

Establishment [Rev. 20180805]

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In just a matter of days—perhaps next Monday—a decision will be made in Washington affecting the futures of millions of children in low-income communities, and in the very troubled area of race relations in America.

An opportunity has arisen—belatedly—that may not come again in this generation. That is an opportunity to greatly expand the kinds of schools that have successfully educated, to a high level, inner-city youngsters whom the great bulk of public schools fail to educate to even minimally adequate levels...

The teachers' unions and the education establishment in general know how big those stakes are, and have mounted an all-out smear campaign...

Some of these charter schools—especially those in the chain of the Success Academy schools and the chain of the KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) schools—operate in low-income, minority neighborhoods in the inner-cities, and turn out graduates who can match the educational performances of students in affluent suburbs. What is even more remarkable, these charter schools are often housed in the very same buildings, in the very same ghettos, where students in the regular public schools fail to learn even the basics in English or math.

You and I may think this is great. But, to the teachers' unions, such charter schools are a major threat to their members' jobs—and ultimately to the unions' power or existence.

If parents have a choice of where to send their children, many of those parents are not likely to send them to failing public schools, when there are alternative schools available that equip those youngsters with an education that can open the way to a far better future for them...

Teachers' unions have fought for years to prevent charter schools from being created. Now that such schools have been created, and there are now huge waiting lists, the teachers' unions have gotten politicians to put a numerical cap on the number of such schools, regardless of how large the waiting lists are.

... But nobody can steer anything anywhere, when it is individual parents who make the decisions as to where they want their children educated. The money follows the children.

Neither the money nor the children get steered by education bureaucrats, as happens with traditional public schools.

If charter schools educate one-third of the students in a district, and get one-third of the money, how does that reduce the amount of money per child in the public school? Actually, charter schools usually get less money per student, but produce better results.

American education is at a crossroads. If the teachers' unions and their allies can defeat the nomination ... and the Republicans substitute someone else more acceptable to the education establishment, a historic opportunity will be lost, and may never come again in this generation. *¹

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.

Burned-out Millennials are Quitting Lucrative Jobs

Sarah Solomon had a pretty sweet life. The 20-something publicist was always out at fashion events, dinners and parties—and even hung out with John Legend during Fashion Week...

But she yearned for something more and resented only having two weeks of vacation a year. So, last August, she quit her seemingly great job at a plum downtown p.r. firm.

“I wanted to travel more—I didn’t want to have to ask for time off and grovel for extra days, you know?” says Solomon, now 25 and living in a rental house in Kauai, Hawaii, overlooking the beach.

Over the past 10 months, she’s scaled volcanoes in Guatemala, soaked up the waterfalls of Bali, Indonesia, and basked on glorious beaches halfway around the world. She gets by doing freelance p.r. work on the road, so long as she can get decent Wi-Fi in paradise.

“I do have to budget more, but the freedom is so worth it,” she says. “There are different ways to do work . . . The world is changing.”

The traditional concept of employment is the latest thing that the ever-contrarian millennial generation is reinventing. They’re quitting their jobs, without worrying about what they’ll do next. According to a 2018 Millennial Survey by Deloitte, 43 percent of millennials expect to leave their job within two years. The trend is in line with broader shifts. According to the Labor Department, the percentage of workers (of any age) quitting their jobs reached 2.4 percent in May, the highest level in more than 16 years.

“Twenty years ago I never would have seen this,” says Cat Graham, a managing partner in a human resources advisory firm who has 20 years of experience in HR. “The job market is so hot right now—unemployment is at a record low, and the war for talent is hotter than ever. There are more jobs than there are qualified candidates.” Solomon’s boyfriend, Tim Mason, is also a quitter...

Sitting at work, he says, he saw his whole life flash before his eyes: 50-hour work weeks with a measly 10 days of vacation every year—and he didn’t like it one bit.

“Nothing was wrong with the job—it was a great company, good money, six figures. I was 26 and I said, ‘Why am I going to spend my 20s sitting at a desk?’ ” says Mason, now 29. “We’re waiting for retirement at 67, and they keep bumping it up—who knows what age it will be for me—70s? I thought it was foolish not to [leave].”

And, he adds, “I was the top sales guy for three years before I left. I did the Michael Jordan thing—I went out on top.”

Mason has since traveled around the world, visiting more than 30 countries. He and Solomon met at a hostel for surfers in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, just a few days after she left New York.

“We were both chasing this dream in Nicaragua at the same time,” says Mason, who earns money by occasionally working as a scuba instructor.

He and Solomon have been in Hawaii for three months and plan to stay through the end of the summer. After that, they’re uncertain where they’ll go.

"I do plan to have kids and have somewhat of a normal life again, but it's not something I'm really worried about now," says Mason. If and when he does go back to a more traditional job, he says, "I need to be free to manage myself."

Graham has a less carefree attitude and cautions against giving notice if you don't know what you'll do next. "It's smart to stretch yourself and your experiences, but it's not smart to quit a job without a plan," she says. "The economy will change in six months, and nothing is a guarantee."

If you do decide to go hang out in Bali for a year, Graham says you have to be careful about how you spin it to potential employers when you re-enter the workforce.

"You better have a solid and authentic narrative," she says.

And not every millennial is living their #bestlife after leaving a job.

"I quit and I have nothing lined up—and I am bugging," says Jessica, a 35-year-old who lives in Clinton Hill and ditched her Department of Education school counselor job in June, after seven years, because she could no longer "deal."

"I was at the point of, like, stay and wish I was dead—or leave and be full of anxiety. But at least have some sort of hope that change was a-brewing," says Jessica, who declined to give her last name. She's unsure of what she'll do next and hasn't been seriously searching for a new job.

"I'm beyond anxious—I can't even enjoy my summer because I don't know what's happening with my life," she says.

But most millennial quitters seem to have no regrets.

Last summer, Gracie Halpern, 31, ditched her six-figure gig as a copywriter at a major creative agency and hasn't looked back.

While she was flush with cash and had the external trappings of a successful life, she felt empty in her old job.

"I had all this money, but I spent it all on therapy and healers," she says. "I started having these panic attacks where I'd wake up and think, 'This can't be my life'—I was stressed and overworked. I was so scared [to leave] with nothing lined up."

She gave up her Lower East Side apartment and headed to Bali.

"I read an article online about where you should travel solo based on your zodiac sign—I'm a Pisces—and didn't really have a plan," she says. She went on to spend five months in India before returning to the States.

Now, she's back in her native Northern California, living with her family, freelancing in the advertising world and taking an online career coaching class. While she's unsure of her next move, she's at peace.

"The future is unknown and sometimes that feels scary in the West," she muses...^{*3}

Two Editions of 'Wall Street Journal' Bear Opposite Headlines

On 1 September 2016, a photograph purportedly showing two editions of *The Wall Street Journal* with markedly different front page headlines regarding Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's stance on immigration was circulated on social media [A meme included the tagline: "*Feeling manipulated yet?*"]:



This image was passed around on the Internet accompanied by the claim that the *Wall Street Journal* had deliberately published one headline, "Trump Softens His Tone," in a pro-Trump market area in an attempt to sway readers away from the the GOP nominee, and the other headline, "Trump Talks Tough on Wall," in a non-Trump market area to bolster support for Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

However, these opposing headline editions were not distributed to different political or geographic markets, nor were they intended to influence voters.

This picture shows two editions of the *Wall Street Journal* published at different times of the day. The paper on the left came off the press early in the day, while the paper on the right was produced later in the day...

Colleen Schwartz, the Vice President of Communications at *The Wall Street Journal*, confirmed to us that these editions were printed at different times, not in different markets. The edition on the left was published after Trump met with Mexican president Enrique Peña Nieto early in the day (and referenced the seemingly cooperative tone of their discussion), and the edition on the right was published after Trump delivered a speech on immigration later in the day (and referenced Trump's reasserting his stance that he would force Mexico to pay for the building of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border).^{*4}

SHEWS

SHEWS stands for Scalar High Energy Weapons System. At least three ground stations, in Alaska, Norway and Russia, are able to bounce prodigious amounts of radio-magnetic energy off the ionosphere. This energy in turn can be used to boost storms or trigger earthquakes.

The ground station in Alaska is disguised as a research station, using the HAARP program as cover. No doubt some research is carried out, and no doubt some of those involved think they are involved in scientific research.

Over-emphasis on HAARP however has led in turn to a lack of emphasis on the ground stations in Norway and Russia, neither of which is under the control of the respective governments. There may be other ground stations, of course, indeed there probably are, but those are the three that I know about.

SHEWS can only trigger an earthquake in an existing fault zone, as at Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2011. It's therefore useful in pressuring countries in the Ring of Fire. It can be used to intensify and change the direction of a storm, but not start one. You have to wait for a hurricane to come along.

INTELCOM interest in SHEWS was spiked by Katrina. Work on jamming SHEWS transmissions started after 2005. You don't just press the tit and watch things happen—the energy build-up typically takes about 24 hours. In relation to storms continual energy input seems to be required.

Cellphone interference

Both at New Orleans and Canterbury, considerable radio interference with local cellphone networks was observed. It would be interested to know if any was observed in the Houston area. Readers in Houston are encouraged to get in touch. My only encounter with the good folk of Houston since Harvey was with a church group in London, and they were using prayer rather than cellphones.

Other SHEWS indicators

In coming to my preliminary conclusion that SHEWS boosting was used with Harvey I have taken into account the suspicious timing, the target, alleged 1 in 500/1 in a 1,000 event probability, the storm speed and its changes of direction. These are all consistent with the weaponisation of the storm.

Of course I can't be certain without seeing the raw data, which would confirm whether or not electro-magnetic energy in the SHEWS spectrum was beamed into Harvey. Sadly however the NSA and GCHQ are sitting on the data!

The debate over SHEWS

I am aware that not every member of INTELCOM buys into SHEWS. There is an ongoing debate, which is fine. I'm also aware that it's esoteric area, involving high-energy physics.

I welcome debate. Intelligence analysis is a process, involving multiple inputs. The best analysis usually flows from a discussion reflecting opposing points of view. Of course in order for that to work there has to be respect for the opposing point of view. ^{*5}

Communism Experiment in 1620 an Utter Disaster

Bill Federer recounts Pilgrims' failed attempt to equalize, redistribute wealth, resources



High winds and treacherous tides along North America's coast prevented the Pilgrims from sailing south to join Virginia's settlement at Jamestown, founded 14 years earlier. Having to disembark in Massachusetts, there was no government to submit to, so the Pilgrims created their own—the Mayflower Compact. It was the first 'constitution' written in America.

The Mayflower Compact began:

In ye name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyall subjects of our dread sovereigne Lord, King James ... having undertaken, for ye glorie of God, and advancemente of ye Christian faith, and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia ... in ye presence of God, and one of another, covenant & combine our selves togeather into a civill body politick ... to enacte ... just & equall lawes ... as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye generall good of ye Colonie, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. ...

The Mayflower Compact ended: "In witnes wherof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap-Codd ye 11 of November, Ano:Dom. 1620."

