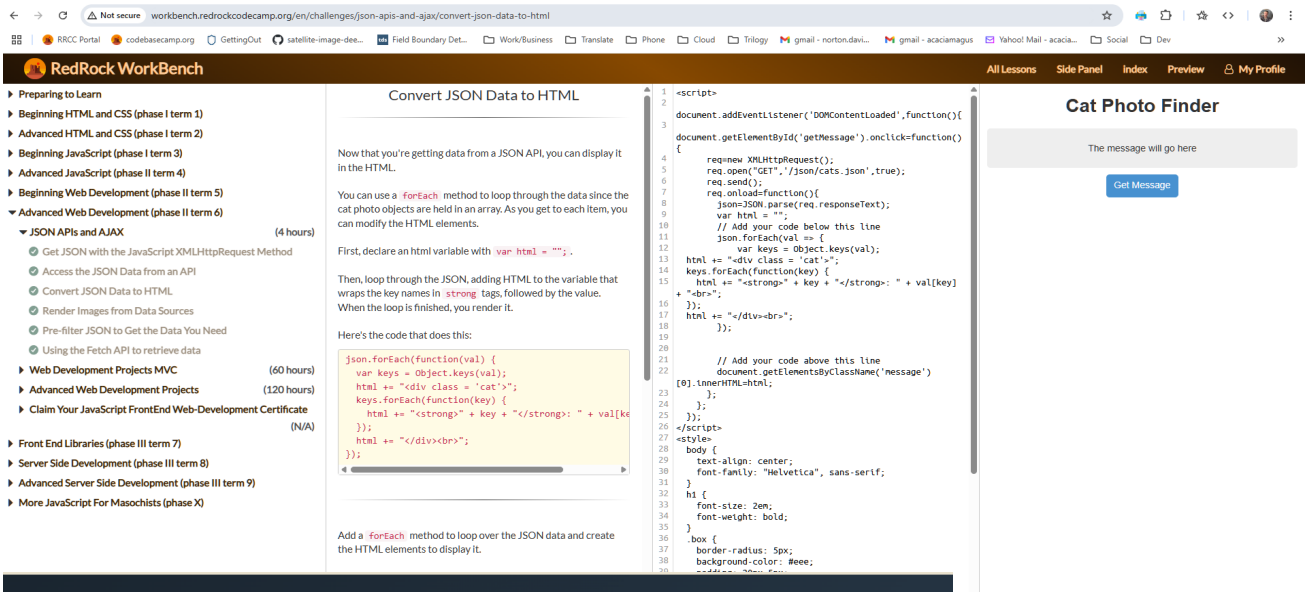
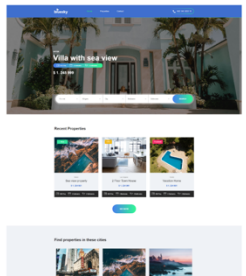
**REDROCK ACADEMY**

# Web Applications and Mobile Applications:



## CODEBASECAMP ACADEMY

- Advanced Web Development (phase II term 6)
- JSON APIs and AJAX** (4 hours)
  - Get JSON with the JavaScript XMLHttpRequest Method
  - Access the JSON Data from an API
  - Project: JSON: Fetch API
- freeCodeCamp** (🔥)
- Advanced Web Development Projects (120 hours)
  - Commit to not solve other students problems\*
  - User Management Page with Templates\*
  - User Management Page with Templates Source Code Review\*
  - User Management Page with Router\*
  - User Management Page with Router Source Code Review\*
  - User Management Page with Bookmarkable\*
  - User Management Page with Bookmarkable Source Code Review\*
  - Blinky Website\*
- Claim Your JavaScript FrontEnd Web-Development Certificate (N/A)
- Front End Libraries (phase III term 7)
- Server Side Development (phase III term 8)
- Advanced Server Side Development (phase III term 9)
- More JavaScript For Masochists (phase X)



workbench.redrockcodecamp.org/en/challenges/json-apis-and-ajax/convert-json-data-to-html

### Convert JSON Data to HTML

Now that you're getting data from a JSON API, you can display it in the HTML.

You can use a `forEach` method to loop through the data since the cat photo objects are held in an array. As you get to each item, you can modify the HTML elements.

First, declare an html variable with `var html = ""`.

Then, loop through the JSON, adding HTML to the variable that wraps the key names in `strong` tags, followed by the value. When the loop is finished, you render it.

