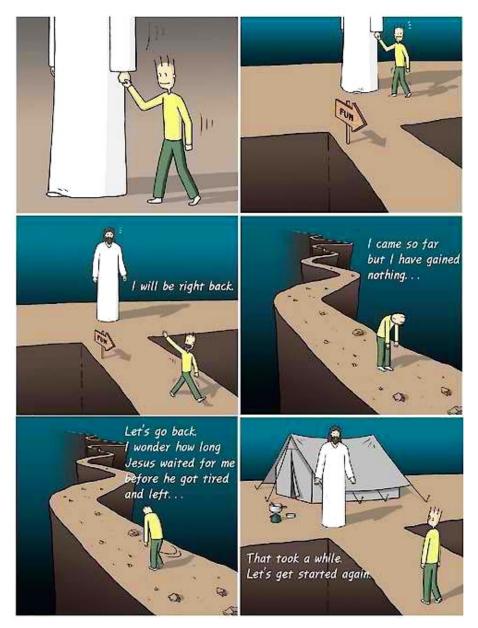
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ABOVE: 'IN THE PURSUIT OF FUN' — "REMINDER CHRISTIANS WHO WANT TO COME BACK TO THE FAITH ARE ALWAYS ALLOWED BACK" *1

"Until I had studied the religions of the East for some years the teaching of Christ and the symbols of Christianity had no real meaning for me." —Alan Watts

"Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools, that don't have brains enough to be honest." —Benjamin Franklin

Boys are Growing Frustrated by Living in a Feminized Society... and That's Showing Up in Their Friendships

I burst out laughing the other day while reading a friend's Facebook status. He explained that he and his two grade school sons were watching *Anne of Green Gables* when they came to the part where Anne and Diana have a conversation while standing on a cliff overlooking the sea. The youngest son suddenly blurted out, "Anne better watch out, Diana might push her off the cliff."

In amazement, my friend looked at his son and asked if he thought girl friendships were the same as the physical, often rough-and-tumble one which existed between him and his brother. The conversation ended in hysterical laughter as all three of them recognized just how different male interactions are from female ones.

I thought of this story when I came across a piece by Heidi Stevens in the *Chicago Tribune*. Stevens, the mother of a nine-year-old boy, recently noticed how intense and troubled her son's friendships are with other little boys. Curious, she reached out to psychologist Wendy Mogel to find out if her son was an anomaly. Mogel assured her he was not and that many other little boys wrestle with "existential questions," including:

"How can I be myself without getting into trouble?" "Does anyone consider me a hero?" and "What do I contribute to this family that someone else doesn't already contribute better?"

Boys, like the sons of my friend mentioned above, are naturally known for relationships which involve rough play and high adventures. Although energetic and overactive to female perspectives like my own, they often fuse strong friendships which are helpful in forming bonds of manhood.

But as Mogel implies, these rough, but good, friendships seem to be disappearing, particularly as boys wrestle with the above questions. Instead, boys have friendships infused with more drama and trouble. Mogel believes this change stems from the way we expect boys to behave these days:

"Boys, Mogel contends, bristle at expectations that they quiet their bodies and minds and mouths and follow the rules of a traditional school day, particularly a modern school day with its increased reliance on standardized testing and decreased gym and recess time. They long to 'skylark,' a word she stumbled upon in 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.'

'They're these darling little elves who are kind of on lockdown at school and at home,' she said. 'Even on teams, there's a coach and there are rules. All day long they're figuring out how to talk to their teachers and talk to their buddies and fit in the cool crowd, and they're hungry and they're frustrated and they're tired."

Rules are great and necessary, but the fact is, we're disallowing boys to be boys. We've taken away toys like guns and swords because they're "dangerous." We've medicated little boys because their movements and noise are too much for us to take. We've tried to make sure girls are equal and included, and thus removed the institutions where boys don't have to compete against those of the opposite sex.

Let's face it: Little boys are different from little girls and adults. And unless we allow them to have outlets for natural boy play and ideas, we should not be surprised when they seem frustrated and can't succeed in modern society. *2

Trump vs. The Crazies

If for some strange reason you didn't already know how much the liberal media hates President Trump, you found out this week.

The Trump Hate Machine got revved up even before the president gave his national prime-time address Tuesday night about what he called "the growing humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border."

Some of the country's most desperate liberals in the media actually argued that the president's televised pitch to the country for congressional funding for a stronger border fence should not be carried live by the networks.

Why? Because they said the president lies too much and they wanted to be able to fact-check his speech beforehand.

Of course, no one in the liberal media would have ever dreamed of showing such disrespectful and obvious bias—for one of Barrack Obama's nationally televised pontifications.

