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Preview

This special guide focuses on our becoming so deftly aware of how contractors function that we will be able to distinguish between those who are good and others, corrupt. Yet we are learning to do this in advance of hiring. When we are able to identify contractors for what they can mean to our home project well in advance of hiring, this would be comparable to having the excellent sight of eagles. Here, we will briefly examine eagles in relation to their extraordinary ability to see with clarity small prey from great distances away. Synonymously, we will tie this in with our personal potential to be comparably keen-sighted about contractors.

This is done through learning whatever we can to enable us to attain the sort of psychological altitude which in turn enables us to establish a panoramic view of the *playing field*.

Undoubtedly, in order for us to really see what we are up against and to strategize in advance it is important for us to conscientiously learn how this is accomplished. Our objective is being so aptly informed in advance that we will legally neutralize and deflect the bad element of contractors from our homes. In so doing, we prevent ourselves from being their victims.

In other words, our consideration is for being positioned like an eagle soaring in the air. We can safely surmise that for an eagle to fly so high, it is able to see quite a bit more than a rabbit in tall grass.

The Eagle

Hypothetically, the rabbit is hopping along the surface through lots of high grass seeing only as far as its surroundings. Evidently, that is not very much. But the eagle, so far away, sees the rabbit. The eagle knows where they rabbit is. The eagle knows quite a bit more about that rabbit than the rabbit knows about the eagle.

It is said that an eagle can spot a rabbit from 2 miles away. Of course, this means if an eagle can spot a rabbit 2 miles away, it can identify larger game (a dog, for instance) from an even farther distance. This could be done whether perched on a tree top or soaring through the air. What is significant is that because the eagle has this ability to actually see *a head into the future* (since there is a transition from where the eagle is and where it will be), it knows what is ahead while its prey is completely oblivious.

Like the eagle, when we are shored up with more of the right information about *seeing* dishonest contractors *long before they see* us, this is symbolic to our having that sort of visual advantage.

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How Corrupt Contractors “Cloak” Themselves

Unfortunately, in most cases of contractor improprieties, one of the leading reasons is that residents were unable to *see* their approach. They were incapable of identifying them for whom and what they were (friend or predator). This is even so as these contractors are standing in their presence.

Much to our embarrassment, when we willfully neglect learning more about identifying wayward contractors ahead of time, we are usually not able to sense this threat even if the distance is *only a couple feet* away.

Often, previous to a number of us being maltreated by bad contractors, we allowed ourselves to be deluded into seeing them as *honest, reliable, efficient, and reputable*. To our misfortune, we learned that they were instead *dishonest, unreliable, inefficient, and despicable*. It follows that since we initially were unable to detect these unfavorable attributes of dishonest contractors, it is fair to consider this as a form *invisibility*. These elusive contractors are expert at hiding the truth about themselves. They do this so well that we are kept from seeing them for whom and what they actually are.

How they speak, move, or dress factors into this deception. There are other very subliminal things they use to keep us from *seeing* them. Among these are the *children they have, number of years in business, married for a while, shared political or religious beliefs*, etc. These are used to *cloak* their true intents. There is an entire list of diverse ways we allow ourselves to be swayed. Usually these are primarily based on *social, gender, military, and political factors*. None of these have anything to do with contractors' *credibility, efficiency, and honesty* towards delivering our projects. However, these lattermost qualities are what we expect in contractors towards enrichment of the comforts and conveniences of our home.

The Common Denominator

In nearly each reported case of home improvement fraud, the common denominator is that we were so distracted by things which were not relative to the competence and trustworthiness of contractors that we decided to forego conducting a *proper service validation* on them. That is the same as doing a *thorough background check* (Ref. “SERVICE BOOKLET, HGRBS”).

**It is normally what we neglected to find out about contractors which makes us easy prey. We must emphasize the fact that the overwhelming reason for our lack of awareness is an unwillingness to “trouble ourselves” with doing ALL necessary research.*

Eyes Of An Eagle

How much do we really see ahead? Can we distinguish a good contractor from a malicious one by the religious faith he shares with us? Or can we know with any certainty that a woman who happens to be a contractor is any better than her male counter-part on feminine virtue alone?

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Would we hire her just because she is a *woman? Black? White? Hispanic? Muslim? Jew? Christian?*

Those are controversial questions but so are contractors who use gender, race, religious faith, etc. as key reasons we are better off hiring them. On these alone, we are not able to see them very well. We may want to increase our intellectual “altitude” for a more accurate view!

**Corrupt contractors exist among a cross section of people.*

For this reason, for us to effectively hone the “*eyes of an eagle,*” it may be to our greatest advantage to practice ways and means whereby we can discover who contractors really are, what they have done for residents lately, and if whether or not our findings will be to our satisfaction.

We can start by never saying “*I know enough about this.*”

When we are settled on the fact that we really DO NOT know enough about identifying contractors both good and bad, the likelihood of our continuing to learn more is even greater. The greater our knowledge of contractor ploys, the better our abilities to see them from a great distance. In turn, the more formidable we are to stop them before they can ever get near enough to make us victims, also.

Something else about the eagle: It never misses!

Eagle’s Vision: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eagle_eye

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