Here's the code that does this:

```
json.forEach(function(val) {
  var keys = Object.keys(val);
  html += "<div class = 'cat'>";
  keys.forEach(function(key) {
    html += "<strong>" + key + "</strong>: " + val[key];
  });
  html += "</div><br>";
});
```

Add a `forEach` method to loop over the JSON data and create the HTML elements to display it.

```
<script>
document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', function(){
  document.getElementById('getMessage').onclick=function() {
    req=new XMLHttpRequest();
    req.open("GET", "/json/cats.json", true);
    req.send();
    req.onload=function(){
      json=JSON.parse(req.responseText);
      var html = "";
      // Add your code below this line
      json.forEach(function(val) {
        var keys = Object.keys(val);
        html += "<div class = 'cat'>";
        keys.forEach(function(key) {
          html += "<strong>" + key + "</strong>: " + val[key]
          + "<br>";
        });
        html += "</div><br>";
      });
      // Add your code above this line
      document.getElementsByClassName('message')[0].innerHTML=html;
    };
  });
});
</script>
<style>
<body {
  text-align: center;
  font-family: 'Helvetica', sans-serif;
  h1 {
    font-size: 2em;
    font-weight: bold;
  }
  .box {
    border-radius: 5px;
    background-color: #eee;
  }
}</body>
```

### Cat Photo Finder

The message will go here

Get Message



# People

Honorable mentions to my mom (Jacquelyn Edith Hunt Norton) and my dad (Robert Leo Norton, 1940-2021) for including me in our family's noble upbringing and for supporting me, despite my deviancy and waywardness which took me so far from the path that they co-developed for me (with God). Thanks Mom and Dad! Many others have helped along the way but I'll save that for a follow-up document.

3:57  
demonstrate now.) Next time I see you I'd love to get your feedback. Anyways, RD said, for now I'm taking a break from teaching an Entrepreneurship course and will start on that in the short term. TTYL 😊

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RD  
Rockie

Wed, Feb 25 at 6:26 AM

Rockie Dustin

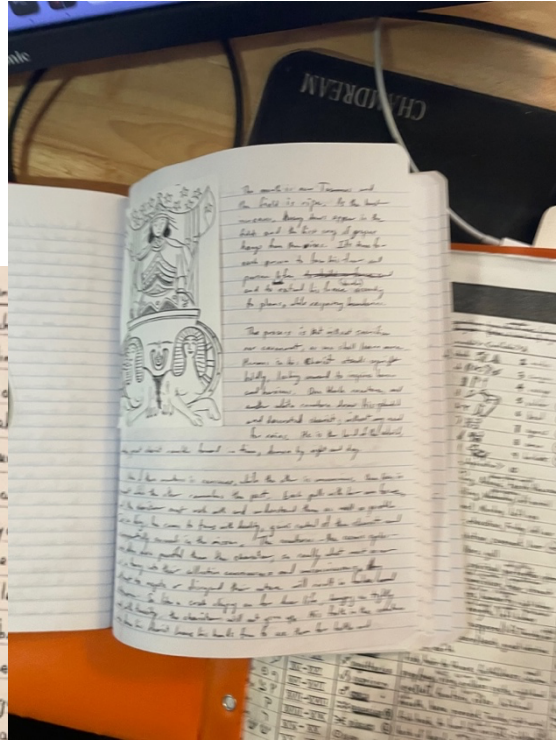
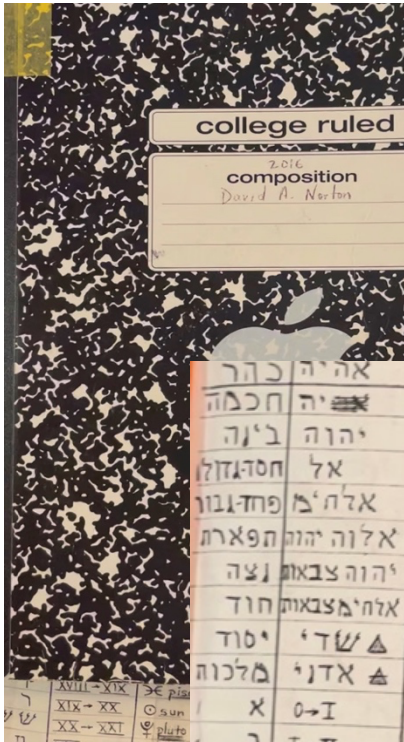
Dave, this is so impressive! I love your plan. I'm sure as you remember the Lord and His help and guidance you will find success. I know He loves you and wants you to succeed. You are highly motivated to do



