STEP 1: Clean Slate

(about starting with an open mind)

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This is the first in a series of messages written especially for people new to the "861 evidence." The various documents referred to in the discussions are hyperlinked (**blue letters**) to the Internet so that you can see the words for yourself.

• The **BLUE** links take you to the documents on the **Internet**; when finished reading, hit the "back" button to return to the discussion.

The first thing I would ask is that you, the reader, begin by setting aside any preconceived notions you have about what these messages will be about. Even people "on my side" often give inaccurate impressions about the real issue here. As a result, I spend almost as much time correcting misconceptions about the "punch line" here as I do explaining my actual conclusions. I ask that you let me start with a "clean slate," free of any assumptions or presuppositions.

When it comes to taxes, everyone starts with a collection of opinions about the IRS, tax rates, tax types, etc., and all sorts of issues about the morality of taxes, what is "fair," the patriotism of paying one's taxes, the legitimacy or legality of taxes, the annoyance of filling out the forms, the desire to lower one's own liability, etc. None of those issues is what these messages are about, but any and all of those issues can get in the way of people objectively hearing and considering the issue at hand.

Imagine you are on a jury, and must determine the guilt or innocence of someone you either love to pieces, or hate with a passion. Setting aside biases and opinions long enough to objectively examine the evidence would be a **VERY** difficult thing to do. And that's just what I'm asking you to do here. Set aside **EVERYTHING** you know, think, or believe about taxes (even if you think you already agree with me), and try to objectively consider some evidence I will be putting in front of you. Once you decide on your "verdict," I will thank you for your time and attention, and you can go back to believing whatever you want.

It sounds simple, but it's not. Human beings are rarely objective and unbiased, but I'm asking that (for the next ten messages, at least) you try. I believe those who do will acquire not just a "belief," but a real understanding of something really worth knowing.

Sincerely,

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NEXT:

Step 2: Thank Goodness for CPAs (about some income being tax-free)