Obama's lies and false promises about the benefits of ObamaCare, like his misleading spinning about his administration's fiascoes in the Middle East, were not checked, challenged or ridiculed immediately afterwards by the pundits, commentators or biased fact-checkers of the Washington Post, CNN, CBS, MSNBC, NPR, etc., etc., et liberal cetera.

In his tweets and at his press conferences does our current president embellish, exaggerate or stretch the facts to serve his political arguments or boost his record?

Of course he does.

Is he the first president in the history of America to do so?

Of course not.

It doesn't make it OK for any president of any party to lie to the public or deliberately over-promise things to win political support, and if they do they should be called out on it by a fair, balanced and honest media.

But wouldn't it be nice if our liberal media spent a little time fact-checking the Chuck Schumers & Nancy Pelosis of the world?

The least they could do is find 30 seconds of airtime to show some pre-Trump Era video clips of "see-no-crisis-at-the-border" Democrats like Schumer, Obama and Bill and Hillary Clinton warning Americans about the dangers of illegal immigrants and calling for stronger border security.

We know the liberal mainstream media don't play fair, they play favorites. They'll never seek out and publicize the flip-flops or hypocrisies of the Schumers & Pelosis.

But you can always count on the liberal media to over-publicize the supposedly terrible suffering caused by a partial government shutdown, which they have been busy doing.

So here were are with the president in a political stalemate.

Democrats in Congress led by Schumer & Pelosi don't want a stronger border fence (now that Trump is for it) and refuse to give the president a dollar to fund it.

They and other Democrats in Congress and the media don't think caravans of illegal immigrants trying to crash our border with Mexico qualify as a national emergency, which Trump says he has the power to declare to get his fence built if Democrats won't compromise.

As I see it, President Trump has no choice but to hold firm. I think he should hold firm and I think he will.

What worries me are the Republicans in Congress. I'm afraid they're going to cave.

If enough of them join with Schumer & Pelosi and the Democrats, our border security will be in the hands of newly elected crazies like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. who think America should put out the welfare welcome mat for anyone who can get here.

If that happens, the rest of America will know what it's like to live in California. *3

"They Will Not Silence Me": McAfee Vows To Wage Presidential Campaign From Venezuela...

Since he stopped issuing promo-tweets about ICOs (after allegedly being threatened by the SEC), one-time PC security pioneer turned crypto true believer has been relatively quiet (emphasis on relatively). To wit, he hasn't issued any more outrageous promises about his willingness to consume a certain appendage in front of a live audience should the price of bitcoin not eclipse a certain level, and he hasn't elaborated on an anecdote detailing his penchant for sexual congress with one of the ocean's mightiest mammals. *4



Lexica Dei Divinus

We depend on words. We place enormous faith in words, that they mean and sound as intended, in order to live in this world. We "trust" words using words like "trust" (from 12th Century Latin *trausti* = "an approved agreement, deed, oath or alliance as a subject of the church") Its claimed origins from Old Norse deliberately misleading.

Is this what you mean when you use, write and speak the word "trust"? Have you consented to an oath or alliance as a subject of the Roman Cult enthroned at Vatican Hill? Maybe you have, maybe you have not. But most people would never have heard of this original and primary meaning, the true intended meaning of the constructed word.

Why is the first meaning of a word important anyway? We are taught that words are pegs upon which ideas are attached, mere tools to convey meaning, not really having any "great and mystical power". Yet this deliberate confused teaching is in direct contradiction to the very nature of words and their vocal pronunciation throughout history. Words are power, special words have special power.

The ancient belief in words having "magical" power

So thought the Egyptians, the Sumerians, the Phoenicians, the Greeks, the Romans and all ancient civilizations that created new forms of writing, attached meaning to the arrangement of symbols including meaningful sound.

From the very beginning of civilization itself, words themselves were magical, and to know the true meaning of a word and its origins was to hold in your grasp real power.

The origins of words and power

It is one thing to forget the precedence of history that the true meaning of a word is power, it is another thing entirely to forget that all language, all language created by men and women has a single point of origin, an architect.

As it happens, there are specific points and individuals in history that excelled in the creation of new words and meanings with then long periods of use, or eventual decline.

Why are the true original meaning of so many words hidden?

So how come the original meaning of "trust" is hidden? How come the original meaning of so many words we take for granted—for example understand meaning "To stand under the authority of the Church (Roman Cult)" are also deliberately hidden?

The answer is simple, "they" do not want you to know the true nature and meaning of the words you use every day without ever questioning what you are actually saying under "their" system from "person", to "claim", to "deposit" to even the word "law" itself.

The catch-22 of modern law and meaning of key words

A classic of why this system of deliberate hiding meaning is in place is in regards to the practical operation of local, national and international law.

Many a bright person who has studied law soon identify key words that have important power within the legal system—REGINA meaning "The Crown" is one such example. But unless an individual can demonstrate to the Court an understanding and precedence of the legal terms being used, the knowledge of key legal terms and ancient legal phrases are of little use.