There were three types of colonies: company colonies; royal crown colonies; and proprietary colonies.

1) A company colony was created with the permission of the king, but had investors and bylaws.

Their background is interesting. Medieval Europe had a sin called usury—the paying or receiving of interest, resulting in there being no companies. Any large undertaking had to be financed by the king or rich individuals.

After the Reformation, one of the first joint-stock companies was the Dutch East India Company, founded in 1602. Anyone, be it a baker, blacksmith, farmer, etc., could invest in a ship going to Indonesia; and when it came back filled with spices, a profit would be paid.

If someone wanted to sell their stock in the ship, they would go to the Amsterdam Stock Exchange—the first of its kind in the world. If the ship sank, the Dutch covered the loss by creating the first modern insurance companies.

The British East India Company was founded in 1600, and the Virginia Company of London was founded in 1606. After the Virginia Colony suffered repeated financial loss due to diseases, famine and Indian massacres, it became Royal Crown Colony in 1624.

2) A royal crown colony was ruled directly by the king through his appointed governor. In Virginia's case, the king appointed a governor but did not provide financial support.

Governors demanded landowners provide his funding, but left it up to them to determine how, leading to a degree of autonomy in the Virginia House of Burgesses—the first legislative assembly in the New World.

3) A proprietary colony was land given by the king to private individuals, notably:

- King Charles I gave Maryland as private property to Lord Baltimore in 1632
- After the English Civil War, King Charles II gave the Carolinas as private property to seven lord proprietors in 1663
- Charles II gave New York as private property to his younger brother, The Duke of York, in 1664
- Charles II gave Pennsylvania as private property to William Penn in 1681

The Pilgrims' "Plymouth Plantation" was originally a "company" colony, having obtained a land patent from the Virginia Company of London.

Company bylaws were drawn up by the "adventurers"—the investors who loaned the money for the Pilgrims' trip. They hoped to be paid back with a profit.

The bylaws set up a communal system for the first seven years, in which all capital and profits remained "in ye common stock":

The adventurers & planters do agree that every person that goeth being aged 16 years & upward ... be accounted a single share. ... The persons transported & ye adventurers shall continue their joint stock & partnership together, ye space of 7 years ... during which time, all profits & benefits that are got by trade, traffic, trucking, working, fishing, or any other means of any person or persons, remain still in ye common stock. ...

That all such persons as are of this colony, are to have their meat, drink, apparel, and all provision out of ye common stock & goods. ... That at ye end of ye 7 years, ye capital & profits, viz. the houses, lands, goods and chattels, be equally divided betwixt ye adventurers, and planters.

Pilgrim Governor William Bradford described in "Of Plymouth Plantation," that sharing "all profits & benefits ... in ye common stock," regardless of how hard each individual worked, did not work: The failure of that experiment of

communal service, which was tried for several years, and by good and honest men, proves the emptiness of the theory of Plato and other ancients, applauded by some of later times,—that the taking away of private property, and the possession of it in community, by a commonwealth, would make a state happy and flourishing; as it they were wiser than God. ...

“For in this instance, community of property was found to breed much confusion and discontent; and retard much employment which would have been to the general benefit. ... For the young men who were most able and fit for service objected to being forced to spend their time and strength in working for other men’s wives and children, without any recompense. ...”

William Bradford continued: “The strong man or the resourceful man had no more share of food, clothes, etc., than the weak man who was not able to do a quarter the other could. This was thought injustice. The aged and graver men, who were ranked and equalized in labor, food, clothes, etc., with the humbler and younger ones, thought it some indignity and disrespect to them. As for men’s wives who were obliged to do service for other men, such as cooking, washing their clothes, etc., they considered it a kind of slavery, and many husbands would not brook it. ...”

Bradford explained that the “communistic plan” of redistributing wealth failed: “If all were to share alike, and all were to do alike, then all were on an equality throughout, and one was as good as another; and so, if it did not actually abolish those very relations which God himself has set among men, it did at least greatly diminish the mutual respect that is so important should be preserved amongst them. Let none argue that this is due to human failing, rather than to this communistic plan of life in itself. ...”

Bradford described individual capitalism: “I answer, seeing that all men have this failing in them, that God in His wisdom saw that another plan of life was fitter for them. ... So they began to consider how to raise more corn, and obtain a better crop than they had done, so that they might not continue to endure the misery of want. ... At length after much debate, the Governor, with the advice of the chief among them, allowed each man to plant corn for his own household. ... So every family was assigned a parcel of land, according to the proportion of their number. ...

“This was very successful. It made all hands very industrious, so that much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the Governor or any other could devise, and saved him a great deal of trouble, and gave far better satisfaction. The women now went willing into the field, and took their little ones with them to plant corn, while before they would allege weakness and inability, and to have compelled them would have been thought great tyranny and oppression.” *6

“In 1929 I began to consider what the little individual could do on behalf of his fellow man that government and corporations could not do. It became evident that the individual was the only one that could deliberately find the time to think in a cosmically adequate manner. Each human has his lifetime to invest. If he commits to operations in cosmic integrities he will find himself participating in nature’s own formulations and will realize the potentials of her various freedoms and choices, to be employed to the advantage of all human beings to come, in order that humans may fulfill their cosmic functioning on board of our planet.” —*R. Buckminster Fuller*

“Responsibility is a unique concept; it can only reside and inhere within a single individual. You may delegate it but it is still with you. You may share it with others but your portion is not diminished. You may disclaim it but you cannot divest yourself of it. Even if you do not recognize it or admit its presence, you cannot escape it. If the responsibility is rightfully yours, no evasion or ignorance or passing the blame can shift the burden to someone else.”
—*Admiral Hyman G Rickover*

Federal Regulations Have Made You 75 Percent Poorer

The growth of federal regulations over the past six decades has cut U.S. economic growth by an average of 2 percentage points per year, according to a new study in the *Journal of Economic Growth*. As a result, the average American household receives about \$277,000 less annually than it would have gotten in the absence of six decades of accumulated regulations—a median household income of \$330,000 instead of the \$53,000 we get now.

The researchers, economists John Dawson of Appalachian State University and John Seater of North Carolina State, constructed an index of federal regulations by tracking the growth in the number of pages in the Code of Federal Regulations since 1949. The number of pages, they note, has increased six-fold from 19,335 in 1949 to 134,261 in 2005. (As of 2011, the number of pages had risen to 169,301.) They devise a pretty standard endogenous growth theory model and then insert their regulatory burden index to calculate how federal regulations have affected economic growth. (Sometimes deregulation extends rather than shortens the number of pages in the register; they adjust their figures to take this into account.)

Annual output in 2005, they conclude, "is 28 percent of what it would have been had regulation remained at its 1949 level." The proliferation of federal regulations especially affects the rate of improvement in total factor productivity, a measure of technological dynamism and increasing efficiency. Regulations also affect the allocation of labor and capital—by, say, raising the costs of new hires or encouraging investment in favored technologies. Overall, they calculate, if regulation had remained at the same level as in 1949, current GDP would have been \$53.9 trillion instead of \$15.1 in 2011. In other words, current U.S. GDP in 2011 was \$38.8 trillion less than it might have been.

Let's use those results as the starting point for some rough calculations. The Bureau of Economic Affairs estimates that real GDP in 1947 was \$1.8 trillion in 2005 dollars. The real GDP growth rate between 1949 and 2011 averaged 3.2 percent per year. Compounded over the period, that would yield a total real GDP of about \$13.3 trillion in 2011; that's the same figure the bureau gives for that year. If regulation had remained fixed at 1949 levels, GDP growth would have averaged 2 percent higher annually, yielding a rate of about 5.2 percent over the period between 1949 and 2011. Compounded, that yields a total GDP in 2005 dollars of approximately \$43 trillion, or \$49 trillion in 2011 dollars, which is in the same ballpark as the \$53.9 trillion figure calculated by Dawson and Seater.

But let's say that the two economists have grossly overestimated how fast the economy could have grown in the absence of proliferating regulations. So instead let's take the real average GDP growth rate between 1870 and 1900, before the Progressives jumpstarted the regulatory state. Economic growth in the last decades of the 19th century averaged 4.5 percent per year. Compounding that growth rate from the real 1949 GDP of \$1.8 trillion to now would have yielded a total GDP in 2013 of around \$31 trillion. Considerably lower than the \$54 trillion estimated by Dawson and Seater, but nevertheless about double the size of our current GDP.

All this means that the opportunity costs of regulation—that is, the benefits that could have been gained if an alternative course of action had been pursued—are much higher than the costs of compliance. For example, the Competitive Enterprise Institute's report *Ten Thousand Commandments 2013* estimates that it costs consumers and businesses approximately \$1.8 trillion—about 11 percent of current GDP—to comply with current federal regulations. That's bad enough, but it pales in comparison to the loss of tens of trillions in overall wealth calculated by Dawson and Seater.

Defenders of regulation will argue that regulations also provide benefits to Americans: lower levels of air pollution, higher minimum wages, and so forth. But the measure devised by Dawson and Seater accounts for both the

aggregate benefits and the costs of the regulations. The two researchers note their results "indicate that whatever positive effects regulation may have on *measured* output are outweighed by negative effects." There may be some unmeasured positive outputs that result from regulation. But the benefits would have to be hugely substantial to offset the loss of \$39 trillion in output in 2011 alone. Is that plausible?

Dawson and Seater explicitly do not attempt to separately measure the benefits of regulation in their study, only its overall effects on output. But the Office of Management and Budget does claim to measure the costs and benefits of federal regulation. In the most recent Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) report, the highest estimates for costs and benefits for regulations adopted from 2002 to 2012 are \$84 billion and \$800 billion respectively. Let's be extremely generous in calculating regulation's benefits and assume that they provide not just \$800 billion in total benefits over 10 years, but that much in just one year. Then, just to be sure that we haven't overlooked any non-monetized benefits unaccounted for the OIRA, and to take into account of the fact that number of pages in the CFR have risen six-fold, let's multiply that by 6, yielding an estimated annual regulatory benefit of \$4.8 trillion.

That's just a bit more than a quarter of the current GDP. Recall that Dawson and Seater have calculated that if the regulatory burden had remained the same as it was in 1949, the U.S. economy would be about \$38 trillion bigger than it currently is. So the upshot of this wildly optimistic set of assumptions regarding the benefits of regulation is that Americans have foregone \$33 trillion in income that we otherwise would have had. Or in the alternative case, where a lower rate of growth results in a GDP of only \$31 trillion, that would mean that Americans have foregone about \$10 trillion in income due to overregulation.

Whatever the benefits of regulation, an average household income of \$330,000 per year would buy a lot in the way of health care, schooling, art, housing, environmental protection, and other amenities.