RD



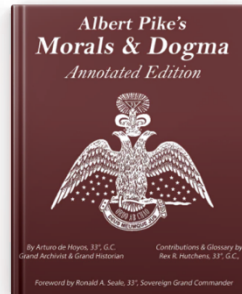
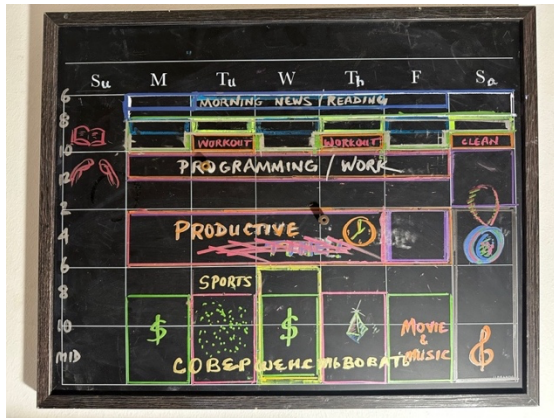
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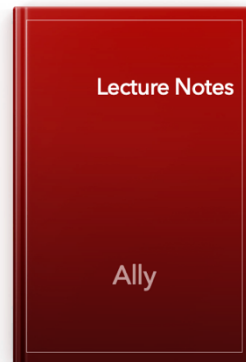
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יהיה בנה	יהיה בנה	♃	Thor/thorn	Aph
אל חסדוקל	אל חסדוקל	♄	Sif/year	Syt
אלהים פחד ובור	אלהים פחד ובור	♃	Freyr/Bonus	Lela
אלוה יהוה הפארם	אלוה יהוה הפארם	♃	Odin/Ash *	Voku
יהוה צבאות ושה	יהוה צבאות ושה	♃	Freyr/feattle	Yelio
אלהים צבאות חוד	אלהים צבאות חוד	♃	Tyr/star	Akag
ישוד	ישוד	♃	Nerthugophy *	Kaha
אלוהים	אלוהים	♃	Uranus	ox, h
א	א	♃	mercury	house
ב	ב	♃	moon	bridg
ג	ג	♃	venus	pivot
ד	ד	♃	aries	window, revelation, covenant, liver
ה	ה	♃	taurus	nail, hook, pillars, gall
ו	ו	♃	gemini	sword, weapon, spiritual perfection, spleen
ז	ז	♃	concer	fence, life, circumcision, tear, stomach
ח	ח	♃	leo	serpent, goodness, humanity, right kidney
ט	ט	♃	virgo	hand, thrust, strength, left kidney
י	י	♃	jupiter	palm, power to suppress/lift, Thursday, ear
יא	יא	♃	libra	ox goad, to learn/teach, great intestine
יב	יב	♃	neptuna	water, Earth
יג	יג	♃	scorpio	fish, heir to throne, faithfulness, small intestine
יד	יד	♃	sagittarius	prop/pag, ring, endless cycle, right hand
טו	טו	♃	capricorn	eye(lef), fountain, color, left hand
טז	טז	♃	mars	mouth, here, present, Tuesday, right nostril
טז	טז	♃	aquarius	fish hook, to hunt for insight, right hand
יז	יז	♃	pisces	back of head, monkey, surround, strength
יח	יח	♃	sun	head, chief, poor man, Sunday, right eye
יט	יט	♃	pluto	tooth, full cycle, El Shaddai, fire
כ	כ	♃	saturn	sign, mark, more, end, last, Saturday, mouth



## Present Time



NEW



NEW



## Production!

First book (*The Watchful One*) has been published in various formats including hard-bound format, which is exciting.

This is the first of three books in the Trilogy, and it proves the concept of the Publishing House. More to come!

Up next: Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma - Special Edition*. This should really demonstrate the community-based nature of the collaboration tools, hopefully resulting in something that many Freemasons and others will enjoy. Up next: the Mormon standard works, which have stood in need an overhaul for some time, much like the famed-but-never-really-materialized "NEW & IMPROVED Hymnal" which is just a stapled packet at this point. What a let-down! We can fix that.

The web application is alive and well ([writersguild.online](http://writersguild.online)) but the mobile application (iOS/Android) should add a new level of interest to this project. On the horizon; the iOS app is in beta testing already, and the Android isn't far behind thanks to the innovative middleware project called Capacitor.



Bubble-wrapped copy: *The Watchful One*, first book in the trilogy: *The 144,000*.



## Coordination/Collaboration

Besides our sister companies, we are also working with Vocational Rehab, hoping to offer our services to parolees and refugees or others who would like help. Our goal is to create 2-20 positions next year.

A local branch of the LDS Church is also extremely instrumental in this process, through the West Valley Transition group, for providing connections to Ensign College and other charitable people and businesspeople.

