

## **Steward's Message: A Reflection and Record**

**(Recorded while grooming my hair in my backyard, July 24, 2025.)**

### **Segment 2 Transcript**

The only goal really is to preserve my little slice of heaven, my life and keep it stable and solid and sound and silent and keep it quietly moving forward. That's really all I was trying to do.

All I was trying and so what happens is that sometimes people think that you know dislodge you, disturb you, destabilize you but really what ends up happening is, is the opposite. You get more stable, you get more silent, you get more solid And because of that you are able to develop the internal force to deal with it. So that is enough of philosophical ramblings. Let us get on with the business of cutting our hair and while I am trying to do that I will see if I can get my mind around this affidavit which I was calling Agni Baan we'll see how much noise this thing makes and whether it actually even leaves any sound that's worthy of allowing me to record anything. So I have to focus both on my hair and make sure I don't shear off too much.

Although, like I said, the owner and the property manager are definitely trying to give me a very big haircut. Because, if you lose your home, can you imagine how destabilizing that will be? And what is interesting to me is these people whose home I have taken care of for the last 2 and a half years, better than they did themselves frankly and better than any of their other renters have done in the last 20 some years, 25 actually now, they started, no, about 17 years, they started renting in 2007-2008. So, despite all that and the fact that I have put in a few thousand dollars of my own capital, which they haven't even reimbursed me despite approving it over a 2 year time span, they thought it is okay, because I put them in default with 3 or 4 notices demanding initially very nicely but later on with more force that they need to take care of their obligations and responsibilities of ownership and property management and really step up to the plate. But they, I guess thought that, well, this guy's already doing all the work.

So seems like he's a chump. He'll keep doing it. And I told the owner that actually in a meeting when I was talking to him about renewing the lease I told him the man look this is how I live I like to keep every home in a very good condition because I like to live in a home that's in a good condition why Why would I want to live in some place that's crappy? I didn't rent your home, this beautiful home, to make it a crapshoot. On the contrary, when I rented it, it was in many aspects a shack and I had to convert that into what I like to call a sublime sanctuary.

So a shack became a sanctuary, took me almost 2 years, something like conservatively 300 to 400 hours of time, which is valued at about \$650, 000 to \$670, 000. So literally I was doing not much for those 2 years, all my time was going here and what I would have earned, you know, by doing work for that time I essentially gave to this house man because there were many other things that were going through my mind and I wasn't really looking to or in a state where I was contemplating and processing a lot of things over the last 20 years. So I was using that time in 2 ways. 1 to make this shack into a sanctuary because I had a vision for it when I even rented it and gradually, step by step, bit by bit, literally, I was successful in putting that vision together but it took me about 2 years. So it wasn't an immediate thing, It did take a lot of time.

And I had to fix many, many things. We will not get into those here, but roughly about 30 to 35 projects. And 17 pretty major ones, you know, from backyard sprinklers, front yard sprinklers, front yard turf, grass, to chimney, to fixing things in the bathrooms, to the garage which was a total mess. I like to organize the garage. I put a little cheap carpet in it all through the floor so it looks like a very inviting space even if you're just going to keep your books and papers there.

So I did all that. It took me 2 years. And then after that, in September of 2024, they had some maintenance things. So they conducted an inspection in October 2024 and then disappeared completely. Like the maintenance inspection was a total sham, just designed to give the impression that something was being done.