But when an individual is capable of demonstrating a real understanding of words within a Court, then it is possible to shift the power almost immediately to your favour to some degree. *5

By Their Works

I have always preferred to think of myself as a "Christian", a member of the Universal Church, and have always regarded doctrinal and denominational differences as big question marks.

There may indeed be only one correct doctrine in the end, but just as easily there might be no correct doctrine ever created by man. The same goes for denominations. So far as I know, God did not come down to Earth and declare a schism between Catholics and Methodists and Baptists and Mennonites and Baptists and.... men and their differing opinions did all that.

Judging from the number of times the Disciples had to be directly corrected, and even with the help of the Holy Spirit—accounting for our egos, bad hearing, temptations, and other faults—I don't put my faith in doctrines promulgated by men.

This is why I have an inclusive and broad view of religion. So long as people are trying to live honorable and peaceful lives, taking care of each other and their families and communities, I tend to call that "good". Live and let live.

We will all get our corrections when the time comes.

But when "Christians" harbor organized crime within their Church and benefit from it....

When they act as Trustees in Gross Breach of Trust with respect to entire countries and billions of people suffer....

When they take crimes and sins like pedophilia and make them into sacraments....

When there is no end to this relativism and wishy-washy spineless lack of basic ethics and honesty....

When they twist any reasonable plausible recognizable definition of "Christianity" into something else....

Then I protest—because they are not just giving themselves a bad name, they are disgracing all those who answer to the name "Christian".

And they are disgracing Christ.

If a Christian will not stand up for the memory of Yeshuah and his Teaching and his Living Spirit, who will?

I have been polite. I have been patient. I have been supportive of Church reform all across the board.

I have often stood in the gap and defended people who are trying to do the right thing though their sins be as scarlet and also defended the millions of completely innocent Christians who are being disgraced and misrepresented.

Yes, I have called forth the Loyal Angels of the Living God and I am not ever going to be wishy-washy about that. Nor will I apologize.

Being a Christian is not a "relative thing" subject to "interpretation" via some kind of "fluid definition" that suddenly includes cannibalism and the rape of little children. No.

That's not "Christianity" you feckless, shameless Liars.

That's Satanism, and by your works you shall be known. *6

Pentagon Investigating Military's Crackdown on 'God'

The U.S. military, under commander in chief Barack Obama, hasn't necessarily been friendly to Christians, ordering them not to post Bible verses at work stations and more in various disputes. But a physical assault on a military retiree who was using a religious script for a flag-folding ceremony apparently is a step too far.

The non-profit legal advocacy group First Liberty Institute, which only a few days earlier had notified the federal government of the assault, said it has been told Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James has ordered the Air Force inspector general to review the actions taken against Oscar Rodriguez.

It was the retired 33-year veteran of the Air Force who was "forcibly dragged" away from a retirement flag-folding speech "that included the word 'God,'" the organization reported.

"We view the Pentagon's action today as a positive first step toward not only acknowledging that religious scripts may be used at retirement ceremonies, but also ensuring these kinds of situations are not repeated," said Mike Berry, director of military affairs for First Liberty Institute.

First Liberty sent a letter on Monday asking the Air Force to "acknowledge that religious scripts may be used in retirement ceremonies," to apologize to Rodriguez and to "hold all responsible parties accountable for the assault."

Within 48 hours, the military was on the record releasing a statement to the media: "Air Force personnel may use a flag folding ceremony script that is religious for retirement ceremonies. Since retirement ceremonies are personal in nature, the script preference for a flag folding ceremony is at the discretion of the individual being honored and represents the member's views, not those of the Air Force. The Air Force places the highest value of the rights of its personnel in matters of religion and facilitates the free exercise of religion by its members."

Then, First Liberty reported, came confirmation that James ordered the inspector general's review...

"For many years, Rodriguez regularly performed a patriotic flag-folding speech at retirement ceremonies, and civic and patriotic events," the Institute reported, "In 2013, Congressman John Garamendi, D-Calif., sent Rodriguez a hand-written note thanking him for his service, and expressing how moved he was when he observed Oscar delivering his flag-folding speech at the California State Fair."

So when Master Sgt. Charles Roberson retired just two months ago, he arranged for Rodriguez to deliver his flagfolding speech.

However, when Roberson's unit commander "discovered that Rodriguez would be delivering the flag-folding speech, which mentions 'God,' during the ceremony, he attempted to prevent Rodriguez from attending."

"After learning that he lacked authority to prevent Rodriguez from attending, the commander then told Roberson that Rodriguez could not give the speech. Rodriguez asked Roberson what he should do, and Roberson responded that it was his personal desire that Rodriguez give the flag-folding speech as planned.