Since GDP growth rates in other industrialized countries more or less track U.S. growth rates over the period, I asked both Dawson and Seater via email if it would be fair to conclude that those countries had also adopted a similar suite of regulations that also slowed their potential GDP gains. Being careful not to go beyond the data in the study, Dawson replied, "Similarity of growth rates really doesn't tell us anything about the growth effects of regulations in the different countries. However, it would be fair to say that many studies (cited in our paper) examine the effects of regulation in many European countries and find large negative effects on employment, investment, rates of new business start-up, and so on." **7

'Climate Criminal' Blows Whistle: 'It's Just About The Money!'

'Wealth transfer' is 'gesture to redesign the global economic system'

Secretary of State John Kerry told the Paris climate conference that ending all U.S. carbon emissions, or even those in all the industrialized world, would do nothing to impact the climate, leading one of the top critics of the climate-change movement to call the speech additional proof that the effort is all about wealth redistribution.

In another major development, the latest draft of the climate agreement does not include the creation of the International Climate Justice Tribunal, which would have been a U.N. agency that billed industrialized nations for the cleanup of natural disasters around the world.

In Kerry's address to the conference, he made a push to get developing nations to make major commitments in reducing carbon emissions. However, his comments also gave considerable fuel to those who believe Kerry and others are on a fool's errand.

"The fact is that even if every single American citizen biked to work, carpooled to school, used only solar panels to power their homes, if we each planted a dozen trees, if we somehow eliminated all our domestic greenhouse gas emissions, guess what? That still wouldn't be enough to offset the carbon pollution from the rest of the world," Kerry said.

He took a step further.

"If all the industrialized nations went down to zero emissions, remember what I said all the industrialized nations went down to zero emissions, it wouldn't be enough, not when more than 65 percent of the world's carbon pollution comes from the developing world," Kerry added.

Christopher C. Horner is a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and author of multiple books challenging the basis for the climate-change movement. He is in Paris as an observer at the conference, where he has been branded a "climate criminal."

Horner said Kerry accidentally lurched toward the truth in trying to implore global cooperation.

"What he's doing is inadvertently pointing out that this is all pain, no gain," Horner said. "He won't admit to the pain. They still say that if the state uses its coercive power and forces you into energy rationing and so on ... it still wouldn't impact the climate."

Kerry used the hypothetical of zero carbon emissions, which is a far cry even from the hotly contested Obama environmental regulations calling for major carbon reductions by 2030. Horner said the real goals go much further and are plenty frightening.

"They're talking 70-95 percent reductions in this document," Horner said. "They really do think that they can bring us back to the renewable age, which we left over 100 years ago because we could. Suddenly we liberated hydrocarbon energy. We didn't have to live on hydro power or solar power."

While going back to renewables is the stated goal of climate-change activists, Horner said there's a good reason we moved away from it generations ago.

"We're not going back to that," he said. "We left it. It was a time of much-shortened lifespans, disease, drudgery and mortality, crop failures leading to catastrophe and so on."

Meanwhile, the scrapping of the International Climate Justice Tribunal marks a win on one of Horner's highest priorities since he envisioned the panel blaming the U.S. and other advanced nations for the severe weather events throughout the world. It's a charge he believes would have stuck at the tribunal because signatories at the conference will be expected to confess their responsibility for climate change in any final agreement.

But while Horner is thrilled, he said many others in Paris are not.

"It's clearly going to leave the greens upset and some countries upset because it's kicking the can down the road on a few issues," Horner said.

Persistent sticking points are leading some climate-change activists to call for Pope Francis to come and demand unity in advancing a climate deal. Horner said the pontiff had better be ready for a debate.

"He's going to couch this in terms of social justice, and as I have mentioned to you, that is truly perverse," he said. "I'm not saying the pope knows this, but social justice, as they see it, is killing tens of thousands of the most vulnerable in every country."

Christopher Horner says the climate-change movement is all about wealth redistribution

Horner said the explanation for that charge is simple. Implementing emissions reductions places major costs on energy providers, which pass the costs on to consumers. Soaring utility rates will then impact the poor most negatively and European nations that already do this see people having to choose between buying food and paying to heat or cool their homes.

As for the logistics of the conference and any forthcoming agreement, Horner said officials are twisting themselves in legal knots to avoid this being a treaty since they know Congress won't approve it.

"The buzz here in Paris is that the U.S. Congress is the greatest obstacle to them obtaining the treaty they refuse to call a treaty," Horner said. "That means the democratic process. There's nothing democratic about this. If you allow Congress to get a crack at this, it's over.

"Under Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, this would never fly. No free society would ever do to itself what they're demanding of us," he said.

Horner is one of seven activists opposed to any deal to have their face plastered around Paris on posters branding them climate criminals. After, first joking that activists could have picked a better picture of him, Horner said there is a message of intimidation involved with the posters.

"It's getting a little long in the tooth, putting up all the bad guys' pictures so everybody knows what they look like," Horner said. "We can play the 'What if Sarah Palin Did It' game if you want, but they really want everybody here to now what we look like."

In the end, Horner said the activists' definition of climate criminal is really an indictment on those working to preserve freedom.

"We point out the policies, history, that it won't effect the climate, that's it's about a wealth transfer, that it will kill the most vulnerable, that it's a gesture about clearly what they're openly acknowledging here—to redesign the global economic system," he said. "When you point those things out, because they aren't popular in the United States, you are a criminal." *8

"The truth is the truth even if nobody believes it, and error is error, even if everyone believes it."

—*Bishop Fulton John Sheen*

The fear of Individuality

Let's start with this bit of background:

The fear of individuality comes from the apprehension that a human, unchained and alive, might create something that would expose the titanic hoax of the collective and the group; the apprehension that an individual might create something undeniably great and different; and, therefore, put collective human society in its proper perspective.

And so the individual is called upon to sacrifice himself on the altar of the group.

That is the directive.

The counter-force is the individual using his rational mind, his imagination, and his creative force to surpass this societal brainwashing.

The first step is realizing he is not part of the great collective Cheese Glob.

But most people in so-called "democracies" would not see things this way. They would object. They would claim "the needs of all the people" are not being met. They would claim no one has the right to rise above the standards of the masses.

And "the masses" now refer to wide-open borders in Europe and, as in America, the influx of huge numbers of people exiting from other parts of the world.

Many of these immigrating people hope for, and expect, economic survival in their new homes. They expect government assistance programs. This is no melting pot. This is a vast extension of the Welfare State, in which the concerns of the individual have no place. No place at all.

Stereotypes are the order of the day. "Which group do you belong to? What race are you? What ethnicity? What are your grievances and demands?"

On the surface, this vast program appears to be humanitarian in nature, but nothing could be further from the truth. Sowing chaos in the nations of Europe is the objective.

Why? Because Globalism, like every elite scheme in the history of the planet, lives by the motto, "Order from Chaos."

Create chaos, then move in with tighter control, to "solve the problem."

Wall-to-wall surveillance, militarized police, decimation of free speech.

In this atmosphere, it is very easy for the individual to forget and cast aside his own power and his own unique vision of the future, and his own capacity to invent the future.

It is very easy for the individual to forego rationality and logic as useless objects of a bygone era and simply sink to the level of a stimulus-response creature.

But if that happens, what is left?

Nothing.

During centuries of struggle, Europe carved out a mission of individual freedom, against all odds, and there were eventually many victories.

Now, there is the danger of all that going down the drain.

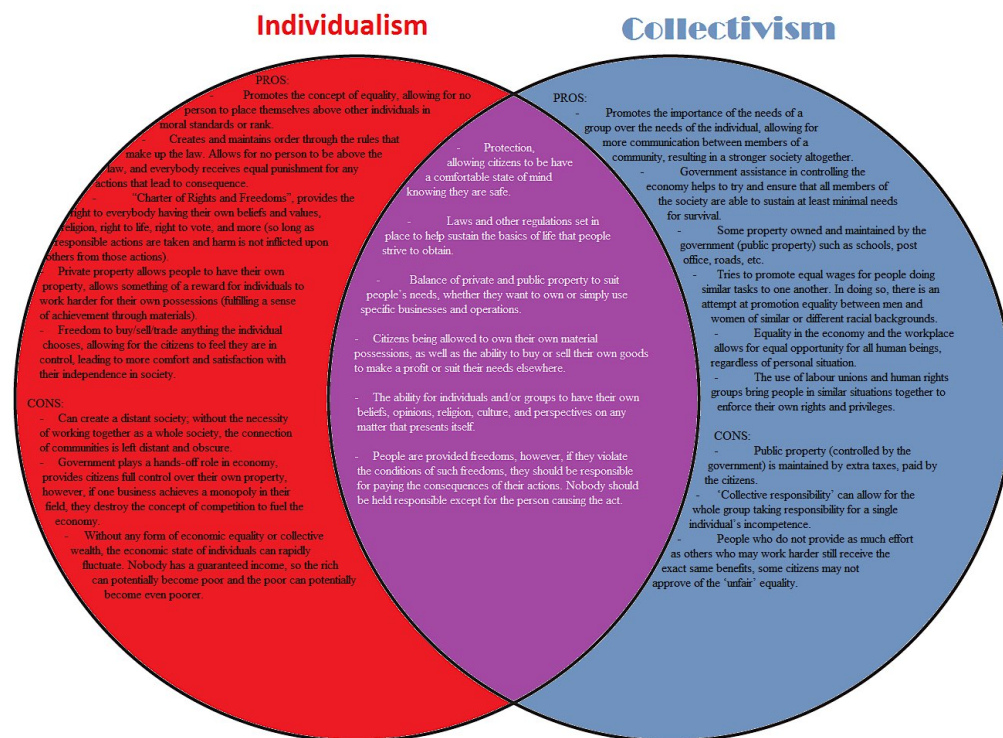
If the liberation of the individual from the State and the Church is now viewed as a mere fantasy, an old dream, an old lie of history, an old delusion, then the future is turned over to Globalist planners and their program of mass control.

At its core, the entire Globalist operation is aimed at making the individual believe he is helpless.

Whether and to what degree this program succeeds is not in the hands of any group. It is in the hands, the soul of the individual himself.

Which is why my work, for the past decade, has focused more and more on the individual, his power, his life-force, his mind, his imagination, his uniqueness.

The future is up for grabs. Will the wide channel of individual freedom and power, which has been dug for centuries, in a great struggle, be the substance of the future, or will the coming century devolve into one great planetary Collective, mindless, begging for scraps, and shouting slogans? *9



ABOVE: COMPARING INDIVIDUALISM VS COLLECTIVISM AND 'THE COMMON GOOD' IN BETWEEN — CLICK SOURCE LINK FOR DETAILS. *10

The Real Story on Donald Trump

On “The Apprentice,” Donald Trump is the guy who fires people. In real life, it’s a different story.

For 16 years, Anthony “Tony” P. Senecal was Trump’s personal butler at Mar-a-Lago, Trump’s home and club in Palm Beach, Fla. Few people know Trump as well as Senecal. During the first interview Senecal has given since retiring last year, he told Newsmax what it was like to work for him.

