

The Fantasy Free Advantage

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Benefits And Costs Of Facing Reality

How To Get It Right When

All Others Get It Wrong

Immediately Grasp The Truth

Economics & Politics

All Of Life's Issues & Concerns

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Anyone who can read can and will benefit from reading The Fantasy - Free Advantage. There is no math or statistics. There are a few charts - all of which are easy to understand. There are no complex economic principles. There is no political ideology.

The principles involved with fantasy - free thinking can be used in personal life. They can also provide enormous insight to any and all who study any of the soft sciences.

The Fantasy - Free Advantage is not devoted to finding any ultimate reality like existence or beginning of the universe. Folks such as astrophysicists perform that role. I would not be of any help to them. I will explain the reality of life as it is lived by humans who possess the will to live and optimize the outcomes of their lives.

My suggestion - if you are not already seeking answers to important issues in life, is to read at

least the first short chapter - as a means of knowing what the book is about. Just knowing what reality is.... is not enough to change your life or anyone else's. If you find the subject matter interesting, begin reading for deeper understanding. Facing reality is not that easy of a task. Through understanding, the principles will become internalized and useful.

You will learn things like: all world leaders - including presidents.... are corrupt.

You will learn that laws which are passed are truly not for the benefit of the public - but for profit.

The truth is not used in politics where persuasion is the goal.

You will understand the truth about why cover-ups are initiated.... and the truth about confounding happenings in the national and international scene.

Reality is not for everyone. Ordinary happiness can be and *is* maintained by avoiding reality. I am not critical of that approach at all. Go along to get along gets very little respect, but is the most sure and safest way to negotiate through life. It is the path most often chosen.

That being said, there is nothing in this book a person can claim to be false without contradicting themselves. Plain and simple.... natural law is never wrong

You will find that from time to time, Bible scriptures are alluded to. This is because stories in the Old and New Testament, in addition to having spiritual interpretations, are models of natural law. The Fantasy - Free Advantage is a study of the secular world. That is the world we live in.... and that is what is explained.

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Finding The Reality Nature Provides

All that happens in our world makes perfect sense - provided that it is not viewed through the prism of fantasy. This is not true just with respect to economics. The fantasy - free approach is of equal value in studying each and all of the social sciences.

The race to escape reality begins at birth. Every child is born into an eternal power struggle. Reality is replaced with fantasy because it is too harsh to cope with. Our world is governed by laws of dominance and subservience. Most people live in an oasis of peace separated from all of the belligerence and brutality that is actually an ongoing process.

A child's family is consumed with fantasy. As thinking beings, humans face some unanswerable questions. We are alive - but we don't know what life is. Doctors and scientists understand very well how life functions - they just don't know what life is. Then , there is the will to live. The will to live is more confounding than life itself. Whatever is alive seeks to stay alive. Even a blade of grass with no brain has the will to live. Who knows the source of the will to live? Does life have a purpose? Any purpose is not apparent. All animals, including humans, must consume animals and other living things in order to survive. Focusing on these attributes of existence is daunting. The mind doesn't want to go there - so it doesn't.

In the Old Testament, the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes focuses on these issues and draws no concrete conclusions. The meanings of a number of Old Testament books focus on how to live life in the face of life's daunting unanswered questions and mysteries.

The race to escape reality begins at birth. This continues throughout life. Reality always wins in the end.

During a lifetime, reality catches up with everyone a number of times. That does not mean a person becomes enlightened and discovers what reality is. Having to deal with reality is not the same as grasping and internalizing the concept. As soon as a crisis passes and usually while the crisis is ongoing, life becomes centered around new fantasies. Sometimes old fantasies are refurbished, adjusted, and re-applied to one's life.

Regardless.... reality is what it is. to all consumed in fantasy, their fantasies are their reality. Attack these fantasies of life and their beholders defend them vehemently. The lies of life replace nature's reality with fantasies. The truth is then seen as threatening. I guess that it is. The truth about reality is what it is - no matter what. In other words, the way things are is the way things are.

The fantasy - free approach to life is not for everyone. A number of approaches to survival and reproduction have evolved over the eons. One of those is the "go along to get along" method. It doesn't get any respect , but it is the most common way of negotiating one's way through life. An issue

however, with “go along to get along”.... is that about every forty years , reality imposes itself on society. Suddenly , folks’ worlds - based on fantasy, crumble. All are clueless. In the twentieth century , we had the Great Depression and two world wars. So far in the twenty - first century , we have had Nine - Eleven and in 2022 are staring in the face of an emerging life - changing depression.

Being fantasy - free before and during a crisis puts a person in a one - up situation.... relative to everyone else.

The human mind likes to package and file what it encounters into what is like a still picture. This is true of ongoing systems as well as events like birthdays and weddings. Fantasy - free theory calls for treating all observations as moving pictures. Anything that is said or any occurrence is part of a moving process. The fantasy - free approach requires thinking in moving pictures.

What is the point in being fantasy - free? While the efficacy of Fantasy - Free Economics is far superior to mainstream economic approaches, doing it this way benefits you and no one else. People engage in fantasies for a reason. Fantasy becomes their reality. To suggest to anyone that they are not in touch with reality is asking them to give up their most cherished notions.... their sensibilities. Fantasy - Free Economics will never serve as a vehicle for launching public or government policy. It requires looking at society in terms of how it functions - and not according to how we wish it did.