"Roberson and Rodriguez tried to clear the speech through higher authorities at Travis Air Force Base, even offering to place notices on the door informing guests that the word 'God' would be mentioned. They never received a response from the authorities. As an Air Force veteran himself, Rodriguez stood firm on his commitment to Roberson.

"But when Rodriguez stood up to perform the flag-folding speech on the day of the ceremony as requested by Roberson, uniformed airmen approached him and warned, 'You're really going to do this?'" First Liberty reported.

When he started speaking he was dragged from the room, and Travis Air Force Base officials then removed Rodriguez from the installation entirely.

"I have given more than three decades of service to the military and made many sacrifices for my country," said Rodriguez in a prepared statement. "To have the Air Force assault me and drag me out of a retirement ceremony simply because my speech included the word 'God' is something I never expected from our military."

Berry said the Constitution protects Rodriguez's statements.

"The Air Force had no right to assault a citizen, much less a 33-year military veteran, because they didn't want him to mention 'God,'" he said. "Mr. Rodriguez has a constitutional right to free speech and religious expression, even on a military base."

In 2011, the military demanded a pastor submit his prayer for approval before a Memorial Day event at a military cemetery in Houston, resulting in an order he not say "God" or "Jesus."

First Liberty successfully fought the demand. *7

Louisiana Officials Demand That Self-Reliant Locals Stop Surviving the Flood Without Permission

Around the world, governments have recently been issuing an unsettling call for their citizens to become more self-reliant. Just this week, the governments of both Germany and Czechoslovakia warned that people should be "be prepared for the worst case possible scenario."

But here in the United States, just the opposite is happening. Our government seems to have an unquenchable thirst for cracking down on those who take responsibility for themselves. There is an abundance of evidence of this in Louisiana.

The southern state has been hit with the worst flooding in over 500 years.

While the final numbers won't be known for some time, Gov. John Bel Edwards' office has estimated 60,646 houses were damaged and 30,000 people rescued; other people escaped on their own. FEMA says 109,398 people or households have applied for housing help, and 25,000 National Flood Insurance Program claims have been filed. The American Red Cross called it the worst natural disaster since Hurricane Sandy struck New Jersey in 2012.

This massive disaster was all but ignored by the mainstream media, since it didn't fit the current agenda of divisiveness and racial tension. So what did the folks in Louisiana do?

They rolled up their sleeves and took care of business.

First, the Cajun Navy, a loosely organized group of local fishers, boaters, hunters, and guides, took it upon themselves to being rescuing people trapped by the sudden flood. Initially, the local sheriff's department was reluctant to accept the assistance, but as they became quickly overwhelmed, they realized that they were disregarding a valuable asset.

Initially, authorities in Livingston Parish didn't want private citizens headed into the water, worried amateur rescuers might end up in trouble themselves, said Layton Ricks, the parish president. But as the calls from stranded residents continued to mount—at one point, Livingston officials said they were about 150 calls behind—parish officials relented.

"Then it was like, do you have vests? Do you have insurance? Are you truly capable of doing this?" Ricks said. "And as it turned out, we couldn't have done it without those guys. They were a tremendous asset for our people."

Locals who were not affected by the flood began cooking and donating food. Others helped flood victims to begin gutting their homes so they could start to rebuild. This community in the bayou pulled together to show the world that a real emergency response begins at home, undertaken by the very people who were affected. They didn't wait around bemoaning the lack of FEMA, Red Cross, and government aid. They got to work.

They opened up their own shelters in local businesses that were not affected. They distributed immediate relief to those who were displaced. They performed their own rescues, organized the response, and used social media to coordinate their efforts.

They made just about everyone in America who heard about their efforts feel a wave of pride. In fact, they were so effective at their own free-market local disaster relief that they rendered the government's assistance all but unnecessary.

And that is when the government said, "Oh, no. We can't have that."

Of course, the government doesn't want citizens to realize that they are perfectly capable of rescuing themselves. If people realize that they can perform independently and that it is much better than performing within the strictures of government regulations, they will be a heck of a lot harder to control.

So, they stepped in and uttered the scariest words ever.

"We're from the government and we're here to help."

Like a horde of modern-day carpetbaggers, they began "helping" by forcing people who were struggling to rebuild to purchase permits. That's right. They forced people to ask for permission for the right to repair their own property.

Considering the daunting expense of rebuilding in itself, those State permission slips may make reconstruction cost-prohibitive for some, while others—given the strict regulations pertaining to the floodplain and more—may not be allowed to rebuild on their own property at all.

"We haven't suspended any or our requirements for permitting," Justin Dupuy, building official for Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge, told Reason in an interview. "Before they start making any repairs, they just need to call in and check with us to see what they need."

Really? These people who are about to undertake a repair have no idea what they need unless they ask the government?

