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Over the past 35 years I have learned quite a bit about myself. I have learned from my mistakes and accomplishment. I have turned those mistakes and accomplishments into wisdom for myself, this above all else has turned me into the man I am today. When I am asked to “describe my strengths, weaknesses, and goals.” I must comprehend my life as it is at this precise instance in time.

I give myself credit in having an extensive inventory of personal strengths. To the people who truly know me, I have the ideal amount of personal strengths. The personal strengths that stand out in my head are; Honor, my personal statement, stubbornness, and willingness to help. My personal strength Honor comes from a good upbringing by my parents and knowing the difference between right and wrong. It also comes from the conviction I have about life and comradeship. It has been alleged by one of my close acquaintances that I pursue the way of the bashedo warrior and I am his samurai. The other major personal strength I have is what I call my personal statement; I have a tendency to live by that statement. The statement is, “There is no such thing as impossible; it just takes a little longer to do.” Now for one to comprehend this statement and then try to live by it is an accomplishment on its own. This statement, to me, means just what it says.

No matter what someone may declare, there is absolutely nothing that is impossible to do. On numerous occasions, I have proven people incorrect, on what they thought was impossible. The other strength I have is being stubborn or, as my wife puts it, cement-head. What this gives me is the ability to complete anything I start or the willingness to endure any amount of hardship or harassment to get the job done. The last major personal strength I have is the willingness to help anyone. No matter what the project or life situation is, I will help even if doing so puts my life in harms way. This is why my experiences are so diverse. I am an ex-firefighter, an ex-EMT, disabled veteran, and an individual with a half to quarter billion dollar wireless WAN project for a third-world country with a network of 100,000 computers. For me, these are the strengths that blaze the brightest.

The personal weaknesses I will confess to are only a few. The number one personal weakness I would declare is being stubborn or cement-head, as my wife would say. The basis why this is also a weakness for me is since I will fight for what I believe is just and correct even if it means I need to sacrifice something or someone along the way. For me, the number one object I have had to sacrifice is my time and my personal capital, which, if you think about it is not so bad. One of my additional weaknesses is the willingness to help others; this above all others has put me in harms way, in more than one occasion. I have been shot at and been harassed because of this weakness of mine. The last dazzling weakness I see in myself is, I believe, I can do anything I put my mind to. This single weakness has brought me the most pain and

torment above all others. I have had people compare me to Don Quixote, on more than one instance. I know the majority of my weaknesses are also my strengths; however for me each one is a two sided-sword, it is good and bad at the same time.

My person goals, I have set for myself, are large and small. I have no order in what I want to accomplish first since every objective has the same level of significance. The number one objective at this instant in time, is to get my BS degree in Computer Science, then to get my Masters Degree in Computer Science, and then to get my Doctorate Degree in Computer Science. The other objective I have is to get capital for a 100,000 computer, wireless WAN project, and demonstrate it can be accomplished. Another objective I have is to start a software business and write the one piece of software that everybody desires and needs. The last of my major objectives is to get my wife and child to the United States. To some, these objectives are large and small; but to me, they all are on an equivalent plane.

I have conveyed some of my personal strengths, weaknesses, and goals. For me to sit down and think about the question, makes me take an honest inventory about myself. This exercise takes a lot of thinking and knowledge of oneself, for me this is no simple matter to accomplish. I have learned, throughout life, the answer to the question, what is the meaning of life and everything. The answer to the question is forty two.