Nature’s Gift To Creatures

Nature’s plan is that all which is alive seeks to remain alive and pass its genes forward into future generations. In order for this to occur , each living entity possesses a special tool of discernment that immediately recognizes opportunities and threats. An animal in the wild responds to immediate threats and opportunities naturally. Human beings also have this immediate discernment tool. With humans there is an issue, however. Humans can and do engage in fantasy as a means of coping with the harsh realities of survival. The natural sensibilities nature provides humans are replaced by artificial sensibilities..... which emerge as a proxy reality.

It is hard to be right about anything, when the way life is, gets replaced by the way we would like life to be. Remove fantasy and nature’s sensibilities come back in play. Suddenly, the first impression becomes the right impression. Further, an individual discovers that answers to life’s issues, both in the aggregate and individually , are largely given at first glance. It is like knowledge is in the air. That knowledge is only available with the absence of fantasy.

As much as one might like to have a genius - level IQ, anyone with a third grade education can understand and make good use of their mind. There are two questions: What does a person know? How well does a person use what they do know?

Those who understand Fantasy - Free Theory fall in the second camp. .A simple fantasy - free person easily has an advantage over an esteemed economist with a PHD and a national reputation - yet given to fantasy.

Mankind And Freedom

Freedom does not work the way it is assumed to work. Is every human a freedom -seeking creature? Humans are assumed to be. That is not the case. Freedom works out to be like collateral that is bargained away for comfort and security.

There is an ongoing power struggle - but most drop out of the competition as they discover they lack the skill and aptitude to dominate others. Their best option is to submit to others and get paid to assist someone who is more powerful than they.

When I lived in a small West Texas town I walked to the post office and back each day. One day a puppy followed me home. That puppy wanted to be my dog. She was free , but instinctively knew she needed to submit to a human. It was a smart thing for the puppy to do. She became my dog and I became her master. She lived to be fifteen years old. She ended up being the best dog I ever had.

Human beings deal with freedom the same way my dog did. Each day that a person goes to work, a piece of their freedom is surrendered for usually eight hours per day. During that period, the person who submits sets his/her own interests aside and helps their boss achieve their goals and aspirations. That is the way freedom really works.

The Means Determines The End

Most of life's activities are based on the Marxist notion that the end justifies the means. That is not the way it works. In natural law the wrong means guarantees a negative outcome. So, the end that Marxists have taught is worth any means necessary... is not really achievable unless there is a moral means of getting there.

The world is discovering that in building its business, Facebook has lied and cheated more than they have done anything else. So are Facebook's glory days over? Natural law says they are.

No one knows why natural law works. But, it works flawlessly. A nation which uses the "end justifies the means" philosophy is guaranteed to lose ground. Our wars for profit all over the globe will eventually impact the entire United States population very negatively.

Reality Of Survival

Reality as it applies to Fantasy - Free Economic Theory, is not what would be deemed any ultimate reality. Folks like quantum physicists and astrophysicists explore the cause and nature of the entire universe. The reality discussed here is only focused on what it takes to survive and flourish. There is no math because there is no meaningful way to use it. Any charts simply illustrate principles.

Every country, regardless of how peaceful it proclaims to be, gained its land , taking it by force from another population. Belligerence is still the dominant method for determining outcomes of agendas, especially those that involve entire nations. Within the world there are oases of peace and tranquility that

we live in. On a larger scale, issues of life are settled by way of belligerence. Even those who live in peace are highly influenced in negative ways by the belligerent activities going on around the planet.

This is reality. We all have to find ways to cope with these things within our inner worlds. Yes, the world is filled with belligerence but we are much happier not thinking about it.

The harsh nature of the physical world is accepted without debate. We cannot go outside in the winter or summer without making adaptations. People work outside in the harshest cold weather. This cannot be done without wearing winter clothes. We alter the physical world by making our environment more palatable. There seems to be no limit to finding ways to flourish in the physical world despite its harsh nature. To cope with cold weather, we find warmth sitting by the fireplace while harsh weather outside is ongoing. To cope with the stress of our inner worlds, we seek out and find the comfort of fantasy. This comes down to avoiding reality.

Unlike dealing with elements in the physical world, there are many downsides to engaging in fantasy to escape thinking about the daunting aspects of our survival. Belligerence is not limited to physical violence. Belligerence is also the means by which laws that extract the essence out of the overall population and transfer it to those with the necessary power to get such laws passed.... come into being. At some point in every generation, belligerence raises its ugly head.

Those who have lived their whole lives within the comfort of fantasy are suddenly exposed to the harsh realities of what it really takes to flourish and stay alive in the world.

In the last hundred or so years, Americans have suddenly found themselves faced with world wars and economic depressions. When life is good and all in the country are indulging in fantasies that government is taking care of things.... experts are looking after us.... our leaders are good people just like regular folk.... all are subjected to a sudden awakening, just as they have been in other similar periods in history. We are on the eve of one of those occasions

Three Paths To Reality

The escape from reality begins at birth. In the beginning, fantasy leaves reality in the dust. Early on , the reality gap gets wider and wider. Normally, reality catches up with a person several times during a lifetime. That occurs for a number of reasons. It can be a natural disaster, an act of war, divorce or any number of emotional upheavals. The propensity to fantasize is strong and relentless.

