

Welcome back to my website and as a desire to checkout new material prevails. I've been inspired through personal experience to write a non-fiction novella which discusses "gambling." As many of you are aware, the states have taken on the attractive options building and supporting casinos locally provide. They are a form of entertainment and financial opportunity for locals and customers willing to travel short distances. But, this also encourages worldwide travel as some like the diverse offerings casino properties offer outside of the primary intention of gambling slots, table games and sports betting.

This months I have enclosed a preview of my upcoming novella to share with you! It is untitled as I am still exploring a suitable one for the planned release of December 2023. Please read and you are welcome to send any thoughts or interest this excerpt may spark.



Sports Betting & The Future in Gaming

Outside of the primary casino gambling industry and a $60 billion yearly online casino income, is the secondary financial resource developed with the onset of legalized sports betting. It has been stated that over the past five years, Americans have bet beyond $220 billion immediately following the supreme court's decision to dismantle the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act's (PASPA) citing it as a violation of the 10th Amendment. Historically, laws were passed to keep sports gambling as a gray area using the 1961 Federal Wire Act also which banned wire communication for interstate or foreign commerce of bets or wagers and the adaption of a 1991 law to legalize betting. This is primarily why previously such bets were limited to the confines of Nevada and three other states who offered limited sports betting opportunity(s).

Using the guise of "fantasy sports", I am sure you remember the fuzzy imprint the name and the interpretation left upon most of you back around 2010. There was an imaginary player in the conceptualization gamblers were to adapt to in order to bet on sports game outcomes without actually recognizing the real game played. DraftKings and FanDuel were the two sponsors and frequently awarded gifts in other communal games such as McDonald's Monopoly.

In my previous chapter, I take you on a journey through the history of casinos which as you know or learned continued onto the state New Jersey. It then is without wonder that actors from this state were they who set precedence in challenging PASPA's ban in federal court and successfully invalidating its impact in 2018. To date, Florida and California are two states still in litigation in respects to online sports betting legalization.

In life, we all live and learn that often times things which interest the public whole hog such as alcohol, marijuana, gambling, audio devices etc. has its share of those who use them respectfully and responsibly, however the wealth builds build from those who tend to be more frivolous. People who overindulge in anything hold income potential for the manufacturer and the problems solvers such as liquor companies and rehabilitation facilities.

In addition, because of past improprieties in black market institutions and offshore markets enabled bets on professional and college sports along with the fear of the natural nature of the industries addictive tendencies, professional sports leagues, religious followers, and others fought against legalization. The reality of this battle was that "there exist no war on gambling." Instead, those laws were blockages to needed tax revenue and a gamblers luck and good fortune. The U.S. black market and offshore betting houses were untaxed, scary, unmonitored, and ambiguous means of gambling. Therefore, after the 2018 verdict by the supreme court, there were a variation of interest ready to take advantage of the implied reality of legalized sports betting. This encompassed sports teams, investors, states, and players were all eager to take advantage of this new industry dynamic.

It too has been the admitted savior to downtrodden racetracks as uptake for its diminished annual revenue and a secondary resource for other casino brands. Bets are taken before games and during a game using smartphones even as pushed onto the public using sophisticated advertising using faces of players and other notable celebrity imagery. In the UK, more than half of its football teams, in each division, hold betting company backers. Sports which once shunned public bets outside of football and basketball pools which held its own set of groupies.

2023 intake reports indicate values of $17 billion in winnings and over $3 billion for state and federal taxes confirms the five-year financial projection. And, gave provision for the sale of both FanDuel and DraftKings businesses to foreign investors said from Bulgaria and the United Kingdom. This aspect of the sports industry holds a prospect of plausibly $7 billion revenue for 2025. The change has proven most effective in speculative use of advertising to blend the sports industry into the gambling culture with ease. And remember, it's the addicts that support the industry businesses and not the casual controlled better.

There is also use of the quote unquote, winners circle whose claims to fame are their actual winnings off of small bets. They're public brag video uploads are advertising resources which sway potential betters. Saying "this is how I won" has influence upon the minds of those who desire to emulate their outcomes and gain instant wealth. Hence, regurgitating Stats has become the most notable plight post- sports betting’s expansion.

The market is accessible, the rules are in the gray zone and this country has its eyes open and hands are extended.

Amusement Games

Online provides users with access to virtual gaming. These games are designed to replicate slot game play and card table games without the financial burden, twenty-four hours per day. Typically, the player plays the computer and at times oneself. At first, they are fascinating as we are familiar with their functionality and its resemblance to real life slot machines. We can be easily tricked into sitting for hours competing against the system as entertainment, a time consumer, or in place of the real thing. It could be considered gambler "maintenance therapy." All while knowing, it doesn't quite compare to the emotional excitement nor spending trauma during real-time-play. As a result, some gaming developers have enabled access to simulation coins and others accept credit cards so players can actually bet. There are several global online slot machine sites which simulate casino play for those distancing or at a distance from real time gambling.

Some years later, beyond the onset of these internet games sites like Double Down or Casino, is the availability of hand-held miniature slot game programs that remind us of the virtual gamers of the early two thousands. These devices, which simulate slot machine play, are sold as miniature hand-held devices. This is the newer paradigm shift in gamblers land which is developed to soothe the desire to frequent casinos at natural will and whim. It is a pacifier of sort against the in-person fascination with slot games and it emulates real time play in offering games having a closer semblance to casinos around our country's.

