

Feeling shame for needing to file bankruptcy?

Listen to Leonard Cohen.

Are you feeling shame for needing to file bankruptcy? I suggest we all take a page from the late genius poet and songwriter Leonard Cohen. His biographer Sylvie Simmons ([article](#)) said "He would have been the last person to claim that he was without flaws. This had nothing to do with his innate modesty and self-deprecation. Imperfection, the state of being cracked or broken, was one of his deepest studies and might have been his battle cry. As he sang in 'Anthem', 'There is a crack in everything/ That's how the light gets in.' Despite his reputation for darkness, he was all about finding the light."



His friend Leon Wieseltier ([article](#)) said "Leonard sang always as a sinner. He refused to describe sin as a failure or a disqualification. Sin was a condition of creatureliness, and his feeling for our creatureliness was boundless. 'Even though it all went wrong/ I'll stand before the Lord of song/ With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah!'"

When our personal "crack" is financial, Congress provided bankruptcy as a way to find our light. This light is called a Fresh Start.

See and hear Leonard Cohen sing "Hallelujah".

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