In the end, reality catches us all. Since reality is the way it is, and fantasy is a false but appealing alternative, the motivation to escape is always with us. In the end ,reality catches up and we all face what nature has in store.

Various religions, through faith , can provide hope and comfort for their believers. We are concerned here with the secular world system. Outside of faith, there is no way to protect oneself against the awful rigors of the secular world.

When dealing with reality, a person has three paths which are possible to follow. None of these choices are made consciously, at least not in the beginning. The institutional approach is the path of least

resistance. It is the path that is most often followed. Public schools play a huge role in spreading fantasy through the population. In school, children learn that cooperation is the way of the world. That is fantasy. Children are taught that problems are solved through group cooperation and group effort. That is fantasy. Children are taught that patriotism is always good. That is fantasy. Children are praised for adopting arbitrary loyalties, like “my school”, “your school”, “my team” and “your team”. Students learn to perform for approval.

Self esteem matters out of proportion to everything else. Government is constantly alluded to as a benevolent institution filled with selfless servants to society. That notion is completely false. Public schools serve as a good example, but all institutions contribute to creating fantasy. When children go home, they learn more fantasy from their parents. This is the institutional approach to reality. Fantasy is learned through institutions and other people, mostly older people. Institutional fantasies are dangerous. When life is based on what is not true, life gets real comfortable. The natural forces of nature continue. Life's institutions, especially government, become more fragile and everything starts failing.

In Germany during the thirties, institutions' fantasy was that the Aryan race was superior to all others. The end result was the loss of millions of lives and the complete destruction of Germany. Over time, economic and political systems become unstable. When reality imposes itself, the consequences are sudden and brutal. This is what happened with the Great Depression and World War II. We are on the verge of a serious reckoning at this time.

The second approach is for the individual to create a personal reality. Perhaps you have heard someone say they choose to believe this or the other. That is a personal way of avoiding the truth by replacing it with a comforting notion. Here are some examples: “I choose to believe in the goodness of mankind”. “I choose to believe that he or she is telling the truth”. “I choose to believe in the integrity of the Supreme Court”. There are countless ways a person can choose fantasy over reality. Whether spoken aloud or adopted as a belief - it is a fantasy.

The last method that can be adopted is the version of reality that nature provides. So, what does nature provide? To take this option we must accept what we see just by looking. All forms of life including humans are subject to laws of dominance and subservience. Nature provides only one universal incentive: self - interest. Those are the two big ones. Dominance and subservience, then self - interest. All human beings possess the false belief of being special. Feeling special causes us to believe others see us as special also. Perhaps we are special to a few who know us personally.

The feeling of being special leaves us vulnerable to others who believe they are special also. Reality is that others see us as a resource. This is especially true with respect to elected representatives. Anyone can know what reality is and make the choice to give up fantasy. When that choice is made, one is no longer looking at the world through the prism of fantasy. It is a great way to lose friends. You will be right and your friends will be wrong. They will resent you and defend their fantasies with a vengeance. Being fantasy - free doesn't make you smarter.

A complete moron who has accepted reality will perform at a higher level than a genius who chooses to believe lies. How do you decide? Believe lies or go fantasy free. There are trade-offs. If understanding the world you live in is important to you, then reality is the way to go. If maximizing pleasure and avoiding conflict is all that matters, reality will only make you unhappy. It is a personal choice.

Law Of Power And Absolute Power

Power Corrupts And Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely.

Is the law of power and absolute power true? So far in my life time, I have never met a soul who disagrees. That means there is a continuum between no power at alland absolute power.

You may be aware, I don't use quantitative analysis or economic models in studying economics. I do use charts and graphs to illustrate points and generate understanding. The chart to the left illustrates how corruption increases with levels of power.

Based on the law of power and absolute power, anyone we elect to public office is more corrupt than the voters who elected him. World leaders do not have absolute power but come mighty close. North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, within his own country, is about as close to completely corruptof any world leaders today.

Based on the power and absolute power principle - how corrupt on a scale from one to ten would the president of the United States be? The president is deemed to be the most powerful human on the planet. That implies that any president is pretty high on the corruption scale.

One night, I was having a conversation with a couple of Trump supporters. I asked them this. "On the day after the election in 2016, was Trump more corrupt than he was the day before.... when he was a candidate?" The response I got was : "No, not Donald Trump - he is a good guy".... and on and on.....

Are elected leaders more corrupt than the voters who elect them?

Do you believe that law of power and absolute power is true?

If it is true, then any president is more corrupt upon being elected than he was prior to being elected. His level of power has gone parabolic. Every time we empower leaders,we increase the level of corruption correspondingly.

Accept Reality

Start by accepting and understanding reality. Then remove all biases and prejudices from your mind. In real life there are good people and bad people. There are good countries and bad countries. These evaluations must be removed. That does not mean you approve of the wickedness some are prone to do. This is for observational purposes only. All opinions, judgments and discernment can be added back in at any time.