Almost every weekend from November to May, Trump hops on his Boeing 727-100 in New York to fly to Palm Beach and stay at Mar-a-Lago. A 55,695-square-foot Mediterranean-style complex, Mar-a-Lago is a Shangri-La that Marjorie Merriweather Post built in 1927. It has 58 bedrooms, 33 bathrooms, a ballroom, a spa, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, a party pavilion, and a private tunnel leading to Trump’s beach on the Atlantic Ocean.

Almost every celebrity, from Jay Leno and Regis Philbin to Barbara Walters and Tom Brokaw, have been to Mar-a-Lago. Oprah Winfrey threw a three-day party there for Maya Angelou’s 80th birthday.

Senecal once worked for the doyenne he still respectfully refers to as Mrs. Post. Later, he served as mayor of Martinsburg, W.Va. He came to national attention when The Washington Post ran a front-page feature story about changes in West Virginia with a photo of Senecal, sitting with his cat, Morris, on the shoeshine stand of his tobacco shop.

After Trump bought Mar-a-Lago on South Ocean Boulevard, the head of security hired Senecal. He then became an underbutler. In 1993, Trump decided to turn the home into a club, and he wanted Senecal to be the concierge.

“I was serving him breakfast,” Senecal recalls. “He said, ‘So you’re going to be the concierge. What do you think about that?’”

“Well, I don’t like it,” Senecal said.

“Well, what do you want to be?” Trump asked.

“I thought as long as I was able, I would be your butler,” Senecal replied.

“Mr. Trump stood up and hit me in the arm and said, ‘And the butler’s what you’re going to be,’” says Senecal, 78.

Trump describes Senecal as having an even bigger ego than he does.

“He treats the members as equals,” Trump told me for my book “The Season: Inside Palm Beach and America’s Richest Society.” “In fact, I think he might think he is above them.”

“Geez, the things that I’ve said to him over the years, I’m surprised he didn’t throw me out years ago,” Senecal tells me. “He would sometimes make a statement, and I’d kind of give him that look like, come on, don’t pull this one. And then we’d both just sort of laugh. He once told me, he said, ‘You know, you don’t want anybody bothering you, do you?’ And I said, ‘Mr. Trump, nobody intimidates me.’ And he looked at me and he said, ‘Nobody?’ I said, ‘Nobody.’ And he just laughed. We just had a great rapport.”

For my book ... my wife, Pam, and I flew to Palm Beach with Trump and stayed at Mar-a-Lago for a weekend. We had the Spanish suite, which goes for \$5,500 a night and overlooks the ocean. It was hard work, but someone had to do it.

Trump's routine is the same today as then. A German Maybach limousine picked us up on the tarmac at Palm Beach International Airport. Members of the Mar-a-Lago staff were standing outside to greet us as we arrived. Then Trump spent the weekend playing golf, making calls, meeting with architects, and checking on items such as the condition of the gold leaf on the 40 rams that jut from the roof line of Mar-a-Lago.

During the season, Mar-a-Lago features a Sunday brunch that includes caviar with blini, smoked salmon, Alaskan crab claws, cocktail shrimp, freshly opened oysters, cold poached mussels, eggs Benedict, omelets made to order, sausage and bacon, Belgian waffles and French toast, escargots in a wine sauce, seared scallops, rack of lamb, pasta with bolognese sauce, roasted turkey and prime rib carved to order, endless desserts, fresh fruit and cheeses, homemade truffles, and the best Danish pastry imaginable. Served with champagne, the buffet always has one other item: meat loaf, Trump's favorite food.

"He likes meatloaf and well-done steak, and a well-done cheeseburger," Senecal says.

As butler, Senecal was the first to see Trump in the morning.

"Mr. Trump sleeps like three or four hours a night," Senecal says. "He gets up and he reads five or six newspapers every day."

Senecal often served Trump breakfast or dinner in his room.

"He doesn't like to see the plate piled up with vegetables and stuff," Senecal says. "He wants what he ordered. And if he ordered a steak, that's what he wants. He doesn't want it all globbed up with veggies. And you better bring some butter, and you better bring some ketchup."

Trump usually has a running feud with the town of Palm Beach, where anyone with less than \$100 million is considered poor. The most recent dust-up revolved around an American flag Trump erected at Mar-a-Lago. Flying from a 70-foot pole, the flag's overall dimensions were 15 times larger than the town's restrictive regulations allow. Landmarks Commissioner William Hanley called the flag a "major affront to the town."

The town responded to the indignity with a daily fine of \$1,250. Trump sued for \$25 million, claiming his First Amendment rights were being violated.

Trump and the town eventually settled. The town agreed to let him keep the flag if he moved it to a less conspicuous location. Instead of paying the fine that then totaled \$120,000, Trump agreed to donate \$100,000 to veterans' charities.

Senecal says he "hears" that the ground under the flag was raised, increasing the overall height of the flag. He attributes the episode to Trump's patriotism.

"You know Donald Trump was born on Flag Day, and I swear it's in his blood," Senecal says. "He really is red, white, and blue."

As an employer, Trump is both demanding and loyal, Senecal says.

Senecal lists three things that none of Trump's more than 20,000 employees should do: "You don't steal from him; you don't lie to him; and you don't embarrass him."

Usually, if Trump decides to fire someone, he will go back to New York first and think about it.

"Then he'll call up whoever's in charge here and say, you know, 'Get rid of . . .' Then there are times when he's just said, 'Get out of here. You're fired.' That's when he's really, really been upset over something. Like cutting the bougainvillea down or something like that. Otherwise, I think you really have to be insubordinate to get on his bad side."

As for Trump's hair, "I don't know a thing about his hair," Senecal says.

Some years ago, when Senecal's home air-conditioning system gave out, Trump had it replaced. When Senecal had to undergo heart surgery, Trump called him the day before.

"So when do you go under the knife?" Trump asked.

"Tomorrow," Senecal said.

"Well, if you don't make it, don't worry about it. You've had a good life," Trump said.

And then Trump said, "Listen, I don't want you going back to your place. You come and recuperate at Mar-a-Lago."

Senecal continues to drop in at Mar-a-Lago, sometimes to see Trump's wife, Melania, and their son, Barron, who is 3. The International Red Cross Ball will take place at Mar-a-Lago this month.

"When you think of the history of it, that's really a tremendous event," Senecal says. "The pomp and the circumstance of it is really what makes it so attractive to people. The people are dressed to the nines, the trumpeters, all the ambassadors in their sashes and medals and everything. It's just beautiful."

For the first time, Senecal will not be presiding. Trump has not replaced him, and with good reason.

Senecal is irreplaceable. ^{*11}

Black 'Family of Geniuses' Show... Benefits of Homeschooling

A multi-talented family has taken Boca Raton, Florida by storm with their incredible academic achievements.

The family of 11 includes two teenage daughters who have graduated college with master's degrees and a mother who is an architect and attorney.

In a July 30 profile, the Bush family reveals their secret to success—homeschooling. ^{*12}

The End of Stoning: Jesus and the Personhood Revolution

A problem people have when thinking about the lasting legacy of Jesus is the tendency to either objectify him as a ticket into a spiritual in-crowd status or dismiss him as a religious ascetic wholly incapable of relevancy for politics and world affairs. That's because they're Enlightenment rationalists that compartmentalize his life into a religious ideology to possess rather than a performative revolution in how humans can be with each other.

To understand the spiritual revolution Jesus began we must study his life and imitate his model in our daily affairs.

Here's a critical example found in an account from the Gospel of John, Chapter 8 (NIV):

"They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?'

They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Notice Jesus doesn't make a direct prohibition or law as that would only inflame the crowd's desire to strike the woman. It would make the collective violence a hot stove to touch and also draw them into a rivalry with Jesus over who gets to be the authority.

Instead, he dismantles the crowd's hive mind possession by making them consider, who among them *will* cast the first stone? This is a deconstruction of the power of anonymous crowd violence wherein people can absolve their own personal responsibility and connection to the murder of a victim.

The Hive Mind

From an anthropological standpoint, Jesus draws readers to the primordial question at the heart of mankind's construction of civilization: just who will be the model without a model, the one who will not be able to shrink away under the possession of mass-imitation, and proceed to personally butcher a person, physically or socially. As always Jesus doesn't deal with the "What to do" but the Why we do what we do.

The "first stone" reminds us that ritual stonings are some of the oldest forms of collective violence used to preserve and solidify a community's order. Indeed, the piling of rocks on a dehumanized and eventually deified sacrifice leads to pyramids and monuments of imperial grandeur: symbols of nations' collective immortality built on common victims.

Jesus's "first stone" question also alludes to the first stone ceremonially laid on the bodies of human sacrifices as the cornerstone of an ancient city fortress or temple, another practice of worldwide antiquity.

As the late French anthropologist René Girard says in a must-read essay, "The Gospel text can be read almost allegorically, as the emergence of genuine personhood out of the primordial mob."

The Founding of Personhood

This founding act of personhood stands in stark contrast to the founding acts of collectivist groups in history; the former is a nonviolent reversal of crowd possession, the latter are knee-jerk acts of violence that demands ritual repetition.

Personhood as a cultural principle dogs the west which is why we created prison reforms, due process, trial by peer juries, and so on in western countries as a means of curbing the crowd's violent excesses against persons. Yet collectivist bodies are rooted in deep-seated ancient demands of human culture and demand bloodshed and expulsion to live. Today, the west continues to feed itself sacrifices but now in the name of victims.

The Early Greek Perspective

Girard cites "The Life of Apollonius of Tyana," a political propaganda text by Philostratus, a 3rd century Greek sophist, to unlock the power of the first stone principle. Apollonius is, of course, compared preferably with Jesus by modern scholars, always looking for another "safe" miracle working messiah with which to discredit the founder of the liberty movement. Yet from the text we see a clear contrast between the guiding principle of the old order of collectivist violence versus Jesus's new personhood movement:

"He [Apollonius]... called together the Ephesians, and said: 'Take courage, for I will today put a stop to the course of the disease.' And with these words he led the population entire to the theatre, where the images of the Averting god had been set up. And there he saw what seemed an old mendicant artfully blinking his eyes as if blind, and he carried a wallet and a crust of bread in it; and he was clad in rags and was very squalid of countenance. Apollonius therefore ranged the Ephesians around him and said: 'Pick up as many stones as you can and hurl them at this enemy of the gods.'

Now the Ephesians wondered what he meant, and were shocked at the idea of murdering a stranger so manifestly miserable; for he was begging and praying them to take mercy upon him. Nevertheless Apollonius insisted and egged on the Ephesians to launch themselves on him and not let him go. And as soon as some of them began to take shots and hit him with their stones, the beggar who had seemed to blink and be blind, gave them all a sudden glance and showed that his eyes were full of fire. Then the Ephesians recognized that he was a demon, and they stoned him so thoroughly that their stones were heaped into a great cairn around him.

After a little pause Apollonius bade them remove the stones and acquaint themselves with the wild animal which they had slain. When therefore they had exposed the object which they thought they had thrown their missiles at, they found that he had disappeared and instead of him there was a hound who resembled in form and look a Molossian dog, but was in size the equal of the largest lion; there he lay before their eyes, pounded to a pulp by their stones and vomiting foam as mad dogs do. Accordingly the statue of the Averting god, namely Hercules, has been set up over the spot where the ghost was slain."

