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DESTINIES

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I would guess that most of us have heard the term, “campers and climbers”; a term that tends to create the impression that achievement is the sole domain of the entrepreneurial – that is, risk-takers. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. And although not everyone has the make-up to fix bayonets, don a tin hat and leave the trenches under fire – whichever imagery suits – many who confine their lives to the security of a base camp contribute enormously to social and technological advancement.

But forget technology for the moment. The social advances within racial discrimination, child care, education and law, for example, are spawned most often from the dictates of those firmly ensconced within the camp – from grassroots up. The systematic chipping away at reforms will eventually win the day without having to be gung-ho. Or put another way, achievement-orientated climbers definitely dwell within the security of a camp environment.

And of great significance is the fact that without a stable and ordered camp, most climbers – I’ll go back to those who venture outside the camp – would perish. The security of that infrastructure is the safety net that allows the more entrepreneurial within society to regroup and try again, and often at extreme cost to the camp. But it must also be said that the personal sacrifices and eventual achievements of an entrepreneurial few will in turn contribute significantly – leaps and bounds in many instances – to the advancement of that same social order.

Destinations

But so few of us, if any, will recognize at the outset the potential significance of our own input or indeed, for many, be aware in what form that input will eventually take. The journey will gradually condition us to such an extent that we find ourselves achieving milestones that may never have been contemplated in our youth.

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An Interim Conclusion

“I have a rendezvous with Death at some disputed barricade.”

Alan Seeger

But until that dispute has been resolved conclusively, I will continue to develop and expand the destinies – family, social and business – now well within my reach. And because it has been my **destiny** to embrace the destinies of the past – no... I won't be reverting to the original title of this chapter – surely, only that disputed barricade could prevent me from embracing and fulfilling the two known destinies that are now a part of my life.

As Chairman of The Australian Justice Tribunal I derive enormous satisfaction from facilitating the delivery of natural justice to Australians whose lives have been damaged by legal abuse. And of equal satisfaction is fulfilling the parallel destiny of being dedicated to the introduction of an investigative legal system which will greatly overcome the root cause of such abuses.

May God bless all of us as we thank Him for the challenges that have made us stronger; and may we continue to love and forgive those who have stood against us. And although I have been critical of the unlawful actions of certain government officers, the legal profession and one federal court judge in particular, I have done so in the hope that others will not succumb to emulating their practices – certainly now knowing that these practices have the potential to kill.

And on a business front, I trust there will be readers who can take something from my experiences and move with a direction and force which results in added prosperity. In fact, if there has been a solitary aspect of my life which eventually proves beneficial to one reader only, then there has been purpose to my book. In turn, I have learned from everyone around me. I doubt that there is any one of them whose personal, social and business skills have not equipped me, in some meaningful way, for my journey.

I will close with a final quote, and one that must surely define an international culture that so far has been embraced by too few and which has so often eluded nations:

“We are here for each other.”

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