Religion and Gambling



Thought the biblical text does not specifically reference the act of gambling, betting, or the lottery, such behavior has been shunned by the church, religious people, and those critical of what is “good” and deemed “bad”. As we turn bible pages we are destined to find indicators against the love of money, idolism, developing a coveting nature and “greed”. We are encouraged to avoid temptation as it is made relative to “seeking a reward of money” from casinos, lottery’s, horse races and other alternative means of betting and gambling. These are the temptations which grant us “cash” if winners all while having the potential to destroy our character and lives as a precursor to gambling addiction.

Gambling can harm you, but we must recognize that everyone has their own form of entertainment. As living on luck and taking a chance are directives for the lives of some they are also biblical. Luck

and chance are mentionable inside our biblical text and under the assumptive relativity of 'Lots'. Yes, some identify this in reference to "lots".

As some win, gambling accounts for a greater number of losers. Spending in moderation during visits to gambling outlets is most admirable. It provokes fun, feeds that inner child toward winning, and is a social activity in food, drinks, and entertainment. Under a sense of control, it is not wasteful monetarily nor overly expensive. But then again, people and Christians or religious believers who seek financial "blessings" in risking money on chance are seen as foolish.

The acts of those who steal from their loved ones as they take money purposed from food and bills, negate responsibility, in hopes of monetary gain. They sit praying for other to loss, rubbing screens for good luck, and deciding if they need more money from their accounts to gain back what has been lost.

Gamblers become idolized when they when they are winners and ostracized if they happen to become dysfunctional addicts who are incapable of sparing the loss of money. Their over indulgence takes over and consumes their everything. Though 'gambling' is not evil nor a sin, it provokes sinful behavior(s). Gambler, drunkard, thief, liar, and other attributable choices pave the path intentionally urged on in this environment as an individual's ability to "think" clearly diminishes. Some people become weekly participants and other promote being a "professional gambler" as honest work despite its suggestion of greed and covetousness. Working for an income is passé. In playing table and other competitive games, the right of a winner is bragging on the misfortune of others, the loser(s).

It is quoted in Hebrews 13:5: "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have," as you will not be forsaken. Becoming consumed with money has been proven to be the "root of evil" so most of us agree this casino life is a trying state of play and most "fail" at some point of their journey.

We are taught to believe that God wills us to have the best and become the best which indicates the notion of prosperity is real. Faith, wisdom, and the love of God endorses the sense of being progressive and a stagnant believer. In some instances, the we use our intellect to generate wealth through working, genuine exchange, or in gifting. This is especially important to those who invest, purchase real estate, land, or forms of monetary transaction that prove profitable and leave it in their 'will' for family and friends. Wealth changes hands and provides for a more comfortable life and greater lifestyle.

This same energy is fantasy and grounded in mere chance inside gambling activities, however, it too is real viable opportunity at wealth. Mentally escaping in temptation and onto the imagined belief that God has his hands on the casino floor in provision of financial blessings almost seems insulting to believers. It is much riskier and a lot less attractive as it consumes our 'money' at a rapid pace and often requires large bets and not investments for chance outcomes. The same money most have 'worked' for honestly. Yet, the same characteristics are implied in players actions as with playing the stock market or buying houses and selling them for high profit rates; greed, coveting, and plausible deception are common realities. Investors and gamblers tend to become consumed with it all as consumption misaligns with biblical text as most religions do forbid gambling habits for its congregation of believers.

Money pits are real traps out in the world in which we all can falter without consent, control, or knowledge that we are descending with each decision we are making. Our fantasy or winning jackpots or great sums of cash crash more often than not. The rules still remain that says: to make money you must afford spending and risking money. However, the casino, race tracks, and other alternative gambling houses are more intense and end with immediate destructive outcomes. The more reckless one becomes with spending unavailable, unnecessary, or excessive funds, the less they are more than likely to have in the end. Boundary's must be in place both physically, mentally, and emotionally which deflect spontaneous spending within the social confines of gambling outlets. Without a solid interpretation of this activity, players are prone to outweigh their chance and risk ratio and actively exhaust their money spiraling downward at a rapid pace. All it takes is one bad bet or thrilling night out to awake to debt and a financial crisis for which lies, deceit, and regret cost us more.

Is this always the outcome? Do people excel the sense of entrapment casinos emotionally stimulate? Can one maintain control and clarity within the chaos wanting to be a "big winner" generates?

The answer is YES. Realist, the strong, those who respect their money, and those willing to play with minimal risk are safe gamblers. They go home peacefully after each encounter within casino walls after exploring the surroundings in total. They too have bought into the thrill of becoming a real player, gamer, a customer who supports the local education fund, social programs, and other relative tax-based initiatives. However, it is not their excuse to go overboard as a player as they welcome the lifestyle, probably travel using corporate casino perks and fully use the perk fair exchange. It is business and not a violation of religious practice nor belief. God too rewards us for our saintly behavior through good will, blessings, and others who provide and sustain our lives. He is believed to reward those who are good stewards of their money, what is given, their blessings.

The truth lies within us and our desires and ability to manage being religious creatures while navigating the oddity's in life that challenge our sense of control and avoidance of temptation(s). Satin, the devil, or evil will tell us all the lies we need to push us into doing things, especially things seen as against the will of God. To a much greater degree, we scientifically, mentally, and guiltily fight to prove something is right and alright which has been defined or realigned as a causation for putting our spirit in jeopardy or risk from being and maintaining a righteous standing. It is also more attractive and to be an overcomer of sinful or lustful behavior. Meaning, to perform the act and not fall into the assumed trap. Our innate chemistry and combined learned self-do not allow for our self-respect to be violated.

I agree that it is not sin, yet has the great potential of provoking sinful, common behavior and attitudes within us. It is corrupting and has the potential to ruin the good life God intended for us to lead.

This is just a sample of what you will find inside this truthful, inspirational, historical, modern day journey as we all explore 'taking a gamble' when inside casino houses globally.