Suppose there is a political situation or worldly phenomenon that you would like to explain. You have no reliable facts. You have no information other than what is revealed in the media. A fantasy - free investigation will yield a more accurate account of the situation than will all of the credentialed experts in the country combined.

Treatment Of Free Markets

When discussing free markets, I avoid using the term capitalism. Mostly, when folks use capitalism as a term, they do mean free market system. Capitalism literally means that the factors of production, land, labor and capital are owned privately. Given that, the economy in the United States, is capitalist.

There is more to a free market than the people.... not government, owning the factors of production. Free markets can only work in a system based on democratic principles. Capitalism can function in an authoritarian state. In the United States we do have a capitalist economy but not a free market system.

It is not always enough to know the definition of a word. The term conspiracy theorist, for example, brings up the mental image of a kook. Capitalist produces the image of a wild - eyed brutal psychopath mercilessly exploiting all others.

Government actually has an imperative role to play in a free market system. Government absolutely must guarantee a level playing field. In the United States, the government doesn't do that. That is a huge and difficult task. Free market does not mean an absence of government.

In Fantasy - Free Economics, free markets constitutes an optimum level of production and well being for society as a whole. This is not an opinion. It is an observation. Free people working and producing according to their own inclinations.... free from government directives, accomplish much more than the same folks do by following the dictates of a plan.

From historical times until the mid 1700s there was no meaningful increase in per capita GDP. As soon as the free market system was adopted, the well - being of all income classes began going parabolic. New technologies exploded.

Adam Smith put it this way.

“It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest.”

In today's world, Adam Smith is alluded to constantly. His principles are treated as platitudes.

This is what John Maynard Keynes thought of Adam Smith.

“Economists must leave to Adam Smith alone the glory of the Quarto, must pluck the day, fling pamphlets into the wind, write always sub specie temporis, and achieve immortality by accident, if at all.”

It seems Keynes never looked at per capita GDP growth following the adoption of Smiths principles.

Free Markets Safety Net

It is only reasonable to expect any population to opt to assist society's members who are unable to adequately help themselves. Doing this does reduce per capita GDP but not all that much. An economy

can provide charity - but it must be just that. A system that turns into a life management system is quite damaging. A safety net can be implemented while free market attributes are changed very little. That is.... as long as assistance is all that is provided. To do otherwise is to create opportunities for those with the desire and means to exploit the problems of the disadvantaged for personal gain.

During the Great Depression, communism became popular. Life was tough in the United States. Few even noticed that at the very worst time in United States history the living standards of average Americans was higher than any other system had produced during the best of its times. In the old soviet union, a communist system, life of the average person never did reach the level achieved in the United States with its free market system during the worst time in its economic history.

A free market system, with a business cycle is not perfect is still the best possible system. There is a limit to how much certainty can be achieved in life. A close looks reveals that uncertainty is the way of the universe. It is an illusion that life's uncertainties can be eliminated through central planning. They can't even be reduced.... they are just redistributed.

Reality And The Right To Vote

We vote with the expectation that those we elect are bound to carry out the will of the people. Is that democracy in action? It is supposed to be.

This brings some questions to mind. Sometimes asking the most simple questions about any kind of system or procedure uncovers significant findings. Often, it identifies exactly what a problem is - or leads our thinking in the right direction.

Look at the outcome of a process and ask: Given the assumptions that are made about what inputs are assumed to generate a given outcome.... what if these inputs yield a different outcome than the one intended? Then ask, if what we are assuming is not getting the result we want - then what inputs actually would generate the outcome we expect?

Here are some questions about voting: What is the will of voters? Do Americans actually have a will when it comes to government? Are our representatives making an effort to know the will of the people? What about the president? Did any group within the population request the initiatives their leaders are carrying out?

The answers to the last three questions are definitely no's. The will of the population is certainly ambiguous. I am not sure any lawmaker can figure out what it is.

Lets look at what We The People actually get.... by asking some more questions. I have looked back over my lifespan and don't remember the public actually asking government for anything. How can it be that the U.S. government provides citizens with so much, when they have asked for nothing at all.

There are programs for the poor. The poor never asked for support....ever. We have global warming initiatives and state - run health care. Again, citizens never asked for these things. Bill after bill gets passed. None of these bills are a brainchild of the general population.

In a political campaign, each candidate, comes up with government initiatives that they believe the public will surely like. Lets suppose a family is sitting around a living room not necessarily needing or wanting a thing. A vacuum cleaner salesman shows up and convinces them that a new vacuum cleaner will improve their lives. The family end up with a new vacuum cleaner but the purchase of the machine was the salesman's idea, not theirs.

Suppose the same family is in their living room watching a candidate speak. The politician, is offering, if elected, to bring to the floor a bill called, perhaps, the Wonderful Things For Children Act. Who is going to oppose a bill like that? Prior to the Affordable Care Act, how many Americans were wanting government to get into the healthcare business?

Lets get back to the will of voters. Where is it?

Using Fantasy Free Principles

For purposes of analysis, people and institutions are studied according to how they function - not how they are defined. For example, the Supreme Court is defined as an unbiased court. Fantasy - Free Economic theory treats the Supreme Court as a political institution. All government agencies are political institutions. Studying them as they are defined is meaningless and generates a false understanding.