We can see that the Ephesians, already infected with the spread of Jesus's movement by his follower Paul, are wrestling with the imperative to stone the poor beggar, a once easy target in ancient times when collective violence reigned uncontested. It's only when the first stone thrower takes the initiative that the rest becomes easy. We need models to imitate mindlessly to hide our complicity in violence.

Dehumanization of the Victim

It's also clear why Jesus averted his eyes to the ground when confronting his violent crowd. The beggar tried the same tactic by feigning blindness but eventually gave up and met their eyes, only for the crowd to project its own hatred onto him. Finally, we see that after the stones are removed, the text completes the total dehumanization of the victim. He is no longer man but a hell hound for pagan history to remember.

Whenever we put our brother or sister in a cage for a nonviolent act, we continue this blind crowd violence Jesus battles against. Like our ancient forebears, we are blinded by myth, now called ideology, pragmatism, or brute ignorance to place human beings into cages where assault and rape are rampant. By placing nonviolent people in cages, we bear false witness against them: we performatively accuse them of violence, the very thing we're guilty of doing to them. Physical separation should only be considered for those who seek to hurt others. Anything else is convenient deceit borne of fear and envy.

Girard contrasts the collective violence with Jesus's nonviolent personhood revolution:

"The Passion and Crucifixion are very much the same mimetic process as the 'miracle' of Apollonius, the same collective transference against an innocent victim, but instead of being written in the spirit of the persecutors, also called in the Gospels the spirit of Satan, a word which means the successful but deceptive accuser of innocent victims,---they are inspired by another Spirit entirely, the Holy Spirit, also called the Paraclete, a word which means the lawyer for the defense, the defender of wrongly accused victims."

Christians who are awake, be the Paraclete to your neighbors suffering from collective violence. Tell their stories. Show the deceit and violence committed against them. Refuse to participate in it through voting rites and jury violence.

Secularists of the liberty movement, be the Paraclete to your neighbors the Church at large often struggles to be. Forget the Church's hypocrisy and doctrinal worship: they're humans wrestling with vestiges of sacred collective violence just like the rest of us. Be the Defender when they are not. Show them how it's done.

I often say Jesus is the founder of the liberty movement and it sometimes scandalizes people. What are you doing mixing *him* in there?

I see true liberty as the absence of fear: the fear of death and lack of fullness of being that drives people to limitless envy and violence to find release from said tension. But it also includes the liberty movement as popularly conceived today: a movement of people animated by desire to no longer participate in collective violence against their neighbors.

I think all people should study and imitate Jesus, whether they consider themselves religious Christians or secular. *13

The Elite “Have No Idea” Society is Near the Breaking Point

What I find most surprising today is that the insiders and the elite have **no idea what is percolating just beneath the surface**. Okay, maybe their arrogance actually produces its own fog, so it should not come as a surprise that they are blinded. They do not look at the calendar, which, if one really looks, says "1788" on it. **Something is close. Very close. Society is near the breaking point.**

My own experience is that **Hillary's so-called Deplorables are actually the most reserved, most polite, and most honest demographic in the country**. They are more informed, more self-reliant, and among other things, better armed. Regarding their arms, they are incredibly responsible, and not the source of the violence for which the implement, and not the person, is too often blamed. The Deplorables have the longest fuse. It is, however, a fuse.

Alt Left, on the other hand, are the Neo Fascists and Neo Neocons. It is Alt Left that thinks Free Speech means THEIR speech only. It is Alt Left that needs 'safe spaces' and wants to enforce thought crime.

It is Alt Left, and its media lapdog sites, that is heavily into censorship of ideas that diverge from their approved ideology. It is Alt Left that champions regime change and ratcheting up the rhetoric against Russia. It is Alt Left that believes it has an inherent right, even an obligation, to lie and obfuscate if it serves their greater purpose.

Perhaps most significant is that it is Alt Left who so quickly resorts to violence and vandalism when confronted with people and ideas with which it takes exception. Never has that been as clear as in this election cycle.

The Deplorables, however, are not possessed of infinite patience. Like a capacitor, there is a charge building, and at some point it will be released into the circuitry of society.

The media and other insiders believe themselves to be immune. That thought no doubt results from being immersed inside a cocoon where dissonant voices are not allowed. When the levee breaks, or the capacitor releases its charge, they are going to be gob smacked.

Precious few of them are anywhere near as immune as they believe themselves to be. Additionally, what they might think, or hope, is their support, their security, their safe space, doesn't really exist.

Most of society's guardians, whether they are law enforcement or military, are card-carrying members of the Deplorables.

France was similarly constructed in the late 1780s. The elite were isolated only in thought, not in reality. Their protection was of a Potemkin Village nature: not actually there, but merely a facade that gave them false comfort.

They paid dearly for their arrogance and ignorance.

History may not repeat, but it does rhyme. The calendar really does seem to say 1788, so 1789---and 1792--are not as far off as some would like to believe.

This is not a call to arms, but it is a call to reality. Ignore it at your own peril.

Some may see these words as a threat. They are not. They are, however, a warning, and a warning from someone who is a student of history.

Every society eventually reaches a breaking point. Ours is nearly there. Some of those who might feel threatened, the so-called elite and insiders, think that they can buy protection as easily as they can buy a Gulfstream. How naïve! Who are the private security contractors? Who are the various SOGs? Like law enforcement and the rest of the military, they are the Deplorables. The Deplorables will take your money, but you will not take their lives. Better said, they won't give up their lives for you or your family. The security you believe you have purchased is an illusion. Make that delusion. Best to get that out front here and now.

Some who feel threatened, or nervous, might fall back on the tired adage of 'We gave them (the Deplorables) everything; what do they think they will do without us?' Well, the use of 'we' is arrogant, because those who have actually produced something of value are few and far between. Industrialists, for lack of a better term, are those who produced for society things of lasting value. There are few true industrialists today, and many who still remain have shipped their production overseas, jacking up the compensation of bonus-based execs, but contributing to the hollowing out of America. The true industrialists did produce the cars, trucks, machine tools, generators, servers and even computers. They produced lifesaving medicines and treatments. They made steel plants and built railroads.

They produced jobs. They even produced the guns that the Deplorables have by the hundreds of millions. The Deplorables recognize that entire contribution.

Mark Zuckerberg, however, is not Henry Ford. Jack Dorsey is not Andrew Carnegie. Mark Benioff is not John Rockefeller. Lloyd Blankfein is not John Pierpont Morgan. (Elon Musk might turn out to be someone of significance, if he is allowed to fail and is forgiven for it. Time will tell.) The old Robber Barons, despite their faults, did produce things of lasting value.

What did these new 'titans of industry' give us? Facebook? Snapchat?

Twitter? They gave us banality and pabulum. Some embraced it, despite its triteness, perhaps because all other meaning had already been lost, like America's exported jobs. These new titans, Neo Titans, did little more than help dumb down society. They made America less productive, less curious, more pedestrian. Maybe they think they gave us the internet, but credit for that goes to DARPA, which is to say the military, which is to say the Deplorables. The Neo Titans gave America nothing, at least nothing positive. Social networking? Gaming? Selfies?

The Deplorables can live without the silly oxymoron called social networking, which, as anyone who looks at it objectively knows, is anything but social. We don't care what two thousand of our fake friends had for breakfast, or what Andrew Ross Sorkin thinks of the latest Presidential debate. He probably thinks we do. After all, he has 'Twitter Followers,' whom he assumes live and die by his every Tweet. We can live without that. I wonder if his ego can? He, and those of his ilk, are merely Kim Kardashians without knowing it. They are the talentless dishing out white bread to the emotionally and spiritually starved.

Some might think this is all Trump's fault. Again, that shows a degree of ignorance and naïveté which characterizes the elite. Trump is a symptom, not a cause. He might even be a salve, as the changes he could bring might defuse some of the current anger.

On the other hand, Hillary is a lit match in a room of dynamite. She, like many of the self-important, thinks her very existence is a favor to the rest of us. She epitomizes the absolute worst of what America has become. Above the law, wealthy not through accomplishment, but through influence peddling only, and a bull in a china shop in terms of her effect on both the country and the world---and I apologize to bulls for that analogy. The world is more unstable because of her.

America is less safe because of her. Russia and the US---the two largest nuclear powers---are more at odds because of her. With her in power, we will reach the breaking point at home and internationally, perhaps leading to 'accidental' nuclear war, as the heightened rhetoric impacts clear thinking. Society is more stratified because of her. Race relations have deteriorated because of her (and Obama).

There are few current ills in society and in geopolitics that cannot be laid at her feet, at least to some extent. The Great Deceiver to many, who exhibits an astonishing aversion to truth telling, is enough to make even an agnostic wonder if the anti-Christ hasn't finally arrived for its three and a half years of rule.

A recently hacked email of John Podesta finds him saying "she (Hillary) has begun to hate everyday Americans". No doubt the same feelings were voiced by Nicolas Ceaucescu. It turned out the feeling was mutual.

Elect Hillary, and continue with business as usual, and it is likely this warning will become an epitaph for the America we know. Society may collapse regardless, because the rot is already very great, but she will hasten the day of reckoning.

The Deplorables have already considered what is coming. They are as prepared as they can be. Years of decline have enabled many to build their survival skills, to make due with less, to build real communities where one man can trust another, to discover what is truly important and what can and should be salvaged from this society.

Outside of that demographic, however, people are stark naked. They are vulnerable in ways they simply cannot imagine. They are unprepared and unskilled for what will matter most. They are cannon fodder living on borrowed time.

History is full of examples of this sort of collapse. We humans have always rolled along a sine wave of progress and decline, of civility and social unrest. We think we have outgrown the sort of mayhem with which the history books are full, but that thought stems from recency bias. Most of history---the vast majority---is not peaceful.

Societies are not, on average, stable and safe. Thomas Hobbes knew that quite well, as evidenced in his most famous quote. **Humanity is likely on the verge of returning to the mean, and the mean is exactly that: mean.** In case some have forgotten their Hobbes: solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.

*Have a nice day. *14*

Venezuela is Showing How the Socialist Death Spiral Works

The basic principle is actually very simple: Given freedom to buy and sell stuff without government restriction (a situation sometimes referred to as "capitalism"), each year humans figure out small ways to work a little more efficiently or make their product or service a little better in order to improve their own lives. This phenomenon is

observed as economic growth. Conversely, under conditions where buying and selling stuff is severely restricted and government controls who gets what, people devote their energies not to working more efficiently or making better products, but rather to getting in on more and more of the government largesse. In the sectors of the economy dominated by government restrictions and handouts, economic production shrinks, first a little, and then faster and faster. I have called this phenomenon the "Socialist Death Spiral."

