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I am suffering like hell but thank god this debt ceiling hell is over. I don't think we have enough lunatics in either house of congress for this not to go through.

I got in a mix up on Jan 1st, 2010 and got arrested. I had to go to court almost every month for 14 months before it got dismissed. Before every court session, the bailiff would give the instructions on how things were to proceed and what to do and what not to do. He would always end it with "May God save this state." Even as a nonbeliever, this struck a cord. It resonated with me, as I sat in my own misfortune and looked around the courtroom at all the people who were going to take a painful blow in their life over whatever foolish thing they had done.

It's like you see all this suffering and all of this hardship and all of this dysfunction and hell, and what immediately sticks out as how completely unnecessary all of it is. If you ask an 18 year old young man who lives in this country what his goals are and he says "one day I'm going to have an 80,000 square ft mansion and a 747 with a landing strip in my front yard", you can laugh all you want, but you can't exactly tell him he's wrong. We live in a place that is so full of opportunity that it's not completely off the table that he has all of that one day. There are not many places like that and there have not been many in the history of the earth either.

Think of the young soldier who promises his young wife and his 2 year old daughter that he will make it back to them, and then isn't able to keep that promise. Multiply that by some figure in the 10s of millions and you will have some sense of the incredible price that has been paid for us to have this opportunity, and this is what people make of it. How can there be any hope for us, who make so little out of so much? So it's like, God, come and save us; for it is obvious that we will never save ourselves.

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Warmest Regards,

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