Always, for purposes of analysis, it is simply: this person does this and another person does not. Why are all people doing these evil things? Again, operate on the basis of that is just the way it is. The mob is neither bad nor good - nor are its members. Mobsters have an incentive to do what they do. The president and congress have incentives to do what they are doing. Treat the Supreme Court the same way. This is the way to investigate and analyze.

Start with the basic ingredients of the issue. You will find that if an idea, system or anything else is not flawed in the beginning, there may not be an issue. Many have debunked the efficacy Keynesian theory in thousands of words. I simply point out that the theory is flawed with respect to one or more of its basic ingredients.

Many economists have used thousands of words challenging Keynes' General Economic theory. I do it in one sentence. I frequently add a little more but one sentence is enough. Here it is.

Keynes insisted that complete objectivity must be used in implementing stimulus. Any stimulus program requires an economic decision. Government is not capable of economic decisions. Governments can only make political decisions. It is government which applies stimulus.

Recognize Common Thinking Errors

In order to get in touch with reality, it is helpful to examine some false beliefs or thinking errors which pervade all lives. These are common thinking errors that are highly relevant to economics and political science. Here are a few with which to start.

Self - Importance: The posture of self - importance is instinctive. The species would go extinct if its members did not routinely put themselves first. People are important to themselves, family and a few friends. As harmless as this may seem , it is the root of many false notions. An individual reasons: “As important as I am, certainly I am worthy of being served by those I help elect to public office.” Of a course, a person is of no importance at all to a politician. To a politician, a voter is a resource. A permanent disconnect is formed where the constituent expects to get representation from a representative who holds office first and foremost out of self interest. Human instinct is to exalt oneself.

My country, school, or any group I belong to is special: This again is instinctive. Survival is facilitated by being a member of a group with common interests. Instinct calls for exaltation and loyalty to all groups a person belongs to. Survival is facilitated by drawing support and benefits from any group for which an individual is a member. Most loyalties to groups are arbitrary.....as in: “go team go” & “my school is better than yours”. Fans support their home team. I ask: Is there any long - term advantage to an individual who is loyal to a home team or a school?

The incentive to serve: Popular belief is that there are humans who go into public service on an ideological basis - with every intention of serving mankind. This incentive to serve is completely imaginary. People who do such things as run for office do so out of self - interest. Folks wonder why office holders never get around to promoting the causes that got them elected. This is the reason. People in government are motivated to exploit problems for personal gain - while appearing to work in the public interest.

People think independently: Most people go long periods of time without an original thought. The mind records words and images and a person believes those are his thoughts. This is easily seen in political discourse. All conversations morph down to non - sentient argument. All public political dialog morphs down to standardized, concise words and sentences put forth as a means of rapid persuasion.

The divinity of government: Much is expected out of government. It is reasoned that if the private sector is falling short in an activity, government can make it work right. Government is assumed to have complete prowess in terms of fixing life's issues. Government is deemed fair while the private sector is seen as corrupt and filled with selfishness. Human nature does not change. Government consists of multitudes of self - serving individuals just as the private sector. Voters have a parent - child relationship with their government. If a problem gets big, voters see government as the ultimate source of wisdom and solutions. This kind of relationship is inborn. When a person leaves the private sector and joins government, that person does not change his basic orientation. Government does not have the means to solve problems.

What I see is all there is: Most of what is relevant is not part of what is apparent from a casual glance.

Government is benevolent: Government is a free - for - all , for folks who are all trying to gain advantage or make a profit.

Patriotism is good: Patriotism is actually the all time worldwide leading cause of unnecessary deaths. Patriotism may be necessary but that depends upon the activity a government is involved in. During World War Two, Nazi soldiers were as patriotic as is possible for humans to be.

Soldiers fight for freedom: A soldier is a citizen with a job. A soldier does not pick the fights he participates in. Freedom rarely has anything to do with U.S. military operations and interventions. Colin Powell once said he joined the military because he needed a job. Ordinary soldiers do so for the same reason.

Public officials are just like the rest of us: Public officials have political personalities. Political personality is similar to that of a sociopath personality. The two terms could be used as synonyms.

A public servant sets aside self - interest: Self - interest is a constant in human behavior. Self - interest does not disappear if a person takes a certain job. In the private sector, self - interest is a cause of efficiency. Self - interest in the public sector causes inefficiency.

Credentials imply competence: Credentials actually contribute to incompetence. Credentials allow individuals to profit from the pretense of knowledge. Those with credentials - who are charged with solving problemscharge the highest amount possible for their services. Simple solutions are dispensed with and replaced with solutions that command a price. When listening to others it is best to deal in pure arguments, independently of credentialsin order to achieve an optimum outcome.

Work is a first choice: Work is actually only engaged inif there is absolutely no way to live off the efforts of others. Mainstream economics treats all humans as 100% industrious. This is not true at all and it is a main reason why they never get anything right.

Every person needs a college education: When the supply of educated people exceeds the demand, a college education can be of no value at all.

Communication only occurs with words: Communication without words is actually more precise and meaningful.

