

Bankrupt- Part 2.

The man was thinking, which was one of his favorite pastimes. It seemed to him that it was rare when he wasn't thinking. His innate curiosity was ever-present and dangled at the end of his gaze and hearing, and he instinctively followed it. So, it made sense that after realizing he was socially bankrupt, he would be curious to explore more.

Bankruptcy is a way to stop paying for certain things if the will or means to continue paying ceases. He knew that if he wanted to, he could afford the cost of the things he went without. Societal bankruptcy was a choice rather than him being a victim.

In his early adult life, positive people were everywhere, as were beautiful places and lovely things. The man, then young and inexperienced, went into everything he did with optimism, an open mind, and a happy heart because he had buried the childhood trauma that had so destroyed him. He had rebuilt himself to the best of his ability, but his foundation was weak. He was too young to know how a toddler rebuilds from learning the opposite of love and care. Since he experienced an almost total lack of those two intrinsic aspects of childhood from birth to seventeen, his emotional mechanisms were warped. He didn't even know how different he was.

Learning he was askew came after living on his own for many years, and simultaneously, he discovered that others were, too. In other words, everyone seemed to be a little or a lot emotionally lopsided or somehow twisted.

The man was not one to spend a lot of time on simple pleasantries or talking about the weather, but rather, his curiosity was in the ideas people had or believed in, so he often tried to speak to those deeper reaches of the people he knew or met. And it was while doing that that he began to

feel he no longer wanted to do this. The feeling of societal bankruptcy spurred a desire to invest in his happiness, creativity, and optimism because those were much more cost-effective.

The man's understanding of bankruptcy was that it was a tool for if or when he could no longer afford the cost of something he had acquired, he could stop paying by declaring bankruptcy.

Bankruptcy only covers a specific item or items. And, since he had invested heavily in other areas, happiness, optimism, creativity, and education, he could afford to drop society.

Not being able to follow society's herd instinct wasn't as much a choice as a reflex. At first, his ability to question life was less a gift and more a burden. He learned that questioning and their subsequent answers usually led him to choose to do the next right thing, so he accepted his questioning and often wondered why others didn't. After asking several people why they didn't question things and receiving rude replies, he decided to mind his own business.

The man sat back in his chair and sighed. As he sighed, he also smiled because he understood that he was a person for whom life, as presented, had not made sense. And because the rules, laws, religions, politics, education, and the trampling of morals and ethics didn't make sense, he wanted to create a life that did make sense. Creating a life that made sense to him meant he needed to live outside the herd, and that's when he decided to declare bankruptcy to society.

Soon, he found that living outside the herd, any herd and all herds, allowed his mind, heart, and soul the freedom of personal choice.

He had used some resources to pay for belonging to society, but since there was no return on his investment, he chose bankruptcy, which meant he lost society but no longer needed to pay for it.