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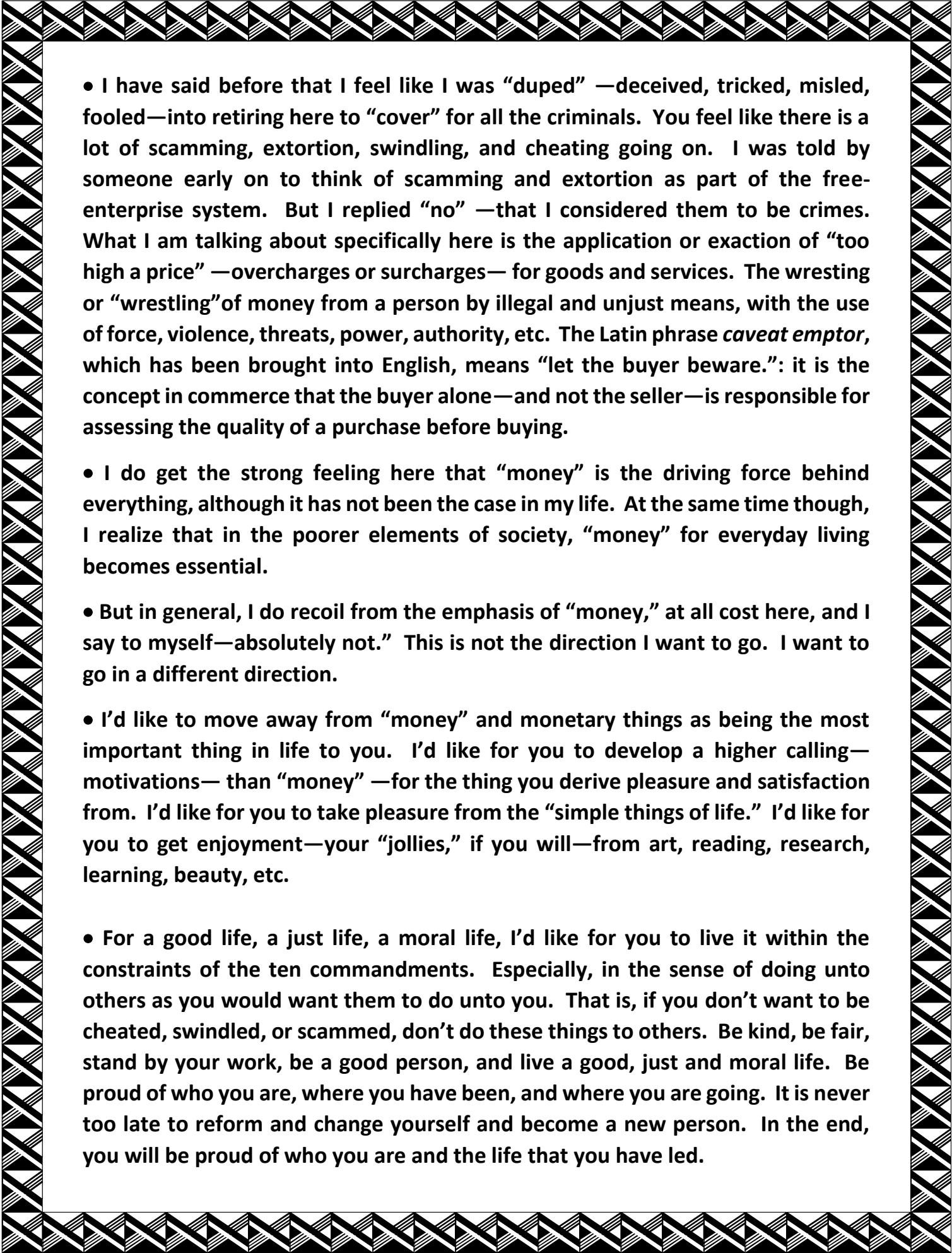
- Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, as an entity, are a hostile community and living environment. You cannot live here without strife. You cannot live here in peace and harmony. People are always “warring” against each other. It is an evil place—wicked, sinful, wrong, immoral, unethical. People are always doing bad things to others. When I say bad, I mean criminal, disreputable, “deplorable” as Hillary Clinton says. There is jealousy and envy. People seem to feel like the grass is always greener on the other side of the road or street. People are not thinking of others. They are rude, selfish, and self-absorbed.

- You get the feeling that people here are living in a bubble—an echo chamber. All seem to think and act alike. After moving to New York State in 2013, one of the first things I heard from someone there that stuck with me was that, “we need new blood” —new ideas and ways of doing things.

- Being an overly sensitive person, I feel a lot of things living here, most of which are not good. I feel anger; I feel disgust. “Dis-gust,” translated from Latin, means “bad taste.” (And, the bad taste in your mouth is not from the Mexican food.) I feel disheartened. I am appalled, outraged, revolted, repelled, nauseated, sickened. I feel frightened, terrified, terrorized.

- I have a feeling of “other-worldliness”—that I am living in a different world than others. I feel apart from the rest of society. I am not integrated. I am outside the mainstream in my attitudes and values. My practices are different than the rest of society. Matters of importance differ for me and others. Ethics, morals, and values are important to me, but seem not to be so much to others. I feel discrimination, and discrimination can go in different directions and all directions.

When I first moved and retired here, it seemed that the people I became closest to moved away and apart. They separated themselves from me and became “unfriendly.” Because of this, I think that I did develop a degree of “paranoia.” I became distrustful and overly suspicious of others.



- I have said before that I feel like I was “duped” —deceived, tricked, misled, fooled—into retiring here to “cover” for all the criminals. You feel like there is a lot of scamming, extortion, swindling, and cheating going on. I was told by someone early on to think of scamming and extortion as part of the free-enterprise system. But I replied “no” —that I considered them to be crimes. What I am talking about specifically here is the application or exaction of “too high a price” —overcharges or surcharges— for goods and services. The wrestling or “wrestling” of money from a person by illegal and unjust means, with the use of force, violence, threats, power, authority, etc. The Latin phrase *caveat emptor*, which has been brought into English, means “let the buyer beware.”: it is the concept in commerce that the buyer alone—and not the seller—is responsible for assessing the quality of a purchase before buying.

- I do get the strong feeling here that “money” is the driving force behind everything, although it has not been the case in my life. At the same time though, I realize that in the poorer elements of society, “money” for everyday living becomes essential.

- But in general, I do recoil from the emphasis of “money,” at all cost here, and I say to myself—absolutely not.” This is not the direction I want to go. I want to go in a different direction.

- I’d like to move away from “money” and monetary things as being the most important thing in life to you. I’d like for you to develop a higher calling—motivations— than “money” —for the thing you derive pleasure and satisfaction from. I’d like for you to take pleasure from the “simple things of life.” I’d like for you to get enjoyment—your “jollies,” if you will—from art, reading, research, learning, beauty, etc.

- For a good life, a just life, a moral life, I’d like for you to live it within the constraints of the ten commandments. Especially, in the sense of doing unto others as you would want them to do unto you. That is, if you don’t want to be cheated, swindled, or scammed, don’t do these things to others. Be kind, be fair, stand by your work, be a good person, and live a good, just and moral life. Be proud of who you are, where you have been, and where you are going. It is never too late to reform and change yourself and become a new person. In the end, you will be proud of who you are and the life that you have led.