These are just a few thinking errors that are routinely made. False beliefs are comforting. They are just not true. There are many more but these are pretty basic.

The Role Of Lies

Telling lies has a bad reputation but the propensity to tell them is part of every person's survival toolbox. Years back, I coined a saying. "When a lie is told, there are generally two guilty parties. There is the liar, of course. Then, there is the one for whom the truth is not good enough."

Some lies that are universally believed are so deeply and securely embedded in the human psyche that they are clearly instinctive in nature. We are told by evolutionary psychologists that the brain has us do the things that optimize the chances that our genes will be passed to the next generation. When the larger thinking brains of a few humanoids come up with more efficient ways of looking at things, the animal brain which is governed by instinct, has us do the things that have promoted our survival for millions of years. Those things can be outdated.

A person has instinctive beliefs as well as intellectual beliefs. When aggregations of people interact, the animal brain takes over and pushes any brilliance aside. The animal brain is the better of the two brains

at getting its way. The thinking of the larger intellectual brain is corrupted to the degree its owner views the world through a prism of fantasy.

Clearly, in the eons that have passed before the modern era, focusing on the goodness and prowess of the herd leadership promoted survival. Leadership of the herd or tribe was the place to go to solve a problem an individual person could not. Leadership had to be highly adept in order to gain that special position of group leader. Looking to herd or tribe leadership made good sense. It may still - within small enough groups.

From the natural awe and respect shown to herd leadership, the notion that government is benevolent is derived. There actually is no such thing as a benevolent government. The human race is instinctively still tethered to an animal - brained instinctive belief system that was useful when perhaps one thousand members operated as a group. Since the larger thinking brain is subject to believing fantasy as a means of escaping harsh reality, government today is almost universally treated as a kind and benevolent institution. Of course, it is anything but.

This basic misunderstanding makes it very difficult to continue improving living standards and the quality of life in general. Those elected to various offices are not actually working tirelessly to improve the lot of the constituents who put them in office. People keep expecting goodness out of government but they keep getting fleeced instead. A big part of the reason is the permanent lie that government is benevolent. That notion is rooted in instinct. The lie is further strengthened because believing government is benevolent as a fantasy is highly comforting.

The Human Herding Instinct

When folks explain human behavior, sometimes it is noted that humans are acting out of character and behaving like herd animals. No one is acting out of character. Human beings are indeed herd animals and they function as herd animals 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The brain is an amazing organ but it is not all that honest. Its primary function is driving survival and reproduction. Despite any thoughts the brain comes up with that lead us to believe otherwise, the brain tricks us into engaging in behaviors that optimize the chance of surviving and reproducing. Herd behavior is one of those behaviors.

Humans are not only herd animals, they have specialized roles to play within the herd. People have different personality characteristics. These characteristics are different in each human. Different personality characteristics go along with different roles people end up carrying out within a herd setting. Leaders have political personalities. A political personality is about the same as that of a sociopath. Someone must be at the head of a herd. That person will have elevated manipulative skills, a sense of entitlement, and no conscience to speak of. There is an appearance of a consciousness but that is only an exaggerated concern of how the sociopath appears to others.

As part of various herds, people engage in group communication, although they are unaware that it is happening. Speech, reading and writing are generally accepted as the only kinds of communications that exist. There is much more. There are no words but people communicate through the air and are unaware that it is happening. Much of what psychologists describe as anxiety and depression are actually signals picked up from outside the head. It is very subtle but everyone broadcasts their state of mind and makes judgments about others, based on what is broadcasted. Most communication is outside of our awareness.

Why do doctors have so much trouble treating anxiety and depression? They believe it originates within the skull but it really comes from the outside.

Many years ago, humans found it to their advantage to dominate, keep and herd animals which were of use to them. Mankind, in the beginning made no distinction between capturing animals and capturing members of their own species. That is how slavery got its origin. As slavery became increasingly unprofitable, herding continued to be practiced. There have always been rich and poor. Throughout history, the rich have found ways to live off the efforts of others.... frequently by paying them - but really, by any means possible.

When the Internet began, it was not fathomed that it would morph into a gigantic herding tool where people's thoughts, time and energy could be easily managed. Prior to the advent of corporate giants recognizing its potential as a herding tool, the Internet was like the open range was - prior to fences in the old west. When Google and all of the others entered the arena all of that changed. The activity that actually generates revenue in these giant companies is human herding. They manage people's time, energy, opinions and everything else.... and do so profitably.

Of course, individuals deny engaging in herd behavior - but they do. One of the most pronounced herd behaviors is worshipping leaders. Notice that the mentality these days is to find a messiah for a leader who will do all of the things a conservative or a liberal wants done. Interest in the actual self - governing approach is completely missing.

Mainstream economists have no chance of being right except by accident. In mainstream economics, the individual is treated as autonomous and independent thinking. The actual individual is nothing of the kind.

Animals are controlled either by offering them a treat or by scaring them. In South Texas, ranchers blow their horn when they arrive with a truckload of hay. The cows associate the horn with being fed.

Humans are controlled by offering them a treat like a government handout. Social media controls humans by offering the free stuff like a Facebook page or a no - cost email address. If ranchers on horseback want to change the herd's direction they might crack a bull whip on one side of the herd to get them to go the other way.

