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Development Clusters

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When the economic history of our times is written, one man will emerge as the prophet of both the financial collapse and the disasters associated with government management: Ron Paul. He alone among the political class sounded the warnings and sees the way out.

This economic manifesto (484 pages!), which is a treasure, collects his greatest speeches and debates over the last 30 years, and provides documentary evidence that he is not only a master of the topic; he has provided a coherent explanation of nearly everything the government has done wrong in this area since he first entered public office. He also provides a way out, as implied by the subtitle: free market, honest money, and private property.

Dr. Paul has consistently battled for all three.

Economics is topic about which most politicians are abysmally ignorant. As this book shows, Ron Paul is a master of the topic and the nation's teacher on a vast range of economic issues. He addresses monetary policy during critical times such as the late 1970s inflation mania, and was a lone voice pointing to the real cause of Federal Reserve monetary policy.

Whereas most members of Congress are intimidated by Fed officials, Paul's confrontations with Greenspan are documented here word for word. In addition, he reveals the social and economic effects of loose credit, and shows the ill-effects of bailouts. He addresses high taxes, regulation, trade restrictions, and bravely denounces sanctions against foreign countries for fueling international tensions.

He also explains his view of free trade, for the real thing but against misnamed treaties that embroil international traders in bureaucracy.

He covers welfare, bureaucracy, war, and a host of other economic topics in what is surely the most comprehensive, intelligent, and revealing book on economics ever written by a U.S. political figure -- all informed by the Austrian tradition of thought that has so influenced his thinking.

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出生于1935年，美国国会众议院德克萨斯州前议员，妇产科医生，奥地利学派经济学家，自由意志主义者 (Libertarian)，著名自由市场和金本位拥护者。

曾担任自由基金会 (Free Foundation) 董事,自由研究委员会 (Liberty Study Committee) 主席，路德维希·冯·米塞斯学会杰出顾问；曾获得Gary G Schlarbaum 自由终生成就奖 (Prize for lifetime achievement in liberty) ,穆瑞·罗斯巴德 (Murray N. Rothbard) 自由奖章 (Medal of Freedom) 等多项荣誉。

曾于1988、2008和2012年先后3次参加美国总统大选。其子兰德·保罗 (Rand Paul) 为肯塔基州联邦参议员，被称为“茶党之父” (Tea Party)，已参加2016年美国总统竞选。

保罗是美国政坛的“绝对另类”，著名“No先生”，以立场坚定、态度强硬闻名。其经济主张主要来源于奥地利学派经济学 (Austrian Economics)，倡导财政平衡、商品货币和废除中央银行。在外交政策方面，保罗反对

美国政府对外干预策略，认为坚持充当“世界警察”最终会毁了美国。在美国，粉丝们称其为“当代杰斐逊”。

从20世纪70年代从政开始，保罗一直默默无闻，尽管他一再坚持同一个立场。直到2008年，随着次贷危机的爆发、伊拉克战争的失败，以及其他更多的事项，民众逐渐开始意识到一件事——保罗说的都是对的。从那以后，越来越多的人开始关注他。

2009年3月11日，国会众议院以413：1票通过了涉藏决议，那张孤零零的反对票正是保罗投下的。

著有《黄金、和平与繁荣》(gold peace and prosperity)，《关于黄金》(the case of gold，与lewis lehrman合著)，《受到围攻的自由》(freedom under siege)，《自由的外交政策》(a foreign policy of freedom) 及《终结美联储》(End The Fed) 等书。

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