But it is important to recognize that the Socialist Death Spiral is difficult to spot in its early stages, when all you have to go by are government-produced numbers. All government statistics, in all countries, are designed and engineered to favor government spending in order to make those in power look good and help them grow their spending empires. All government spending on goods and services is counted as a one-hundred-cents-on-the-dollar addition to GDP. So if the government borrows a billion dollars and spends it on a completely wasteful and useless project (solar panels for Buffalo anyone?), the GDP accountants count that as a one billion dollar increase in GDP. This kind of thing can keep GDP apparently growing for a long time, even as it is really shrinking. Then one day the whole house of cards collapses.

In Venezuela strongman Hugo Chavez came to power in 1999. He embarked on a long list of explicitly socialist programs: nationalizing many formerly privately-owned businesses (the remainder of the oil industry, telecoms, utilities, cement, etc., etc.); extensive price controls and subsidies for widely-used consumer products; massive government spending on public housing; currency and exchange controls; hiring lots more government employees; etc., etc. And how did that go? At first it seemed as if all was going well, at least if you believed the government numbers. From an article by Oscar Raul Cardosa in 2006:

Chavez stepped on the gas for his social reforms—education, healthcare, etc - and also in regard to breaking down the country's excessive concentrations of wealth. ... Chavez presided over economic growth of nine per cent in 2005 and ... the first quarter of 2006. Above all, however, he has achieved a 6.3 per cent effective reduction of poverty, after taking over a country whose vast majority—80 per cent—was perched between poverty and squalor.

To his credit, Cardosa does recognize that Chavez may have been helped by the good luck of rising oil prices during his early years in power; but Cardosa shows no skepticism at all as to whether the government numbers were accurate or honest. Move a few years later, and Venezuela was still managing to keep up the image of success, even as skeptics were asking whether it could really be possible. Try this article from Salon as late as 2013, titled "Hugo Chavez's Economic Miracle" (you can't make this stuff up):

[A]s shown by some of the most significant indicators, Chavez racked up an economic record that a legacy-obsessed American president could only dream of achieving. For instance, according to data compiled by the UK Guardian, Chavez's first decade in office saw Venezuelan GDP more than double and both infant mortality and unemployment almost halved. Then there is a remarkable graph from the World Bank that shows that under Chavez's brand of socialism, poverty in Venezuela plummeted (the Guardian reports that its "extreme poverty" rate fell from 23.4 percent in 1999 to 8.5 percent just a decade later). In all, that left the country with the third lowest poverty rate in Latin America. Additionally, as Weisbrot points out, "college enrollment has more than doubled, millions of people have access to health care for the first time and the number of people eligible for public pensions has quadrupled."

Of course, that was all right before the bottom fell out. I particularly like the line in the Salon article about "infant mortality" being "halved." The lead front-page story in today's New York Times gives us an update on that. The article is titled, "Dying Infants and No Medicine: Inside Venezuela's Failing Hospitals." Here's how the article starts:

By morning, three newborns were already dead. The day had begun with the usual hazards: chronic shortages of antibiotics, intravenous solutions, even food. Then a blackout swept over the city, shutting down the respirators in the maternity ward. Doctors kept ailing infants alive by pumping air into their lungs by hand for hours. By nightfall, four more newborns had died.

What, are you telling me that socialism can't completely fix infant mortality, let alone make all human existence perfectly just and fair? Read on in the article and you find that the rate of deaths among babies less than a month old has recently multiplied by a factor of *one hundred*, going from 0.02% to 2% between just 2012 and 2015. And that was *before* the recent electricity and food crises! And then there's this description of the general economic situation in the country today:

The economic crisis in this country has exploded into a public health emergency, claiming the lives of untold numbers of Venezuelans. It is just part of a larger unraveling here that has become so severe it has prompted President Nicolás Maduro to impose a state of emergency and has raised fears of a government collapse. . . . Lines for food, long a feature of life in Venezuela, now erupt into looting. The bolívar, the country's currency, is nearly worthless.

And meanwhile, from Europe, comes news that at least a few people over there are beginning to recognize the problem of the Socialist Death Spiral—although I haven't seen anyone but me use that term yet. In a letter published yesterday in Britain's Telegraph newspaper, some 300 corporate CEO's have decided to buck trendy establishment opinion and advocate for the UK's exit from the EU. The reason: the stagnation brought about by the bureaucratic EU model:

Year-on-year the EU buys less from Britain because its economies are stagnant and millions of people are unemployed. According to Mervyn King, the former governor of the Bank of England, the euro "might explode". Brussels' red tape stifles every one of Britain's 5.4 million businesses, even though only a small minority actually trade with the EU. It is business—not government—which generates wealth for the Treasury and jobs for our communities. Outside the EU, British business will be free to grow faster, expand into new markets and create more jobs. It's time to vote leave and take back control.

Amen. Are you listening, Bernie Sanders? In Europe, government spending in most countries is around 50% of GDP. In round numbers, that means that only half the economy is growing, and fully half is very likely shrinking (although not reflected in the official government numbers). And then there are the big spenders with government spending in excess of 50% of GDP—the likes of Greece, Italy, and even France. Their official numbers show stagnation, but the likely reality is that if you could accurately take account of the (larger) shrinking sector of the economy, and net it against the (smaller) growing sector, you would have net shrinkage. If past experience is any guide, when the crisis comes, it will hit all at once.

We have a world sadly lacking in examples of the opposite economic strategy, but one comes today from the Economics21 branch of the Manhattan Institute. It is Latvia. In an article titled "Latvia's Free Market Success Story," Preston Cooper shows that from 1995 to 2015 Latvia's per capita GDP has almost tripled, from about \$8000 to almost \$23,000. How did they do it?

Latvia followed the exact opposite of the Krugman-Keynesian prescription. The nation maintained its currency peg and cut government spending instead of increasing it. The medicine worked: with broad public support, Latvia abolished half of its government agencies and cut the state workforce by 30 percent, according to Āslund and Dombrovskis. Coupled with regulatory and education reform, this downsizing galvanized the private sector and brought the country roaring back.

I would be as skeptical of Latvia's numbers as anyone else's. But notice that these guys actually cut government spending and the size of government, which eliminates the principal fraud of faking economic growth by counting government spending as a full addition to GDP. There's a very good chance that this one is real. ^{*15}

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How to do deal with socialists(...)

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I have already been sentenced to 3 years in jail for "hate speech" in France and now live in exile. Last thursday, i was tried - again - for "hate speech" by socialist politicians. Judges asked for me to be sentenced to 4 yours in jail this time.

But I had my ammos ready. So i leaked a video of french socialist MP sodomizing himself with various objects.

That's not it : he used to send those videos to women he was harrassing on a daily basis. I published pictures of the women he was beating during his BDSM sex party. I published the bank receipts proving he bribed the victims to shup up.

Now he's completely screwed and i have more on others.

><https://www.youporn.com/watch/13870701/jean-paul-dupr-dput-du-parti-socialiste/>

ABOVE: TRUE OR FAKE? SCREENSHOT OF ANONYMOUS POST VIA TWITTER, DESCRIBING THEIR ATTEMPTS FIGHTING 'ABUSE OF POWER'.

Family Fights City's Grab of 9-Acre Island

Officials declare private property a rookery, allow only camping.

A Florida family has gone to the state's Supreme Court in hopes of reining in a city's decision to simply take a nine-acre island they inherited from their parents by declaring it a bird rookery and banning everything but "temporary" camping on the private property.

"The city is violating the Constitution by refusing to pay the family a meaningful form of 'just compensation,' as the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause demands when government seizes private property or prohibits any economically beneficial use of it," said officials in the Pacific Legal Foundation, which is working on the case for the Beyer family.

The city did say it would allow the family to go buy other land elsewhere and develop that, instead, by granting them permission in the city's limited growth scheme.

But that's not good enough, according to the petition filed with the Florida court.

"This case is about an uncompensated property grab—literally, an unconstitutional island grab," said Mark Miller, a lawyer to runs PLF's Florida Office.

"The island has been seized from the Beyers in all but name. Although the city is oh-so-generously allowing the family to continue paying taxes on their island property, and to retain all the liabilities that come with property ownership, bureaucrats have commandeered the actual use of it for purposes of their own choosing. The Beyers aren't allowed to do anything but camp on the island, and they haven't been offered a dime in reimbursement."

He continued, "We're asking the Florida Supreme Court to take this case—and we're prepared to go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. ... The city's excuse for not compensating the Beyers is, literally, 'for the birds.' So-called development points or credits are not a tangible payment. At best, they amount to guesswork about possible development at some undetermined time in some unidentified place. At worst, they amount to peanuts in a shell game. Either way, the Constitution's protections for property owners are being evaded, not obeyed."

Gordon and Molly Beyer bought Bamboo Key, in Monroe County, for \$70,000 in 1970. It then was authorized to hold one house per acre—for a total of nine building sites.

Over the years, however, various changes were made to building regulations and eventually when Marathon, Florida, was incorporated at a city, it took control of the land by declaring it a bird rookery, saying that only temporary camping was allowed.

Instead, the city said, it would allow the family under its limited-growth plan to buy land elsewhere and develop it instead.

Not good enough, the PLF charges.

The case is on behalf of Tom, Hugh and Teresa Beyer, who, according to the lower court, had no "distinct investment backed expectations for the property."

“Fortunately for the Beyers, the Fifth Amendment provides that the government cannot take private property for public use without just compensation, and with the help of PLF, this family is determined to fight for its constitutional right to receive compensation for the taking of its property,” the legal team explained.

“Our father spent so much time thinking about building a house on Bamboo Key, it was sad that by the time he retired and had the time to devote to the project, the government had taken away his ability to develop it,” said Tom Beyer, in a statement released by the legal team.

“He pursued the court case but, unfortunately, it outlived him. I know that he wanted us to be able to develop the island as we saw fit and to continue to pursue the court case to see the injustice put right. We are grateful that PLF is helping us pursue that goal.”

Miller warned of the consequences of not challenging that island grab.

“The principles at stake in this case are important for all property owners, large or small, wherever they live. To paraphrase a famous poet, no property owner is an island to himself. When property rights are eroded for some landowners, they are weakened for the rest of us as well. This case asks the crucial question: When government takes property, is real restitution required or can officials get by with offering an empty substitute?”

“The Florida Supreme Court should take this case not just to right the wrong done to the Beyer family, but also to affirm, more broadly, that ‘just compensation’ means ‘just compensation,’ and any form of bureaucratic counterfeit won’t do,” he said. ^{*16}

Trump's Magic is Not From Human Power

Most people do not understand the magic working through President Donald Trump.

He controls and confounds the media (“the opposition party”)—and they don’t know they’re being controlled! They endlessly attack him and insinuate suspicions of collusion with “Russia.” Trump tweeted that Obama “wire tapped” Trump Tower, and for weeks they shouted, “There’s no proof!” But as proof comes out, they remain in denial.

Trump struck Syria after the alleged “chemical attack” and got the media on his side (although he put his nationalist and Christian supporters very much on edge).

He dropped a bomb on ISIS, and so sent a message to North Korea and Iran. The terrorists now know they’re not dealing with a girly man like they’ve been for the past eight years under Obama.