Government hypes up a crisis. The population is scared so they accept direct orders from authorities. Humans are moved in the direction the authority desires.

Ranchers get their reward by selling their cattle to slaughter houses. Corporations get their reward by using government as a means to force the human herd to buy their products and services. Ranchers like having a homogenized herd and keep the animals in the dark as to what their eventual destiny will be.

Government and affiliated corporations employ censorship as a means of insuring their humans are basically of one mind. Information is also hoarded and kept from the population's eyes so that the human animals remain docile and content. While citizens are not sent to the slaughter house, their buying habits are managed.

With respect to sheep, a few stray from the herd and live on their own. Most sheep are kept for their wool. The strays are routinely shot and eaten by the family that owns the ranch.

Outliers of the human herd are routinely destroyed politically or in the media. Human herding is part of our lives. People as a whole feel more comfortable in a herding situation. Humans are also a multi - herd species. Most groups of people belong to take on herding characteristics.

It will be important to recognize human herding activities in coming days. Independent thinking is quite rare. As the political season gets underway, focusing on herd behavior will add a lot of clarity. Where efforts to persuade are made, you will notice the absence of sentient arguments.

Identify Five Branches Of Government

The U.S. government consists of 3 formal branches of government as noted in the U.S. constitution, but there are two others that are never recognized.

By definition we do indeed have three branches of government. Legislative, Executive and Judicial. The Fantasy - Free approach considers institutions in terms of how they function - and not according to how each is defined.

In terms of how government institutions function, there are two additional branches, one of which is more powerful than all of the others put together.

The most powerful - at the very top of the governmental power hierarchy, is organized crime. It is from a global crime syndicate that all important legislation originates. The lifeblood of ordinary crime families is the skimming operation. All bills passed today are skimming operations. Federal Reserve Policies are skimming operation. Stimulus packages consist of countless skimming operations.

Skimming operations are the only source of new laws in today's world. Today's Affordable Care Act is the most prolific skimming operation in history. Ethanol is certainly deserving of mention. The Full Employment Act of 1978 facilitates the passing of skimming operations although it is not directly a skimming operation itself.

"We The People".... or the voting public, constitute a second additional branch of government. "We The People" have enormous potential in terms of power and knowledge. As a branch of government, this group is almost completely impotent. Over the years, the right to vote has almost been completely diffused as a controlling political force. We the people do indeed vote, but do so based on what little superficial information is given to us. Our political activities consist of virtue signaling and tribal positioning.

Public opinion is easily managed. They respond to cute sound bites and terms that don't mean anything. A few of these are: hate speech, conspiracy theory, Make America Great Again, racist, etc.

For any democratic system to survive, there must be constant tension and distrust between leaders and those who elect them. American citizens do nothing of the kind. For candidates to support, they go

messiah seeking and produce absolutely no tension with respect to the leaders they elect. Any power “We the People” have is strictly potential.

The constitutional branches of government - Executive, Judicial and Legislativeare controlled by the crime syndicate which is the source of laws and governmental policies.

Political parties serve functions similar to those of the old style crime families still operating in the Northeast. The three formal branches of government have the role of funneling profits to the global crime syndicate that controls them.

Folks expect their chosen messiahs to make their lives better and carry out their will. Everyone is always confounded by outcomes. Judges make decisions that make no sense based on their normal judicial posture. Despite who they vote for as president or anything else, they discover nothing ever changes for the better.

I have just explained why political outcomes always work against the general population. That is possible because I use the fantasy - free approach to decipher what goes on in economics and politics.

Notice The Propensity To Worship

We define the United States as a Republic based on democratic principles. In a democratic system, the role of voters is to guide their representatives. A republic is more authoritarian than a democracy. That does not mean voters, never under any circumstances assume authority over their representatives. Once a law maker is elected, it is hard to unseat an incumbent. Once a law is on the books, odds are it will never be repealed.

In any activity that involves more than one person acting, participants submit to one another. Some assume authority and others follow. This is a wordless transaction. It happens automatically. With respect to representation, it is expected that representatives would submit to voters. In actual practice voters submit to their representatives. Once a campaign is ongoing, candidates appeal to the sensibilities of voters. This is also called telling them what they want to hear.

Seeking Safety

Mankind is preconditioned to expect benefits from any authority he submits to. It makes sense. Leadership throughout thousands of years has been the most powerful animal in the group. This animal has had the ability to protect any group member from any other animal. A close look at human society reveals that people have a parent child relation with government. Instead of operating as free agents, people are prone to being obedient in front of their government. This is all instinct. Because behaviors like this are innate, getting folks to function otherwise is close to impossible - because those behaviors seem normal and to behave otherwise seems impossible

What is interesting about safety and security is that human beings will pay almost any amount to avoid living in fear and feeling vulnerable. They will pay as high a price for the perception of safety and security as the real thing. The difference is not easily discernible.

Does government provide safety and security? It can and does sometimes, but it is more likely to provide the perception only. Who knows the difference? It is the feeling that counts. Where do they look to get it? They look in the same place all animals look. That, is the herd's leadership. It may be the head male in a pride of lions - or the most powerful male water buffalo. With human beings, it is their government. In any case, to the ordinary herd members, the cost is staggering.