Fortunately, in a small act of grace pointed out by Reason, fees for reconstruction permits have been waived by local officials—though the permits, themselves, are still mandatory, as permission to repair some of the 20,000 flood-ravaged buildings in East Baton Rouge might not be given at all.

How very kind.

But that isn't the worst of it.

They also decided to charge fees to the Cajun Navy before they were "allowed" to continue rescuing people.

I couldn't make this up.

The Libertarian Republic reported:

No good deed goes unpunished. The Cajun Navy is a group of volunteers that operates at its own expense to rescue people trapped in flooded areas in Louisiana. They use their own boats. They risk their lives. And now that people have noticed that they are far more effective than government rescue efforts, there are plans to require them to pay a fee before they are allowed to do any good. "Don't worry. It's just a small fee," legislators explain. "Maybe only fifty dollars. That would be worth it to put authority behind the Cajun Navy, wouldn't it?"

When the Cajun Navy members said, "No thanks" to the government who wanted to train them to do what the government wasn't even able or willing to do, they were treated like criminals.

That's right. The government deployed the police to prevent these good Samaritans that we all wish now were our own neighbors from continuing with their efforts.

Louisiana State Senator Jonathan Perry is the engineer of the licensing requirements.

"Perry said that if members of the Cajun Navy continue on without his legislation, they will be stopped by law enforcement officials from rescuing residents past police barricades...

Under current state law, citizens who cross police perimeters are breaking the law and could face punishment."

You can be assured he's doing this for the Cajun Navy guys' own good. He is trying to "empower" them.

That must also be what the Red Cross is doing when they make it more difficult for good-hearted locals to help.

Beth Yancey Houghton, a local woman who volunteered made the following post on Facebook.

"So as we are headed back home from the River Center in Baton Rouge volunteering our nursing services Dawn and I have come to the conclusion that neither of us WILL EVER volunteer or donate to the RED CROSS. The Red Cross basically takes over the shelters and starts refusing clothes, donations and various volunteer services UNLESS they are previously contracted. So what does that mean....well, 60 boxes of doughnuts were discarded this morning becuase the delivery vendor was not in contract, hot meals were refused becuase the entity providing wasn't contracted, and medical supplies including medications were trashed for same reason. Clothes that were "donated" needed to be left on the street unless they were "furnished" by Red Cross. As of tomorrow, the shelter we were at will be completely over taken by the Red Cross other than the medical area because they couldnt have the actual room since LSU has a contract with state to provide medical care. Its sad when the military police were helping to "protect" the medical areas from the red cross when there are so many other issues at hand. Anyway, next time to want to donate or volunteer your services, do your homework."

The Red Cross vehemently denies Houghton's claim. Except...this:

Nancy Malone, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross, said there's misinformation being spread around, and people are confusing the Red Cross with their partner organizations. She also said there are liabilities to feeding people food that doesn't come from certified vendors, which is why some offers to cook hot meals have been turned away.

But she categorically rejected allegations that the Red Cross has thrown away donations.

"If you came today and said you have 5,000 meals to offer, well, we already had food delivered today, let's find a way to arrange for you to help someone else or come back another day," Malone said. "It has to be about coordination. We are held accountable to state regulations. This food has to come from a certified kitchen."

Perhaps, technically, they didn't throw food away, but turned it away, even though they didn't have enough meals from "certified kitchens" to feed everyone.

They make it seem like a conspiracy theory that many preparedness enthusiasts plan to avoid government intervention in the aftermath of a disaster. But as you can see in Louisiana, the intervention often takes the form of

exerting control in an effort to foster a culture of dependency. The rules, regulations, licenses, and permissions mean that anyone receiving help must be compliant. An article called "You're Right to Fear Government Intervention During Emergencies" sums it up neatly.

In a crisis, whether a natural disaster that displaces you from your home, war, or TEOTWAWKI, this is exactly how you will be treated by government so-called assistance. Red tape, bureaucrats, nonsensical rules that deny help because of more nonsensical rules. Nothing will come easy. The process will favor a few. Your needs will be met only on occasion and by pure coincidence.

So, while the governments of Europe are actually requesting that their citizens begin prepping for the future, the very idea of self-sufficiency scares the heck out of the United States government.

It's important to note that their need to make us dependent isn't only restricted to the aftermath of a disaster. They seem to do everything they can to hobble those of us who even *attempt* to become even a little bit more self-reliant.

Here are a few examples of the anti-independence stance of our government:

Most burning stoves become illegal

In some states collecting rainwater is illegal

Living off grid is illegal in some states

In some areas, you can't even camp on your own land

Unfortunately, I could go on and on. Here in the US, we are strongly encouraged to rely on 'the system'. In the event of a national emergency, our government seems to prefer people to line up and get a government issued MRE than to pull something out of the pantry, share with our neighbors, and calmly go about our business.

