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Jeffrey is neither fluent in Spanish, French or Italian however he is highly conversant and multilingual in the areas of the most advanced sciences and finance. He can exquisitely conduct a seminar in fields as diverse as evolutionary biology, computational neuroscience or even the highly esoteric mathematics that permeate our future. Mathematicians at Harvard marvel at his breadth that spans the divide between the esoteric and the very world.

His interests are far and wide and unlike many gentleman scientists that simply repeat back what they have read, he has been an integral part of the creative process in varied fields, signal intelligence, power law distributions, and encryption. His facile and hyper speed grasping of complex financial issues remains unique in my experience. He does not hold himself out as a great investor like my friend Warren, or an economist like Larry Summers, but his knowledge of money, its uses, its technicalities and its burdens are something he has taught many of my colleagues.

Again, as to reiterate my open eyes I am well aware that in his colorful past he has made some awful decisions, 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's 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 private 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. He has funded bold experiments on the placebo effect, string theory, quantum gravity, music and its insight into the brain etc,

His ability to explain complex financial derivatives or opaque concepts that are on the bleeding edge of science in layman's terms is I believe a part of his teaching gene and enduring charm.

I have met many people who criticize those who continue to maintain a friendship with Jeffrey, predominately by those whose opinions appear on the surface to be impervious to change, however, in the vast majority of cases, it is with those that have not had the opportunity to sit with him and 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 that recaps the various themes.

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 finds it comfortable and ordinary to simply admit - I Don't know.