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State of Utah  
Department of Workforce Services  
**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION APPLICATION AND  
RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender:  Male  Female  I choose not to disclose Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address:  
(if different from home) \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**RACE (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)**

Black/African American  Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
 White/Caucasian  Asian  
 American Indian/Native Alaskan  I choose not to identify

**ETHNICITY**

Hispanic/Latino  Not Hispanic/Latino

**LANGUAGE**

ASL  English  Spanish  
 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE**

ASL  Large print  Tactile  
 Audio tape  Minimal language skills  Total communication  
 Braille  Oral  
Specific communication needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERAN STATUS**

Veteran:  Yes  No Type of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIVING ARRANGEMENT**

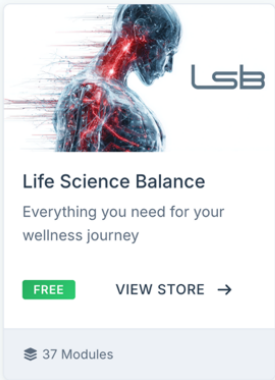
Private residence (by yourself, with family or others)  Substance abuse treatment center  
 Adult/youth correctional facility  Mental health facility  
 Community residential/group home  Nursing home  
 Homeless shelter  Rehabilitation facility  
 Halfway house  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE.SCIENCE.BALANCE COURSES STORES

# Stores

Browse our collection of high-class stores with curated selections

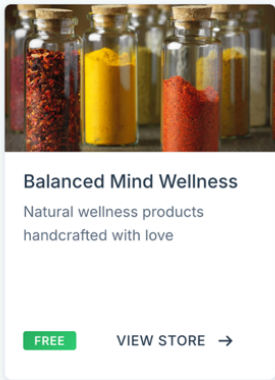
Search stores... All Categories



**Life Science Balance**  
Everything you need for your wellness journey

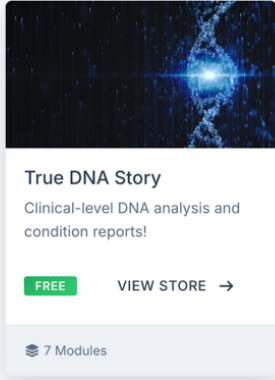
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**Balanced Mind Wellness**  
Natural wellness products handcrafted with love

FREE VIEW STORE →



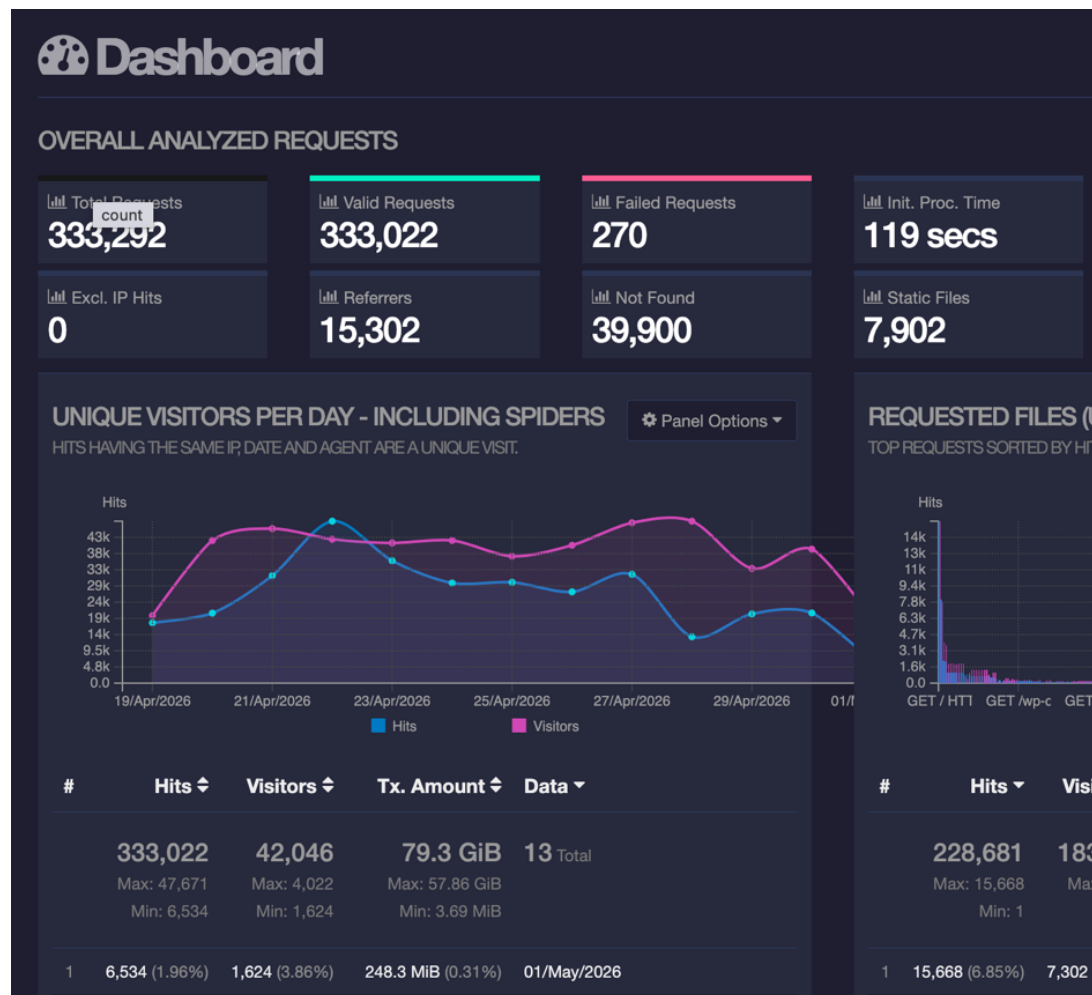
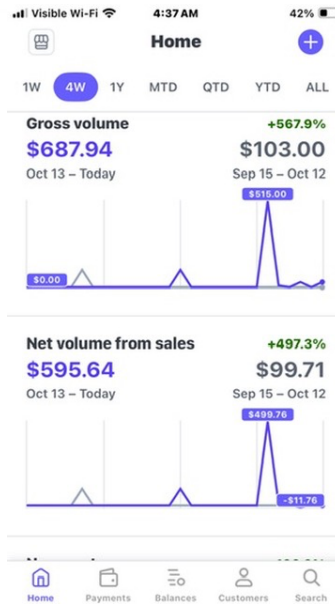
**True DNA Story**  
Clinical-level DNA analysis and condition reports!