If we become too self-reliant, then it becomes obvious we don't need them or their ridiculous regulations. This is the greatest fear of those in power: our knowledge of their irrelevance.

And maybe that's the real reason for the complete lack of coverage of the flooding in Louisiana. Not only was the flood a non-story because it doesn't fit the current narrative of Black vs. White. It doesn't fit the narrative that we are helpless and in need of the government to save us.

But this isn't at all true. We are actually incredibly capable of preparing ourselves for life's disasters and then dealing with them when they occur. (If you aren't prepped yet, you can go here to put yourself on the path to self-reliance.)

The Cajun people didn't wait for rescue. They rescued themselves. They proved that they had the wherewithal to take care of the business at hand without Daddy Government swooping in to save the day.

In fact, the only thing the government did for Louisiana was to make their lives more difficult by forcing beleaguered residents to get permission to go about the business of rescuing and rebuilding. *8

Are Central Banks Nationalising the Economy?

The FT recently ran an article that states that "leading central banks now own a fifth of their governments' total debt."

The figures are staggering.

- Without any recession or crisis, major central banks are purchasing more than \$200 billion a month in government and private debt, led by the ECB and the Bank of Japan.
- The Federal Reserve owns more than 14% of the US total public debt.
- The ECB and BOJ balance sheets exceed 35% and 70% of their GDP.
- The Bank of Japan is now a top 10 shareholder in 90% of the Nikkei.
- The ECB owns 9.2% of the European corporate bond market and more than 10% of the main European countries' total sovereign debt.
- The Bank of England owns between 25% and 30% of the UK's sovereign debt.

A recent report by Nick Smith, an analyst at CLSA, warns of what he calls "the nationalization of the secondary market."

The Bank of Japan, with its ultra-expansionary policy, which only expands its balance sheet, is on course to become the largest shareholder of the Nikkei 225's largest companies. In fact, the Japanese central bank already accounts for 60% of the ETFs market (Exchange traded funds) in Japan.

What can go wrong? Overall, the central bank not only generates greater imbalances and a poor result in a "zombified" economy as the extremely loose policies perpetuate imbalances, weaken money velocity, and incentivize debt and malinvestment.

Believing that this policy is harmless because "there is no inflation" and unemployment is low is dangerous. The government issues massive amounts of debt and cheap money promotes overcapacity and poor capital allocation. As such, productivity growth collapses, real wages fall and purchasing power of currencies fall, driving the real cost of living up and debt to grow more than real GDP. That is why, as we have shown in previous articles, total debt has soared to 325% of GDP while zombie companies reach crisis-high levels, according to the Bank of International Settlements...

The government is not issuing "productive money" just a promise of higher revenues from higher taxes, higher prices or confiscation of wealth in the future. Money supply growth is a loan that government borrows but we, citizens, pay. The payment comes with the destruction of purchasing power and confiscation of wealth via devaluation and inflation. The "wealth effect" of stocks and bonds rising is inexistent for the vast majority of citizens, as more than 90% of average household wealth is in deposits.

In fact, massive monetization of debt is just a way of perpetuating and strengthening the crowding-out effect of the public sector over the private sector. It is a *de facto* nationalization. Because the central bank does not go "bankrupt," it just transfers its financial imbalances to private banks, businesses, and families.

The central bank can "print" all the money it wants and the government benefits from it, but the ones that suffer financial repression are the rest. By generating subsequent financial crises through loose monetary policies and always being the main beneficiary of the boom, and the bust, the public sector comes out from these crises more powerful and more indebted, while the private sector suffers the crowding-out effect in crisis times, and the taxation and wealth confiscation effect in expansion times.

No wonder that government spending to GDP is now almost 40% in the OECD and rising, the tax burden is at all-time highs and public debt soars.

Monetization is a perfect system to nationalize the economy passing all the risks of excess spending and imbalances to taxpayers. And it always ends badly. Because two plus two does not equal twenty-two. As we tax the productive to perpetuate and subsidize the unproductive, the impact on purchasing power and wealth destruction is exponential.

To believe that this time will be different and governments will spend all that massive "very expensive free money" wisely is simply delusional. The government has all the incentives to overspend as its goal is to maximize budget and increase bureaucracy as means of power. It also has all the incentives to blame its mistakes on an external enemy. Governments always blame someone else for their mistakes. Who lowers rates from 10% to 1%? Governments and central banks. Who is blamed for taking "excessive risk" when it explodes? You and me. Who increases money supply, demands "credit flow," and imposes financial repression because "savings are too high"? Governments and central banks. Who is blamed when it explodes? Banks for "reckless lending" and "de-regulation".