Meanwhile, Trump took bids to build the wall. Jeff Sessions (who will go down as the greatest attorney general in history) announced that the border in the “Trump era” is no longer open, restoring the morale of border agents. Sessions laid out a logical policy to stop criminal illegal aliens from hurting Americans. Border crossings are reportedly down 70 percent. The theft of jobs and services by illegal aliens, plus the drugs and the crime they bring (especially affecting poorer black Americans), are coming to an end.

Most blacks do not recognize that Donald Trump is their white savior, but his attorney general is cleaning up the violent ghettos by untying the hands of police, after Black Lives Matter's coup of police departments under Obama. Remember, the long-obsolete NAACP ("National Association against Colored People") and godless liberals like Cory Booker accused Jeff Sessions of being "racist." They side with criminals and thrive on black misery and anger.

Despite attacks from the children of evil, Trump works to protect and strengthen America, just as Barack Obama worked shamelessly to destroy and weaken America.

Remember when Obama went on his "apology tour" and bowed to our enemies? Evil grew, and America diminished. In contrast, Trump is meeting with leaders, maintaining his dignity and graciousness and winning them over to support our interests.

"The Last Refuge" described how Trump invited Chinese President Xi Jinping to his Mar-a-Lago resort. Trump's granddaughter sang in Mandarin to Xi and his wife, an act of honor and personal respect. As Kim Jong-un in North Korea gets more reckless in word and action, China is pulling some of its support for North Korea, turning its coal ships around, taking ours instead and even offering help to get rid of North Korea's nuclear weapons.

As Christians, we are supposed to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We are to be "cunning as serpents and innocent as doves." President Trump appears to be a living example of this.

Notice how, despite all opposition, he maintains a good attitude. Remember how nasty Obama acted when challenged, when his anti-Second Amendment agenda was frustrated? You don't see that spirit with Trump when things don't go his way. This sets a good example in the country. I've long pointed out how his family, even after his unfortunate past wrongs, divorces and remarriage, still love and respect him.

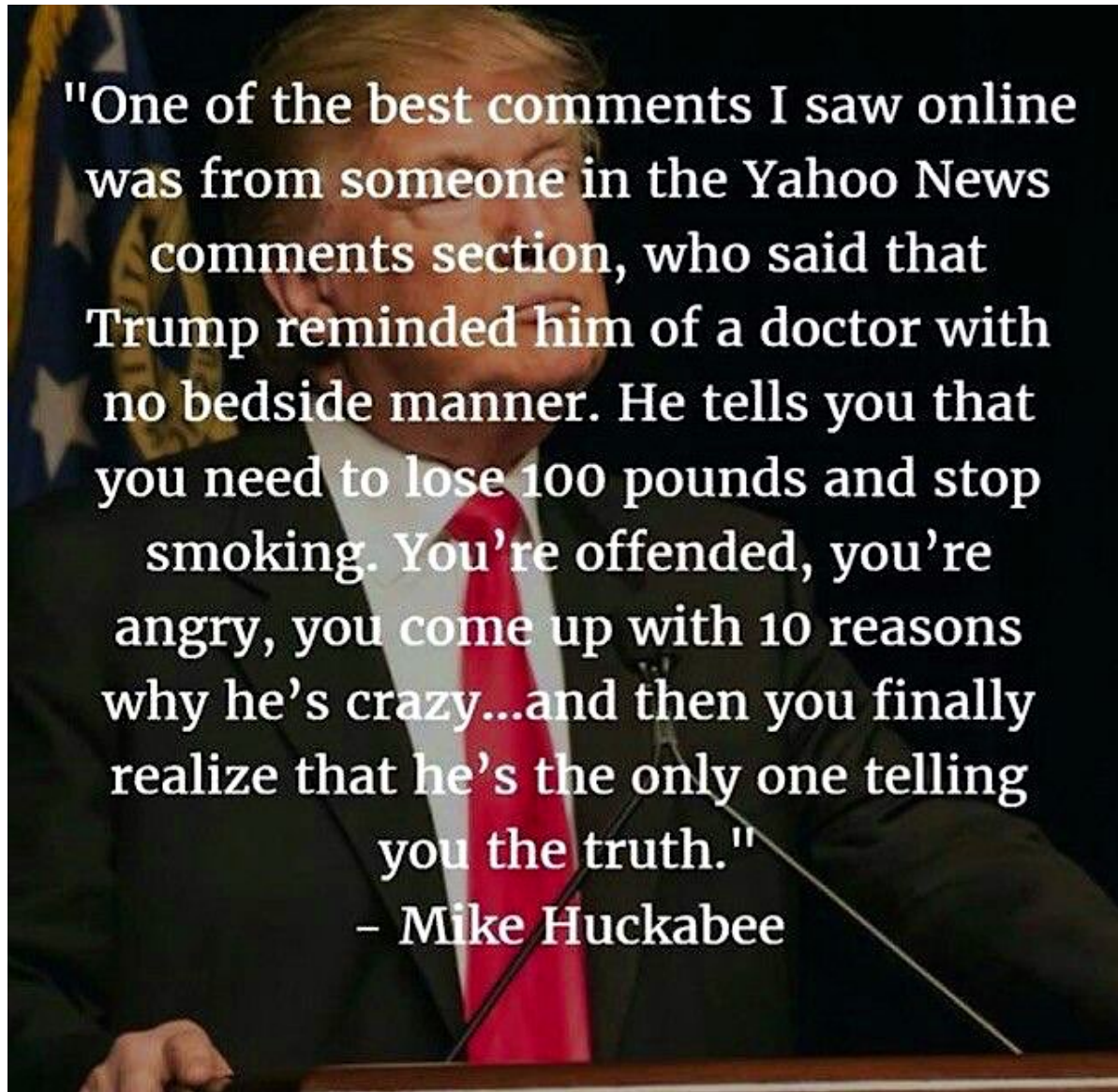
Do not be dismayed at the attacks on Trump or the strong men who have stood with him (such as Gen. Mike Flynn, Steve Bannon or Sean Spicer). These men can take their hits. It's time we stood up and took ours.

Jesus Christ came and died so that we might return to the Father. As Christians, we are to overcome the world, not be overcome by the world. Trump seems to be overcoming the world—overcoming evil with good. Too many Christians today are lost in intellectualism and emotionalism, pontificating, complaining and fighting in the wrong way as their character and families slide into hell. Yet the mind of God is spiritual and present, with no fear, doubt or confusion. It produces strong action.

I've long said that if we don't rebuild men, it's over for society. Remember when President Ronald Reagan brought such goodness and hope to America? What happened when he left office? America continued its downward moral dive. After Reagan, we've grown worse off than we've ever been morally. Men and families continue to crumble spiritually. No matter what physical good President Trump brings to America, our country will be an empty shell without men becoming men again...

Evil will always do what it does, because Satan is the father of this world. The children of Satan, like Obama, the media and politicians, are supposed to do evil. It's time for men and women to do the work of good, not back down – starting with our character and our own families.

This Easter, let's face the spiritual battle in the country with confidence that God our Father is with us. *¹⁷



ABOVE: *18

"Leftists are so stupid it hurts to have to analyze their thoughts. America is an idea, not just a landmass, a military and a flag. And that idea is that the individual is THE SOVEREIGN with inalienable rights that CANNOT be granted or usurped by The State. And The State only exists by the consent of the governed, and they delegate a LIMITED amount of their power to said state. It is life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is the freedom for the INDIVIDUAL to make his life his own, as chaotic and messy as necessary. Why is America the Great Satan to the Left? It's because they do not want individuals in charge of their own destiny, which leads to conflicts and unequal outcomes. Leftists want to mentally ENSLAVE everyone into an orderly and egalitarian anti-human, feudal society. They are cowards to the bone and can't stand war, so they want complete control over everyone so there is no fighting. They intend to remove all differences between people: nation, s3x, gender, s3xual orientation, wealth, race, and on it goes. They want to kill humanity and replace it not with "World Citizens", but rather androgynous, bi-s3xual, purple penguin World Subjects. Because at the end of the day, the real problem is that Leftists HATE PEOPLE, including themselves." —*I_Am_Me*

REDEMPTION OF THE BEAST:

The Carbon Cycle and the Demonization of CO2

Is Climate Change Becoming More Severe?

Most climatologists are in agreement that the global climate has warmed somewhere around a degree Fahrenheit since the middle of the 19th century and the easing of the Little Ice Age. Actually the IPCC placed the warming at about .85 degrees Celsius. However, and this is a fact: one degree of warming, or even two degrees, is well within the range of natural variability, as measured over decades, through centuries and up to millennia, and there is no way of determining that the warming of the last century is not entirely natural, or if not, to what extent it is natural versus anthropogenic.

It is also accepted by computer modelers working for the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) that the relatively miniscule increase of carbon dioxide in the global atmosphere by the burning of fossil fuels alone is not enough to initiate catastrophic warming, so the modelers amplify the effect by introducing positive feedbacks primarily in the form of water vapor. But the reality of such amplification is by no means certain either. In another essay I will take on the larger context of changing global temperatures through time, a perspective whose absence from the discussion precludes any meaningful comprehension of modern climate variability.

The assertion that we are seeing increased severity and frequency of storms, hurricanes, inclement weather, drought, and all the other things that are now being blamed upon or linked to “climate change” (meaning anthropogenic greenhouse warming) is contradicted by proxy records—the historical record and our own direct experience of the last century. There is no evidence, for example, that the severity, intensity or frequency of hurricanes have increased commensurate with rising CO2 concentrations. Likewise with droughts, storms in general or any other extreme weather or climate events. Yet the claim is regularly made and then propagated by mainstream media, as if it was a given, that all of this is happening right now to an intensified degree and somehow the claims are never accompanied by any verifiable supporting data or evidence...

Sea level rise over the last century, about 6-8 inches, has proceeded at the same pace that it did the previous century, before humans were burning fossil fuels. Glaciers have been receding rather steadily since the end of the Little Ice Age in the early to mid-19th century, again, since before humans were burning fossil fuels or contributing meaningfully to the atmospheric carbon pool. In future essays I shall examine some of these questions regarding increasing climate severity in greater depth.

Concluding Remarks and Thoughts for the Future

To bring this little treatise on the relationship between the planetary biosphere and carbon dioxide to a close, I will refer back to the work of Rogers and Dahlman, authors of Crop responses to CO2 enrichment, from which I quoted earlier. Reiterating the words of these authors, the two factors absolutely essential for proper function of vital plant processes are photosynthetic activity and water use, both which are enhanced in a carbon dioxide enriched environment, and, most importantly, as far as the human perspective is concerned, they say: *“The proper function of these two vital plant processes can spell the difference between feast and famine,”*—a circumstance that ought to be pondered deeply by those with a vested interest in the future.

“The difference between feast and famine.”