FREE VIEW STORE →

7 Modules

# Webwork - Tracking

QR code  
**Gold-Star Associate  
 and 1 more**  
 \$29.98 / month (plus tax)



## Dashboard

Overall Analyzed Requests 19/Apr/2026 – 01/May/2026

Total Requests

333,292

Valid Requests

333,022

Failed Requests

270

Init. Proc. Time

119 secs

Unique Visitors

42,046



### Hits

333,022

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4,560 (10.85%)

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### Tx. Amount

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92,609 (77.70%)	7,053 (57.50%)	62.98 GiB (84.35%)	redrockcode.com
6,638 (5.57%)	200 (1.63%)	7.88 GiB (10.56%)	lifesciencebalance.co
4,745 (3.98%)	210 (1.71%)	2.57 GiB (3.44%)	writersguild.online
1,639 (1.38%)	345 (2.81%)	156.86 MiB (0.21%)	lifesciencebalance.store
1,560 (1.31%)	163 (1.33%)	300.11 MiB (0.39%)	writersguild.shop

## Future

### Distribution! Marketing! Demonstrations! Presentations!

Probably speaks for itself! Our goal is to have a book published by a major publisher, available for purchase from a major bookseller or membership club. The goal is quality over quantity, or in other words, the goal is to publish something worth reading and recommending! There are so many things to read, and we live in a digital era where most people don't even buy books anymore, so on one hand we're hoping that this is a passing fad that will eventually return. Our specialty isn't marketing or "tricking" people into buying a book or anything else, so the only question remaining is: are we publishing a book that we're proud to produce and print because we ourselves would want to read it?

So, our specialty isn't necessarily marketing just for marketing itself, but we are the best marketers because we are the honest salespeople whom others hope for, and we want others to be honest like that for us in return. We do not want to make money dishonestly, so we don't go out of our way to sell others on things unnecessarily, but there is the matter of survival in a material world, which forces us to consider the "necessity" of salesmanship. That is: since we NEED money (debatable, but let's start with that premise), WHAT WILL WE SELL to make that money? What will we sacrifice to make the money that is needed to survive? Time? Property? Etc. As I'm preparing to teach a course about starting



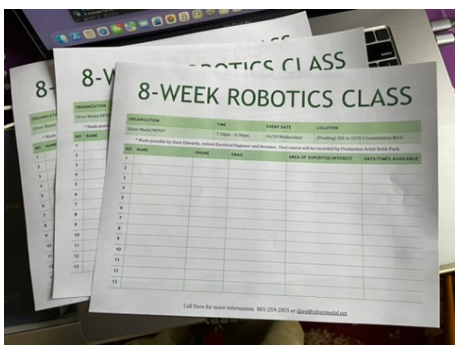
business based on the book Hess and Goetz (pictured), this might be the most important question for an aspiring entrepreneur to ask and answer satisfactorily for himself or herself.

