



## WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF NINJAS

Michael Douglas in his famed role of Gordon Gekko in the epic film *Wall Street* made the sequel in 2010 of **Wall Street – Money Never Sleeps**. He delivered many memorable lines, but the one that stands the most for me was his address to a group of potential college graduates preparing them for the world that they were going to face and masterfully illustrated how we got to this stage and what they would be faced with in the future. It was spot on!

Our Ninjas he described as graduates that would be coming out to “No Income, No Jobs, No Assets”. In a nut shell they would be graduating from college, facing a depressed economy with limited job prospects. This scenario is something that is applicable to almost any part of the world today.

Our Ninjas are faced with lower paying jobs, lower standards of living, starting out life with a deficit as most will have student loans to repay and possibly higher income taxes to pay.

Our Ninjas have been born to an era where education for the most part have been likened to a “diploma mill” so the skill sets that they thought they acquired have failed to equip them with essential tools such as critical thinking, rationalizing, productive team work and sound knowledge based learning. Being socialized that it is “their right” they forgot the key ingredient of working for it so the realities of the world outside sends them into a tail spin and their coping skills and perceived value systems quickly erode.

So what becomes of our poor NINJAS who are the future generations to lead?

Some have already smelled the preverbal coffee and strategically plan their career paths prior to graduation. I admire this “techie savvy” generation who use their skill sets to utilize technology to create job opportunities, and those who choose the entrepreneurial route to survive.

Kudos to those who do not see their “legacy” as a deficit or as a deterrence to their potential fortunes. Some are fearless and hopeful and continue to dream big and are willing to take risk and forerunners like Mark Zuckerberg trail blazed with Facebook is their modern day role model.

A Ninja after all is a strategic combat fighter therefore has the skill sets to defuse wars. This characteristic is heightened by being a critical thinker so NINJAS wake up and get in gear, engage the right attitudes and aptitudes to survive! So what are you waiting for? Stop feeling sorry for yourself and make your mark!!!!