Of course, governments can print all the money they want, what they cannot do is convince you and me that it has a value, that the price and amount of money they impose is real just because the government says so. Hence lower real investment, and lower productivity. Citizens and companies are not crazy for not falling into the trap of low rates and high asset inflation. They are not amnesiac.

It is called financial repression for a reason, and citizens will always try to escape from theft.

What is the "hook" to let us buy into it? Stock markets rise, bonds fall, and we are led to believe that asset inflation is a reflection of economic strength.

Then, when the central bank policy stops working—either from lack of confidence or because it is simply part of the liquidity—and markets fall to their deserved valuations, many will say that it is the fault of "speculators," not the central speculator.

When it erupts, you can bet your bottom dollar that the consensus will blame markets, hedge funds, lack of regulation and not enough intervention. Perennial intervention mistakes are "solved" with more intervention. Government won on the way up, and wins on the way down. Like a casino, the house always wins.

Meanwhile, the famous structural reforms that had been promised disappear like bad memories.

It is a clever Machiavellian system to end free markets and disproportionately benefit governments through the most unfair of competitions: having unlimited access to money and credit and none of the risks. And passing the bill to everyone else.

If you think it does not work because the government does not do a lot more, you are simply dreaming. *9

Obama Orchestrated a Massive Transfer of Wealth to the 1%

When people use the term Great Recession, they are playing into the charade laid out by Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department.

The years 2008 through 2015 should be known as the Great Fleecing.

During that time, the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of the world occurred. Some \$4.5 trillion was given to Wall Street banks through its Quantitative Easing program, with the American people picking up the IOU.

This is the primary reason the US economy has not been able to recovery from the bank implosion of 2008.

Surely if you inject \$4.5 trillion into the economy, you will get economic growth. You will get a 4% to 5% increase in Gross Domestic Product for at least a year or two.

Yet the Obama administration is the first two-term presidency that has not posted a 3% GDP growth on an annualized basis for 8 years. Even Franklin Delano Roosevelt posted 3% growth year during the Great Depression.

That's because the \$4.5 trillion was not given to any infrastructure program—it was given to banks, under the misguided notion that they needed the money to remain solvent. The banks promptly invested this money, which kept the stock market humming, but did nothing for jobs, wages or the GDP.

This was by design. The Fed could not allow the bank's largesse to be circulated into the public for fear of rapid inflation.

The banks also funded company mergers, company debt offerings and stock buybacks. This activity kept the money sequestered and allowed a greater return for the banks. After all, they were getting free money to invest — there was no way to lose.

Who did this help? The 1%, and pretty much only the 1%.

These actions are the reasons the American middle class has been decimated and no longer makes up the majority of the population.

If liberals are angry about inequality, they should look no further than President Obama. He has done more to contribute to the gap between rich and poor than anyone.

Obama bragged about the economy in the State of the Union, pointing to the low unemployment rate. But under this White House's job-recovery program, the US added roughly 1.5 million bartenders and wait staff, while losing an equal number of manufacturing jobs, according to Job Creators Network figures.

The middle class has seen the wholesale export of good-paying jobs, while on the hook for crushing mortgages and higher taxes to pay down the growing US debt to fund the banks. Is it any wonder that in all of the 3,007 US counties, parishes and territories just over 50% of the population in each county is on government assistance of some sort?

... The US has "the strongest, most durable economy in the world," Obama boasted Tuesday. But only for the few. *10

Prof Says Men, Women... Different, College Goes Bonkers

A retraction is needed, activists claim.

After all, an investigation already is under way into the "anti-feminism" and "transphobia" of a university professor. All because he said there are biological differences between men and women.

RT.com reported professor Germund Hesslow of the neurophysiology department at Lund University in Sweden was accused by a student of making offensive statements in a lecture.

So far, he's refused to back down.

The report said it was during a course on heritage and environment at the school that he cited "empirical research which supports the idea that there are differences between men and women which are 'biologically founded' and therefore genders cannot be regarded as 'social constructs alone.'"

But that, the student complained, violates the Swedish "value base," which emphasizes and affirms concepts such as egalitarianism, individual freedom and equality of the sexes.

In fact, schools there are required to follow those values.

Hesslow told RT he blames "ideological reasons" for the fact some students don't like to hear that men and women are not the same biologically.

He was called to a meeting with Christer Larsson of the medical education department after a female student said his comments were "anti-feminist."

The Swedish language Academic Rights Watch said the school told Hesslow to retract two comments, but he declined, saying he already had explained his choice of words.

His statements included whether transsexuality is a sexual orientation is a "matter of definition."

He said his comments were not based on a political agenda but scientific fact.

He charged the student was someone "who dislikes the lecture and is trying to find various pretexts for attacking it." *11

Pumping Us Up

Most people know they're paying a lot of taxes every time they buy a gallon of gasoline.