Adequate food and water are two of the most critical issues facing a large portion of the human race. With Earth's population approaching 10 billion within two generations, an increase of 30% in the global food supply could spell the difference between prosperity and mass starvation. It should be borne in mind that famine often precedes the outbreak of widespread epidemics due to malnourishment that compromises human immune systems. Widespread hunger could be the factor that kindles the global pandemic that is so concerning to some medical professionals. To some eco-fanatics a major depopulation might be construed as a good thing. On the other hand it need not happen, and there is no doubt whatsoever that the human species can learn to live in harmony with the Earth.

Feast or famine?

Is it possible that the outcome of these two strikingly different scenarios for the future might be significantly affected by the addition of a bit more carbon dioxide to the global atmosphere?

Is it possible that the reclamation of regions of the planet now arid and desolate might become a reality by the addition of a bit more carbon dioxide to the global atmosphere?

Is it possible that the range of Earth's vegetation canopy has been at its geographical and ecological limit under ambient concentrations of carbon dioxide and that its range is now expanding with increased availability of CO₂?

Is it possible that through the release of a tiny fraction of the huge amount of stored carbon dioxide, the intensity of glacial-interglacial transitions might be ameliorated to some extent?

Is it possible that the cycle of glacial ages gripping the Earth for the past ~2.6 million years has caused the accelerated siphoning and sequestration of the global atmospheric carbon dioxide budget through intensified weathering, locking away vast amounts into the ocean floor and ultimately Earth's crust, thereby contributing to a self-perpetuating, negative feedback, amplification of global cooling?

Is it possible that some factor, at this point unidentified, effected a major environmental downturn at the dawn of the Quaternary Period some 2.6 million years ago, an event from which the Earth never fully recovered, and that now, by releasing a tiny fraction of sequestered carbon dioxide, we humans are providing terrestrial nature with the remedy she requires to return to her full biological glory?

These are all legitimate questions to ask, questions we must not be deterred from asking because they go against the agendas of certain political factions who, if their policies come to pass, would drive human civilization straight back into the Dark Ages.

What is needed is an honest accounting of the true social cost of carbon, one that recognizes there is a direct benefit as well as a cost to increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide. What is also needed is research uncontaminated by political agendas. And, the inclusion of the study of NATURAL climate change—another 800 pound gorilla in the room—that Hermann Flohn, one of the founding fathers of modern climatology, called the Sword of Damocles suspended over the Earth.

I am not here arguing that all is rosy with continued rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide. There will be negatives and limitations, as with any change or any course of action. For sure, the use of fossil fuels needs to be superseded at some point, but it has become clear that the case for imminent carbon dioxide fueled catastrophe is being overstated, and this for political and economic reasons. There are some very interesting possibilities on the horizon

as far as alternatives to fossil fuel are concerned, but the irony is that to get there from here and to make the conversion is going to require a major expenditure of energy—energy available now and in the near future in the form of hydrocarbon based fuels. That is why it is critically important in the meantime that our extraction and consumption of energy from the vault of Nature be directed to the highest and best use.

Here we come to what I think is the most glaringly obvious first step in getting our human act together on planet Earth: The abolition of war, which, in its preparation and execution consumes extreme amounts of energy, more in aggregate than any other human activity, and, in its aftermath, continues consuming large amounts of energy in the reconstruction and repair of destroyed infrastructure that already consumed energy in its creation, and to which must be added the wasting of human capital and destroyed lives. The abolition of war would be the ultimate environmental and social conservation measure that we humans could realize, short of protecting the Earth from the next cosmic encounter. Beyond that, conservation and prudent use of all resources are, manifestly, very good things. How ironic that the environmental movement, generally composed of partisans of the Neo-liberal left, supports a Democratic Party that has continued to encourage and promote the endless interventions and wars that squander our resources and trample on our liberties.

Secondly, an unleashing of the creative, entrepreneurial, inventive spirit that was once the primary animating force of the great enterprise called America, will be the essential and indispensable prerequisite for achieving the conversion to a post-carbon future. This will come about as a natural consequence of the restoration of freedom, in spirit and in fact, freedom which is now being progressively and continuously abridged, degraded, and stifled by the disproportionate growth of political, governmental and corporate bodies that consume ever-greater amounts of our planet's natural capital in the commission of unproductive, counterproductive, and destructive activities.

And, we need debate—lots of debate. Not “*the science is settled, the debate is over*” cop-out of misanthropic neo-luddite eco-fanatics, or the self-serving promoters of greenhouse warming doom. These misguided individuals would, in the implementation of their agenda, render the Earth vulnerable to the next cosmic encounter that will disrupt the balance of nature far beyond the meager influence of human beings. And if you think that this idea is far-fetched, or belongs in the realm of science fiction, well, all I can say is that you haven't been paying attention. The scars of uncountable cosmic catastrophes are all around us, but few of us have eyes to see; the agents of these cosmic catastrophes are profusely abundant in our celestial neighborhood and are now showing themselves with disconcerting frequency. Evidence of the real threat to the environment of this planet is preserved beneath our feet and displayed over our heads—it is undeniable and it is there for all to see. But, billions of dollars are being spent every year to create the illusion that human activities are destroying the Earth and too many people are falling for the computerized smoke and mirrors and statistical sleight of hand that has transformed a precious, life-sustaining trace gas into a ghastly demon of planetary destruction that can only be subdued by totalitarian control of society and a massive wealth transfer into the hands of government and vested interests.

So, in light of all of the foregoing, I am compelled to ask this question: Could it possibly be that what we have been told now for almost three decades by promoters of greenhouse doom, self-serving political and economic partisans, and fanatical environmentalists who obsess over a slight increase in a vital trace gas and believe that planetary salvation requires terminating industrial civilization is the complete opposite of the reality of the matter?

On the other hand the conclusion has become unavoidable that by releasing a few hundred gigatons of the more than 100 million gigatons of carbon dioxide locked away in the rocks of this planet, we are literally stimulating a greening of the Earth along with enough gentle warming to help nudge the planet out of the Little Ice Age, results completely unanticipated at the commencement of the fossil fuel age... *¹⁹

The 'God' Who Carries Around Some Dangerous Demons

"Frankly, I don't think I'll need to do a lot more," Democratic philanthropist George Soros bragged to USA Today just a few months ago. "I now take the defeat of Bush more or less for granted."

Unfortunately for him, that defeat no longer seems so certain, so the billionaire, who had spent more than \$15 million in an attempt to get John F. Kerry elected, is now trying to protect his earlier investments by throwing in an additional \$3 million.

"America, under Bush, is a danger to the world," says Soros. To save the world and prevent the reelection of George W. Bush, Soros has dedicated extraordinary amounts of time and money because defeating Bush, he says, is his "central focus." His motto, "If I spend enough, I will make it right," is the essence of his articulated ideas about changing society.

It seems that Soros believes he was anointed by God. "I fancied myself as some kind of god ..." he once wrote. "If truth be known, I carried some rather potent messianic fantasies with me from childhood, which I felt I had to control, otherwise they might get me in trouble."

When asked by Britain's Independent newspaper to elaborate on that passage, Soros said, "It is a sort of disease when you consider yourself some kind of god, the creator of everything, but I feel comfortable about it now since I began to live it out."

Since I began to live it out. Those unfamiliar with Soros would probably dismiss the statement out of hand. But for those who have followed his career and sociopolitical endeavors, it cannot be taken quite so lightly.

Soros has proved that with the vast resources of money at his command he has the ability to make the once unthinkable acceptable. His work as a self-professed "amoral" financial speculator has left millions in poverty when their national currencies were devaluated, and he pumped so much cash into shaping former Soviet republics to his liking that he has bragged that the former Soviet empire is now the "Soros Empire."

Now he's turned his eye on the internal affairs of the United States. Today's U.S., he writes in his latest book, "The Bubble of American Supremacy," is a "threat to the world," run by a Republican Party that is the devil child of an unholy alliance between "market fundamentalists" and "religious fundamentalists." We have become a "supremacist" nation.

During a speech at Columbia University's commencement ceremonies, Soros said, "If President Bush is reelected, we must ask the question, 'What is wrong with us?'" He has written that he always "felt that modern society in general and America in particular suffer from a deficiency of values."

Bush's aggressive waging of the war on terrorism has only increased these feelings. "When President Bush says, as he does frequently, that freedom will prevail, in fact he means that America will prevail," Soros writes. Who would Soros prefer to see "prevail"? Saddam Hussein? Osama bin Laden?

Despite his reputation as an international philanthropist, Soros remains candid about his true charitable tendencies. "I am sort of a deus ex machina," Soros told the New York Times in 1994. "I am something unnatural. I'm very comfortable with my public persona because it is one I have created for myself. It represents what I like to be as

distinct from what I really am. You know, in my personal capacity I'm not actually a selfless philanthropic person. I've very much self-centered."

Soros was more succinct when he explained his life philosophy to biographer Michael Kaufman. "I am kind of a nut who wants to have an impact," he said.

But the speculator's visions don't end there.

"Next to my fantasies about being God, I also have very strong fantasies of being mad," Soros once confided on British television. "In fact, my grandfather was actually paranoid. I have a lot of madness in my family. So far I have escaped it."

In his book, "Soros on Soros," he says: "I do not accept the rules imposed by others.... And in periods of regime change, the normal rules don't apply." Clearly, Soros considers himself to be someone who is able to determine when the "normal rules" should and shouldn't apply. ^{*20}

**Hitler gained control over Germany
because his "Brown Shirts",
aka the Sturmabteilung, disrupted
the meetings and rallies of his
opponents with violence.**



**Just keep in mind when MoveOn, DNC
& George Soros Pay Antifa to do same
thing when Conservatives speak**

ABOVE: MEME ^{*21} — QUOTING THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE: "IN 2016, HE [GEORGE SOROS] POURED AT LEAST \$25 MILLION INTO MOBILIZING DEMOCRATIC VOTERS IN AN EFFORT TO BOLSTER CLINTON AND OTHER CANDIDATES ON THE LEFT, A SOROS SPOKESMAN SAID." ^{*22}

Many Roads

There are many roads leading to our destination.
We are given the choice of which road to take.
Some of these choices are deceptive,
What starts as a three lane highway,
Will often become a steep and winding dirt track.
The scenic route may appear a little longer,
However, the scenic route is the most pleasant journey.
We can only reach our destination by travelling each step.
There is no other way for us to complete our journey.
We follow the path which we have chosen,
And following our chosen path is our destiny.
Our challenge is that we do not know,
Which path we have chosen,
But how we follow our path is our choice.
Whether we pursue a direct easy route,
Or a longer more difficult route is our choice.
What matters to our soul is that we follow our path,
Allowing ourselves to follow our path is the easy option.
There are no rules; we do not have to allow.
Each path will eventually lead us to where we want to go.
Our choice of path dictates the degree of difficulty,
That we will encounter on our journey.
We choose our degree of difficulty,
When we choose our path.
If we allow our instinct to guide us to experience,
Our path is easy and direct.
If we fight our instinct and attempt to control our path,
Our journey becomes difficult.
We choose our own path through our actions.

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