Chapter 24
Interview with Alan W. Stock

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1. Where did you grow up? Do you think that it has any impact on your life’s work?

I lived in Midland Michigan until I was 10. We then moved to Denver Colorado until I was 15 and then to Roy Utah. My first job was when I was 14 working at a drive-in movie theatre that definitely had an impact on my life. We moved just a few blocks from the theatre, which prompted that first job. The theatre industry became my passion and career.

2. Where did you go to school? Why there?

I graduated from Roy High School and attended Weber State University in Ogden Utah. I attended there as it was close to where I lived.

3. What did you do after your first degree (if second degree, where was that done, what did you do after that?) How did you get into your first major area?

After serving a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, I returned and began working for and managing a local Utah movie theatre. It was a great job while attending School. Originally for me it was really not intended to become a career as I was headed down a medical path (my father is a veterinarian). I had in fact been accepted to attend Optometry school up in Oregon, but declined to go as my heart was not in it. It became clear that what I really loved was the theatre industry. I accepted a job from a small theatre company in Texas that became my career. We grew Cinemark from a chain of 8 theatres to
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