Proportionately, few taxes are more regressive than motor fuels taxes—which currently amount to about 35 percent of the per gallon cost of gas (roughly, 50 cents in federal and state taxes on each gallon, which currently sells for a little over \$2).

But there is a *another* tax on motor fuels which very few people even know exists that also dips deep into their pockets.

It is the federal mandate that each gallon of gas sold contain a certain percentage (currently, 10 percent) of so-called "renewable" fuels. This being chiefly ethanol alcohol, which is made of corn. About 40 percent of all the corn grown in the United States is not used to feed people or animals. It goes toward mandated-by-government ethanol production, which is then force-fed to American drivers every time they fill up.

This *corn con* is one of the greatest boundoggles in existence—hugely profitable to the companies which make this product no one really wants—but which they government requires them to buy.

Ethanol is touted as "renewable," which is true. It is also grossly *inefficient*. Ethanol contains less energy per gallon than gasoline, so your car's engine has to burn more of it to go a given distance. It is one of the reasons why modern cars—notwithstanding all their technological advances—don't get get particularly good gas mileage.

Back in the '80s, many cars achieved 40-plus MPG on the highway—even though they didn't have the advantages of modern engine technology. But they did have the advantage of 100 percent gas—not 10 percent ethanol-adulterated "gas."

Ethanol-laced fuel also costs more to blend.

Which brings us to the *other* tax—intimately tied up with the Renewable Fuels Standard—which established ethanol production quotas (very much like affirmative action quotas) back in 2005 – and expanded greatly under President Obama.

These are called *Renewable Volume Obligations* (RVOs) and amount to *another* quota—only this time, it's a mandate to produce a given *volume* of "renewables" (chiefly ethanol) before the final product—E10—is *finally* sold to motorists. These production quotas affect refiners, distributors and sellers of the fuel—who inevitably pass on the costs they bear to motorists.

But here's where it gets even shadier.

In order to meet the federal government's "renewable" mandates, renewable fuels *credits* can be bought and sold—without necessarily making or even selling any actual fuel, renewable or otherwise.

These credits are called RINs—the acronym standing for Renewable Identification Number. They were ostensibly created to make sure the Renewable Volume Obligations were met; that everyone making/selling fuel participated proportionately in the mandatory renewable fuels program.

But in practice, it works very much like carbon credits—another crony capitalist con—which force car companies to either manufacture a certain number of "zero emissions" electric cars or buy carbon credits from an electric car company that does make "zero emissions" electric cars.

Just so, smaller refiners and independent stations are effectively forced to buy RINs from national operations, including big box retailers like Wal-Mart—which often have their own in-house blending operations—or can easily buy them.

The smaller operations don't have the facilities to blend in the renewables themselves—and thus, cannot comply with the EPA's arcane "point of obligation" mandate. The "point of obligation" simply means where the fuel is blended —not who actually makes the renewable additives.

This allows the big crony capitalist operations to get "RIN credit cash" merely for *mixing* the fuel—not actually making it. And by selling RIN credits to the smaller fry, who have no choice but to buy them, if they wish to continue selling fuel.

It amounts to legalized extortion masquerading as "environmentalism"—just like the electric car sham.

Ordinary people pick up the tab while big cartels—which can easily game the system—rake in the profits.

The big box retailers and large refiners can afford a slightly higher margin cost—due to the up-bid (by them) cost of the RINs.

The smaller outfits cannot.

They are left in the impossible position of either charging their customers more for fuel—and losing business to the big box gas station across the street—or charging less for the fuel than it costs them to sell it.

You can't stay in business very long that way.

The key thing to bear in mind is that this isn't free competition. It is crony capitalism. It is big, politically connected companies using the power of government to leverage an artificial advantage over their smaller, not-as-connected competition.

The renewable fuels program was sold to the public as an energy independence measure but has proved to be a *motorist dependence* measure. American drivers are at the mercy, not of OPEC, but the EPA—and the politically connected businesses that are gaming the EPA's RIN rigmarole.

It's not good for the environment—and it's very bad for our wallets. *12

How far will you let this silliness go?

... The progressive agenda has dominated public education for generations, and it's getting worse. The left is moving further left and training future citizens to perpetuate a Statist way of life. This agenda can be challenged on a grassroots level. If that movement grows, as it almost certainly would, you could push back hard against the antigun/anti-Second Amendment agenda. In fact I've created something to help in that particular fight. I'm calling it the Separation Between School and State movement... I want to help right minded Americans fight the culture war from the grassroots level, fighting an oppressive philosophy BEFORE it becomes the law of the land. And when sufficient momentum is built you'll be amazed at how much can be done at the state or even federal level...

You should be happening to tyranny so freedom can ring. *15

"Those that deny the truth of God [Atheists] are denied its benefits." — Dr. David R. Hawkins

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