



## My View

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## Fairy Tale Dust

People are drawn to action, adventure, doing battle with the villain, and the pursuit of vast sums of treasure. Without this type of story plot many Hollywood moves would never exist. In real life, and especially when it comes to your hard earned money, why is it that people get caught up in this same mindset and lose their ability to use their common sense and distinguish fact from fiction? Is it that in the back of their minds the chance always exists that they ***could hit the mother load and strike it rich?*** At times, it could be greed, other times it is desperation, and then with some, just plain stupidity... seasoned with greed.

Take for example our own made in Calgary, alleged \$400 million Ponzi scheme. I am sure that all of us have read and heard ad nauseum the goings on of this misadventure. The secrecy that the investors had pledged to uphold and the ***cult-like mindset that was instilled upon them was best described as hypnotic.*** Only when investors awaken from their trance and realize what they have done can they start to access the impact that their decision has had on their lives. For many it was all they had and for some it was more than they had. This very sad saga will play itself out in court, but for those who played and lost it will be a small consolation for the despair and shattered lives that they must now face. It is way too simple, ***if it sounds too good to be true, is almost assuredly is.*** If you toss caution to the wind, be prepared to accept whatever the outcome brings. In business, many successful people have achieved a great deal. They are thought to have done that overnight. ***In reality it took them ten to twenty years of steady hard work to achieve that overnight success.***

That's my view,

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