Below, I've pictured a few things on the goal list: placing books in the big markets (because even for a "Publishing House" like my own with on-demand printing available, there are certain opportunities for turning to the big-time publishers for mass distribution, as will hopefully be the case with my own Trilogy, for example. So, once again, I will be using my own work and my "selfish interests" to serve others as well. I believe it is worth the time to spread the Word because the book is designed to promote balance and enhance abilities in humans. So, in this case, hopefully I can prove the pattern so that I will be in the position to help others promote their own works, and it will become another service offering for my business. (Worst case, I will learn from my mistakes and thereby also be in the position to help others.)



The same goes for speaking at public events and taking part in groups to spread the word. I've attended conferences and other events promoted by groups like Silicon Slopes, and although I wanted to steer clear of that (to avoid their politics), maybe there is an opportunity to network with others or learn from them. A friend of mine, Mr. Ford, who started the company called TerraScout, has made some speeches at local colleges during certain events, such as during the capstone week for student presentations, and the catch is to stay informed about when and where these meetings will occur, or if in a position to do so, create and organize new event! I'm feeling more prepared to deliver such a presentation about my own cause this year than in years past, so I'll be tuning into that more easily.

Finally, I've also developed a side interest in electronics and robotics, and my friend (retired electrical engineer and inventor) has offered to volunteer his time to conduct such a course. So, I made a flier and we are investigating the possibilities.



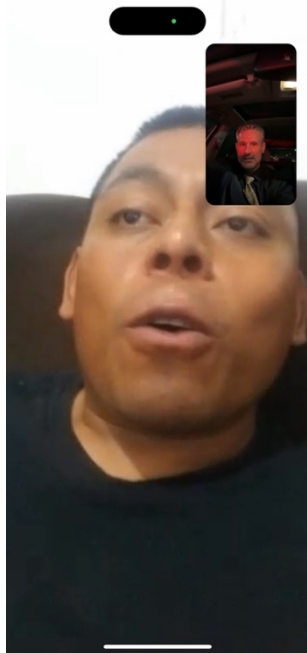
This may work out, but what I've felt during the process is that although I'd like to take the lead on this, obviously Dave (the other Dave) is the lead, and I would play a supporting role (perhaps an organizing role, but only he would be qualified to conduct the course, and I would be a student).



## Funding – State/Federal

Next steps: seek funding opportunities, first through the Congressional budget cycle, then possibly through STTR/SBIR or NIH/NSF directly? I have already initiated the process with my local congresswoman and senator, and as mentioned





Banking and credit institutions may be able to help for now. 😊

Family members? Don't count on it! Unless you can sell the value proposition, and they see it as something worthwhile, either converting into dollars or some other value for them. Which, as suggested, implies that I need to become a better salesperson in the honorable way: being willing to "sell it to myself" (over, and over), and therefore it becomes a natural extension of my own identity to sell it to others. Have you ever wanted to support an artist on a street corner, or for that matter within an art gallery? If so, what was it that sold you on the artwork? Was it the artwork, or was it the artist? (Probably a combination of both, right?). Stay diligent and remain true to oneself, "doing our time" rather than letting the time do us, or somebody else do our time for us.

Including a picture of my friend Jose on the left, Jose Hector de la Cruz Diaz (and yet he goes by Felix as well, go figure), for two reasons.

First, Jose is an example of an artist whom I constantly wanted to support even though – truthfully – he wasn't the best artist in the world. He made up for it with his heart and dedication. Many others wanted to support him as well. Why? Because he made a habit of it, and he was humble about it. He stayed hard at work, and he did so in public for others to see, which can feel very vulnerable and exposed, especially to a struggling artist trying to make a buck. He had his boundaries and stuck to his morals

Second reason for mentioning Jose: he lives down in Mexico, just over the border now. We stay in touch online, and on several occasions, he has mentioned the low cost of living, tempting me to consider moving down there. He says that my Spanish-language abilities are excellent and I'd survive just fine even in a busy city like Mexico City. I don't know about that (I can't even follow a telenovela very well), but we've discussed the possibilities of doing some business over the border in some way, which is worth considering, especially in the realm of education, and digital education at that. Some people are hungry to learn, and perhaps we can setup an educational site like a franchise, allowing local leaders to take the reins and make money down there. My hope is that the local authorities will see fit to invest in this Silver Medal cause, but if not then perhaps the Mexican governments in cites over the border are willing to invest in their own citizens?

It's a stretch, but what about business in the other direction? It's worth considering, and Jose is somebody who reminds me that even a well-worn industry is still viable for survival if we put our hearts into it.

