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**Subject:** I am often asked to give my views and to rate the distinguished list of today's various financiers. I hesitate to do so as my area of expertise is now phil without a doubt, one of the smartest people I have ever met, /u am well aware of his past problems, but I am a firm believer that everyone deserves a second chance. that is what makes this country great.

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he is neither fluent in Spanish, French or Italian however he is highly conversant and multilingual in the areas of the most advanced science. He can exquisitely conduct a seminar in fields as diverse as evolutionary biology, computational neuroscience, even the highly esoteric n-dimensional manifolds, as well as music as a lens into the brain. His interests are far ranging and unlike many that simply repeat back what they have read, he is creative and original in fields such as signal intelligence, power law distributions, and encryption.

I am well aware that in his past he has made some awful decisions, and I'm sure he would have done things differently if he had the opportunity to do them over. however he has paid his debt to society, asked his friends and family for forgiveness and has continued his charitable work that he began even decades before his travails.

I have had the privilege to meet the world's greatest minds, and I can easily say that Jeffrey is amongst the best of those.

I have utmost confidence in his integrity. I have dealt with him for a number of years on both sides of a negotiation and say with certainty that I'd rather be on his side.

He has been in the Billionaire business for longer than almost anyone else. His insight into the unique problems of the super wealthy, has been invaluable to many others that I know. He found a niche in the early 80s discerning the burdens of hyper wealth and from his time on the board of Rockefeller or his time at the trilateral commission, the common refrain from those he has come in contact with Jeffrey has made me think differently about. ....//.

He has an extraordinary ability with numbers, complex concepts. mixed with a sometimes brutal honesty, refreshing, a sense of humor that some find highly cultured others find just outright silly,

His homes are probably the best collection of real estate in the United States. A private island, that some describe as a tribute to megalomania. and a ranch in New Mexico that is truly beyond imagination and my favorite townhouse in NY. His attention to detail is remarkable. I find it sad that he doesn't have children of his own, but makes up for it by maintaining close friendships that have lasted for decades.

His charitable instincts have been honed over many years and his advice and judgment has been invaluable in several instances.

His ability to explain complex derivatives or concepts on the bleeding edge of science in layman's

terms is part of his teaching gene.

I have met many people who criticize those who maintain a friendship with Jeffrey, and a group whose opinions are impervious to change , however, in the vast majority of cases , it is with those that have not had the opportunity to sit with him watch as his mind performs an intellectual ballet. gracefully moving from one difficult topic and transitioning to another seemingly unrelated , only at the end to have the thread pulled tightly and ending with an elegant coda. finale.

I can call him and ask , can you explain this to me, and with an impish respond, and a breath of fresh air, if he can't , he simply says I Don't know. .