

# Foreword

by Pat Boone

*“Now we command you, brethren...  
that ye withdraw yourselves  
from every brother that walketh disorderly...”*

– 2 Thessalonians 3:6 (KJV)

The Framers of America’s Constitution put America on a straight highway into the future based on sound money, small government and individual integrity and faith.

So long as America kept faith with this standard, between the 1820s and the creation of the Federal Reserve Board in 1913, the purchasing power of our dollar over that time actually increased in value. American prosperity grew in part from keeping our money an honest medium of exchange and a store of reliable value trusted around the world.

In 1913 America began “The Great Debasement” of our currency, the turn from gold to today’s Federal Reserve paper fiat money and confiscatory Progressive taxation. In less than a century the buying power of our paper dollar has dwindled to only two cents of its 1913 value, and our economy and society seem stuck and sinking in quicksand.

In this book my long-trusted friend and advisor Craig Smith and former *Reader’s Digest* Roving Editor Lowell Ponte explain how this happened, and why millions of Americans and others around the world have begun a Great Withdrawal from the failed collectivist movement that has debased our values, society, politics, culture and currency.

Craig and Lowell show how this Great Withdrawal can bring an end to the failed Progressive utopian rule that has taken America on a 100-year detour away from the path of faith and freedom charted by our Framers. They map how, together and individually, we can return to America’s higher road.

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