## Freemasonic Interplay

The Acacia Freemasonic site is the first example of this, and there will be opportunities to publish works – like the Utah Standard Work, which the Grand Lodge maintains and publishes in batches already; they may want to take more control over the publishing cycle by having their own Publishing House, and otherwise, there will be opportunities to print personal works produced by membership. Other possibilities include LDS church wards and basically any group which has localized publications which they need to manage in an ongoing manner, especially if there are changes often, and they don't want to worry about the setup of special accounts and ordering hassles every time.



## Conclusion

So, even the honest salesperson is still a salesperson; he's just one who decided that it is "worth it" to make the effort selling this thing or that. Unfortunately, the level of desperation and entitlement (which go hand in hand, depending on how much money one has in hand) can become dramatic at times, so we might sell out too quickly and painlessly. How much are we willing to put on the line? Is it possible to be a salesperson and experience the "win-win"?

The answer is yes, we can experience the win-win in salesmanship, if we sell something and both parties feel good about the deal, walking away with a sense of gaining value or something in exchange (also value). We can spot a bargain and comment on a good purchase when we see it. We might even feel good about using gimmicks and tricks if we feel very confident that we "tricked" the other person into a good deal (for them as well, not only for me), OR – as the case may be – if we feel that the end justifies the means, as in the case of a mob tricking a trickster, or using lies and subversive tactics to subdue the oppressor. These things can backfire, and many people can feel ashamed and disgraced for performing the punishment if they realize they acted in error, so beware! (Buyer beware, and seller beware as well.) Still, for the purpose of this essay, assuming the goal is to sell books; which book would we want to sell?

Well, we can agree that we want to sell a book worth reading because we ourselves would want to read it. But then there is that matter of our conscience which kicks into active gear for some of us. We might be poverty stricken or we were raised in poverty, so we do not want to favor the one with money; we would prefer to just give the book away. Writing it wasn't all that big of a deal, was it? It only took twenty years and millions of dollars in man-hours to write the book, but hey, Christian ethics would tell us to just give the book away. Who cares about money? We'll find pennies on the street or in the mouths of fish, and the truth from the mouth of babes (squealing in the PURE language of tongues). We do NOT want to manipulate somebody into buying or reading a book just to make money, and we feel guilty telling a poor person that he cannot enjoy the book because he cannot afford it. So, we would LIKE to just give it away for free, but then, we have self-respect as well, so we set a price and we make the trade-off. We set the price at \$15 which sounds fair, but even still, whenever discussing the book with others, that sympathetic ethic settles in, and we just want to give it away.

Well, honestly, it seems that this is where the public and non-profit sector begins! Hopefully we can shift our focus from one of salesmanship to one of pure service, which will then essentially "sell itself" to others (and/or others will do the salesmanship for us). Easier said than done? YES, it is easier said than done, especially for an entrepreneur without a foothold in politics already, and all it takes to prove that concept is to look around and try finding a "successful" case of nonprofits in the world around us. A quick search on Google reveals the reality that "successful" nonprofits are those which make a profit! Hah. In other words: successful implies making money, having revenue, etc. Even great services which benefit others need to have a dollar value attached, to prove their worth, it seems.

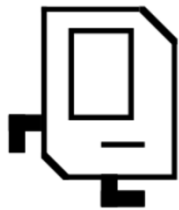
The one exception is in the public sector where the Legislature is involved to help fund good efforts.

In the case of Silver Medal, we are talking about both: public/nonprofit AND profiteering through productization and sales, marketing obviously being required to make the sell. Creating a new nonprofit business still requires salesmanship because it involves getting the word out about the Silver Medal cause, to show its value.

So, what is the Silver Medal cause? Promoting a healthy lifestyle and helping others to be healthy is a part of it, as can be seen with my efforts for [LifeScienceBalance.co](#). And other than health, the Silver Medal cause can be summarized with "Coding and Writing"... and by extension, "Helping others to Code and Write"... which extends into some of the fields where writing plays a key part; not only coding or authoring books, but also, legal (writing documents in a way to help others in a legal context) and so on. In this report, I have detailed my efforts (ongoing) to promote that cause through various means, including [RedrockCode.com](#) and [WritersGuild.online](#)... which is honestly a monumental effort in the digital realm, but worth every minute of effort if it ends up affecting my life and others in a positive way.

However, I want to mention one more thing, which I realized unexpectedly during the process of this course and project:

Up above, I mentioned that I would **not** take the lead for the Robotics course, instead deferring to the expert, Dave Edwards. This makes sense. However, I realized that there is a course that I could take the lead on, which I have taught before, and it would likely have much of the same appeal if only I would believe and make the course happen again. The course is called "Programming Methodologies," and it is based upon the freely available CS 106A curriculum from Stanford University outreach (SEE - Stanford Engineering Everywhere). I'll spare the details here, but I mention it here in conclusion because it is an example of a passion that I once had that was very successful in generating new recruits in the past. However, in recent years I lost faith in teaching the course, because I figured it was "out of date" now.



