Stop and Thank God for the Tourists

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After the excitement over the statues and demonstrations, the media regain their strength. A little calm is put in place ... before the return of the turbulence ...

Riots ... attacks ... markets-actions ... students angry ... economy at half-mast ... danger of conflict ...

Sooner or later, the media will go back to the attack - and beat it up - on a subject or other ...

Around the world, the media continue to be indignant about Donald Trump ...

Here in France, the current seems even to turn against Emmanuel Macron ...

After all, in France or elsewhere, reforming the Labor Code, taxes, or regulations amounts to angering a group or other ...

Moreover, in the hubbub, the media stopped talking about the mountain of debt below our economy ...

No one is talking about the Federal Reserve or the ECB these days ... but behind the scenes, the states continue to create - day by day - masses of debt to be repaid.

Bitcoin, it continues to flamber in value ... going from 2.100 euros per piece to 3.300 euros per piece for 3 months ... but the market of Bitcoin remains a "drop of water" in the Ocean compared to the state currencies.

For comparison, the market size of crypto-currencies reached 120 billion euros in 2017 ... against 15.440 billion US government bonds circulating in the world.

Paris Attire Despite Everything

Despite the attacks, terrorism, and the rise of the Islamists, the common people shrugged their shoulders ...

Indeed, tourism rebounded in France in 2017 ... far exceeding expectations.

Le Figaro reports:

"The Japanese, the Chinese and the Americans are coming back ...

"... French tourist traffic grew by 6.4%, while international tourist traffic grew by 14.5% in the first half.

"The start of the year was marked by the return of foreign tourists, those who had the most sulked France last year: the Japanese are 40.5% more numerous than in 2016, the Chinese progress from 29, 5% and Americans - the region's largest international clientele with 1.14 million tourists - see their attendance increase by 20.5%.

"Overall, since January," tourism consumption amounts to 10.1 billion euros, a gain of 1.1 billion euros for tourism professionals in the Ile-de-France, "also notes the CRT's press release.

It would seem, France has recovered in 2017 for its "shortfall" of 2016, where tourists had sullied the country ...

Thank you Tourists ...

Ah, the tourists ...!

What a blessing ...

A tourist does not demonstrate ... does not scream ... does not complain to get subsidies or allowances ... does not block

highways, and does not stop trains and airports.

On the other hand, the tourist spends his money - of his own free will - on hotels, tours, restaurants, travel, and museums ...

A lot of money - 160 billion euros a year, according to INSEE - comes from deep in the United States, the provinces of China, and the megacities of Japan, to pour here in France ... just for the Enjoying sightseeing, going to a restaurant, and taking pictures ... before going back in a plane and leaving ...

In the end, Paris - in its relationship with the rest of the world - takes advantage of a unique situation ...

Paris does not force anyone to come ... no one to spend its money ... and no to choose Paris rather than Washington or Rome ...

Shout To Break The Voice ...

In general, the economy works thanks to people, like tourists, making decisions of their choice, and spending their money at their pleasure ...

People tend to choose ease, comfort, expediency ...

Why do the media seek so much to provoke indignation, conflict ...?

The more the media tackle a group, or an idea, and the more common people are discouraged from defending it or joining it ...

For example, by demonizing the defenders of statues, or the opponents of the "universal income," the newspapers push the common people to extricate themselves from the debate ... to be silent ... to let things pass.

For most people, fighting with the press, demonstrators, or others is not worth it ... because fighting requires too much energy.

Suddenly, screaming down to silence his opponent can work ...

In the area of ??trade and commerce, where people choose to do business or not, screaming does not work ... because the other has to decide whether or not to participate in the exchange, or the project ... and the intimidation does not Not working to convince.

In the field of politics, on the other hand, the balance of power dominates ... because the other does not need to give his consent ... nor to cooperate ...

To "win," no need for arguments or justifications ...

In fact, "winning" in the realm of politics amounts to exhausting, dominating, or intimidating his enemy ... so much so that the other no longer dares to oppose - or no longer has the capacity.

Thus politicians - and the media on their side - try to raise anger and rage among their supporters ... to force their opponents to turn back ... to be silent ... to fade, preferring to conserve their energies ...

Opposing allowances or remuneration becomes an "attack on solidarity ..."

Refusing to send his child to a state school signals an "anti-education penchant."

Opposing tax increases, or building HLMs, becomes "racist."

Criticizing the decision to host the Olympic Games is "xenophobia."

What to do...?

No need to go back to the media ... or politicians ... or to send letters to the newspapers to express his point of view ...

In the end, the common people gain by refusing to react to the world of politics ... to the media ... and focusing on his life, his projects, and his decisions.

In short, as the proverb says in English, "ignorance makes happiness."

Truly,

Henri Bonner