

I've Been Everywhere

Johnny Cash's rendition of "I've Been Everywhere" is impressive, particularly because of his ability to deliver the rapid-fire lyrics so flawlessly. While there's no definitive record of Cash's travels as a musician, it's reasonable to estimate that he visited somewhere between 3,000 and 5,000 destinations over the course of his career.

Investing in travel can educate your children and grandchildren just as effectively—if not more so—than many traditional forms of education. While amusement parks may offer some learning opportunities, I'm specifically referring to visits to historical landmarks, monumental places, and significant events.

For example, I took Caleb to Fairbanks, Alaska, in February 2018 to experience the aurora borealis, or Northern Lights. That trip taught him more than books ever could. He learned firsthand the vast distance from Indiana to Alaska when traveling by air. He discovered what 20 degrees below zero feels like and saw the Arctic Circle blanketed with tremendous amounts of snow. He witnessed the start of the Iditarod race and experienced the awe-inspiring beauty of the Northern Lights.

One can read about these things, but travel transforms abstract concepts into vivid, tangible knowledge.

This kind of travel also gave our children the chance to watch their parents in moments of both success and failure. When we had a blowout on the Alaska-Canadian Highway, we were completely dependent on the kindness of strangers. In that moment, our kids learned firsthand what it means to live outside their comfort zone.

We survived the flat tire and were back on the road the very same day.

Perhaps the greatest lesson the Tyner children learned through our investment in travel is that life is about the journey, not the destination.

If you have the chance to convert financial capital into experiential capital through family travel, we highly recommend you go for it!



Never Forget!!



Keith Tyner

Nineteen cowards disrupted our freedom and assassinated **2,996 civilians** on September 11, 2001.

Today, roughly 30% of our population was not yet born on that day. The phrase "*never forget*" is difficult to embrace when an ever-growing portion of Americans experience 9/11 the way I experienced World War II as a child—something I learned about, but not something I lived through. It wasn't an element of my personal experience.

In any crisis, heroism plays a crucial role. Highlighting the heroes of that season of American history is one of the best ways to remind people of both the heartbreak of that day and the strength that followed.

Fear and uncertainty weighed heavily in the fall of 2001. No one knew whether the attacks were the beginning of a larger battle or a one-time tragedy. Over the following weeks, several events kept citizens on high alert:

- On November 12, 2001, American Airlines Flight 587 crashed in Queens, New York.
- Between September and October 2001, anthrax-laced letters were mailed, killing five people and terrifying many more.
- On January 5, 2002, a teenager

stole a plane in Tampa, Florida, and flew it into the side of the Bank of America Tower.

The constant news coverage amplified our emotions and fears. It was a tense time, and one that led to sweeping security measures across the country, many of which restricted personal freedoms.

Then, on December 22, 2001, another attempted attack stole away a bit more of our freedom. American Airlines Flight 63 departed Paris bound for Miami when yet another coward tried to ignite explosives hidden in his shoes. Thankfully, his sweaty feet delayed the fuse long

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enough for heroes to act. University of Evansville basketball player **Kwame**

James was instrumental in tackling and restraining the 6'4" attacker. The flight was diverted to Boston and escorted by two F-15 fighter jets. James and the passengers who courageously intervened symbolized the spirit of Americans during that season—a unity that has since faded, but one that can be renewed as we look to the future.

That single incident is the reason many of you have had to remove your shoes when passing through airport security. However, on July 7, 2025, that requirement finally began to be lifted, as new technology now allows for the detection of explosive materials more effectively.

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The City That Never Sleeps – NY, NY!



New York City is intense! Have you traveled there alone? Have you traveled recently? I have experienced many unique times in the city and love its energy. I have some favorite activities and restaurants but always try to expand my scope when I visit.

I recall the squalor of Times Square in the 1980s. It felt dangerous to me during those days. The revitalization during the days of Rudy Giuliani made the city more inviting to me. It seemed safer and more inviting all around Manhattan.

I traveled there more frequently after 9/11 curiously watching the character of the people and the redevelopment of the Financial District. The history of Wall Street is fascinating to me and the opportunity to watch it develop through the 2000s was cool.

Doug & I visited the city

during a blizzard once and found it a fascinating place with that variable. And I visited with my friend, John, during the COVID lockdown and was blown away by the absence of people.

It is resilient.

I am now curious about the center of capitalism is now leaning towards electing a Democratic Socialist as mayor. I was concerned about this development, but realized there is not much I can do, other than watch what happens. Comedian and political commentator, Bill Maher, interviewed conservative columnist George Will on his podcast. When asked about the mayoral candidate, Will said he wanted him to win.

He said, “every 20 years or so, we need a conspicuous, confined experiment with socialism, so we can crack it up again.” He continued and said, “the new socialist slogan is ‘trust

us, this time it won’t be a mess!’”

As economic indicators give glint of the future, I suggest keeping an eye on the New York City mayoral election and cheering for capitalism to prevail. Will probably has a point, but I prefer the citizens of New York not have to experience the predictable outcome of socialism!

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