Nobody would care anymore, I figured, after relocating and certain life circumstances changed. But on second thought, truthfully the reality is quite the contrary; the same "old" course can be updated a bit, and it will add TONS of value for students at a low cost to entry (not only for the students, but also for me). It could be the golden ticket and would probably generate at least as much interest as the Robotics course. In fact, this course would dovetail perfectly into that genre, because the first few assignments in the course are based upon Karel the robot!

Karel is a digital robot on the screen, sure, yet the principles of programming a digital robot carry over nicely into a study of heavy-weight robotics. (Interesting point: I was going to write "physical robotics", but the reality is that software is still based on physical properties and even physics (of light and electrons) during operation, and so it is also "physical" robotics on a lighter scale, more subtle in nature, not unlike my other passion which is the realm of spirituality, especially in this 'age of spiritual machines' as Kurzweil called it. Never has there been a better time, and never a motivation better for humans to learn the language of machines, considering 2026 was the Year of the Singularity, according to Elon Musk.)



Teaching the older course isn't as glamorous for me because it's "old hat" and boring, but that is subjective, and I'm reminded that this course was the bedrock for many years' worth of other courses and code camps in the past. Why not fall back onto something that is guaranteed to draw new students? (I haven't looked actively of late, but I don't think I need to look any further because I simply can't imagine a better curriculum for a first-year computer-science student, not only in terms of its delight factor, but also in terms of its Stanford-level rigorous preparation with challenging assignments and very high expectations. I was planning to incorporate the following in my future, but are they just distractions until I have taught the Karel course and established that sort of culture (in and around me)?

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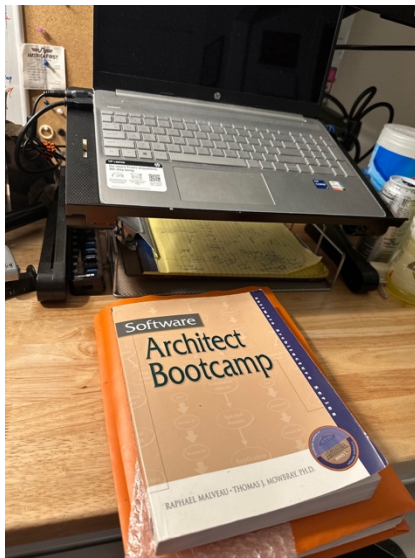
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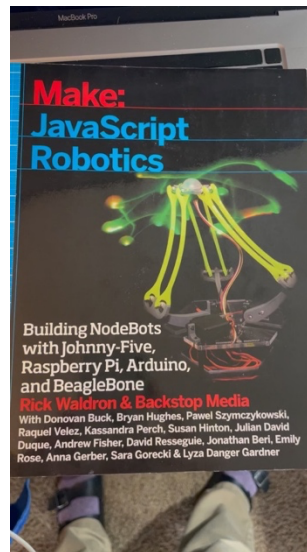
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## Quasi-Unrelated Yet Highly Relevant Macroscopic Stuff

Other aspects of this grand project: the author is hoping to provide a web presence for small businesses such as his sister's real-estate business and other small businesses. And eventually, all of the above will integrate into a Unified world of 3D online gaming-meets-reality, supplanting the supremacy of the Unity gaming engine as a mere side effect, featuring a real trading network with access to the markets and new tokens, where players and NPC's (AI) will interact with a [patent pending] Conversation Model, which includes trading and, yep, you guessed it... learning opportunities. (And yes, the author is so nerdy that he applied for a software business-process patent! LOL. The Philadelphia Patent Office just wants about \$5K to make this official, so we'll see.). His creative work is dedicated to his loved ones.

The author's own writings will provide a storyline backbone for this Unified world, "imaginative non-fiction" and "systematic fiction" in style, which he will have developed based on an epic trilogy he composed, titled "The 144,000". This trilogy, along with a series of other series (the word "series" is spelled the same whether singular or plural!) will be unveiled as the first featured work of "The Word" which also runs on the digital platform. This trilogy and its foundational work are relevant in this context because it provides a root trunk and spinal cord from which other authors and screenwriters and artists can fork and feature their own creative works, sell wares with their own storefront, offer courses and certifications, and publish books, among other services. It should be fun and productive, creative and constructive, maybe even useful? The author's plan is to work with local book-printing publishers, actors, agents, authors, and businesspeople until Utah and surrounding areas comprise a new Jungle of creative people working in symbiosis. Maybe not the Amazon, but hopefully on par with Congo.