

"The greatest poem ever known, is one all poets have outgrown: The poetry, imitate, untold, of being only four years old."—Christopher Morley, To a Child

Canyon Views Photo by Fran Reichenbach



**"LOOK WITHIN!...
THE SECRET IS INSIDE YOU."**
—Hui-neng

Apocryphal Hollywood

Part 2

"There are millions to be grabbed out here and your only competition is idiots. Don't let this get around." Thus screenwriter Herman Mankiewicz (Citizen Kane) wrote to ex-colleague Ben Hecht at the Chicago Tribune to entice him to come out to Hollywood. So Hecht came out, grabbed his millions—while along the way writing or co-writing "The Front Page," "Scarface" and... oh, pretty much every worthwhile movie ever made.

Clark Gable wrote to a friend back in New York circa 1930: "I just got paid \$11,000 to play a heavy in a Western. \$11,000! No actor's worth that! I got myself a second-hand Ford, and a room in a rooming-house at the top of Vine Street, and I'm not buying anything too big to put on the Chief [the train back to New York] because this sure as hell isn't going to last!"

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