Here is the way it works with humans. Humans pay money but with every increment of more safety and security, they have to give up part of their freedom. For armed forces, they give up some - but it is worth it? Every time more safety and security are opted for - more freedom is given up. A guaranteed income takes away even more freedom. All of this comes at a high monetary cost. Eventually folks want the guarantee that others won't call them names. That is the case today.

The price of safety and security is so high, it is very profitable to provide these things - or just their perception. Government agencies grow in size. As the agencies get large, those which sell goods and services to them lobby government for more, more and more. This is so profitable that techniques of scaring people into believing they are vulnerable emerge. Folks get out their checkbooks.

Then, the private sector gets involved. New services evolve to protect people from everything from identity theft to home security. All kinds of ads that scare you start appearing.

Feeling warm and cozy - whether you are actually safe or not.... comes at a very high price. One thing people are happy to give up, is freedom. After all, what is freedom good for other than achieving safety and security? That is how the animal mind functions....so you feel warm and cozy. Who needs freedom? After all, isn't feeling warm and cozy the goal anyway? Who needs freedom any more, after receiving a big dose of feeling safe and secure?

Why People Really Do What They Do

Among family and friends, there can be love and compassion. Love and compassion can flourish alongside of self - interest. One the local level, folks make sacrifices for one another. Self - interest is tempered.

Local life is what all are accustomed to. It can be mighty comforting to project the norms of local and family life to life in groups. That is routinely done. It is almost universally done. The fact is though, as groups get larger and larger, self - interest becomes the only relevant incentive. Politicians run for office out of self-interest. This is despite the public thinking otherwise.

A focus on incentives is imperative when studying group behavior. Incentives are all that matter. When a word is spoken in the media, what is said, is said because of an incentive. When an action is taken in public by a leader, it is because of an incentive. At an aggregate level, anyone's actions are rooted in self - interest.

Understanding the role of incentives creates opportunities for understanding. When a person or institution changes dialog that is not in keeping with their historical posture, there is an incentive for doing so. When a number of entities suddenly change behaviors, there is a good chance their efforts are coordinated.

Serious censorship began emerging as 2019 was coming to a close. Was there a reason for that? There had to be a reason even if none were apparent. The general media has no natural incentive to protect the public from being exposed to wrong information. This is with the exception of being certain their own content is accurate. They also, these days, have an incentive to produce content that is agenda driven. But why would the media be agenda driven?

During the early days of the U.S. Covid response, Facebook began censoring content that even raised simple questions about the efficacy of anointed cures being implemented. Facebook even deleted posts that even suggested that vitamin c might be of value. Reputable highly - credentialed doctors were silenced, ostracized for speaking up. Any doctor with a doubt about official policy risked being fired. The pharmaceutical industry started pumping out vaccines. These were as much as forced on the public. All speaking against have been and still are being squelched.

There is no way anyone is allowed to speak in a way that is critical of any cure coming out of the pharmaceutical industry.

Do you see a pattern here? Can you connect any dots? What natural interest do these corporations have in silencing criticism? Somehow censorship makes sense to their business models. What would be the advantage to the largest corporation managing and manicuring information the public sees. Why standardize and homogenize all of a population?

Would giant corporations not be able to plan and manage more efficiently, if all of their customers were completely trusting and of the same mindset? Why did Henry Ford standardize parts for cars and production lines? Why only mechanize output? Why not mechanize customers as well?

Is there a chance here that social media.... the pharmaceutical industry and others, profit enormously by creating a market full of docile, trusting and homogenized consumers? Would it not benefit such corporations to limit the options of their customers, so that their products and services are all that is available? Would it not be helpful also to inspire government to force folks to buy what they are selling? Censorship can create a wonderful world for those who know how to use it.

Of course, all related is deemed to be for the safety of the public.

The corporate structure has been around for centuries. Not once in history have corporations been obsessed with creating extreme safety for all Americans.. Corporations do have the same incentives they have always had. That is to make profits for their shareholders by any legal means possible.

This is how it breaks down. The parties doing so have no natural incentive to censor Americans. Neither do they have a natural incentive to keep them safe from things they neither produce or sell.

It is not hard to reason that modern censorship is a profit initiative. Generating profits is the only incentive corporations have.

This is how to reason using the fantasy - free approach. When an entity is doing things it has no natural incentive to do, it is not hard to piece together a logical scenario as to why they are really doing it. All of

this can be done with no actual facts or information. These things are not done out of agape love for humanity.

Just know what incentives are really in play. Apply them where they belong and the work is done. Recognize when a party is doing something any real incentive would not lead them to do.

Human Broadcasting And Receiving

A second aspect of Fantasy - Free Economics is acknowledging how little we or anyone else actually knows. Mostly, experts are paid for the pretense of knowledge. Generally we are better off not taking speculations as the truth and just observing what we don't understand in the light of reality. We may not understand it but we can know how to deal with it. With that, I will introduce the theory of human broadcasting and receiving.

Spoken and written language are mostly treated as the only means of communication the human species has. That is not possible. Speech evolved over a long period of time. Before that, human beings communicated in other ways. Language is not really that efficient in terms of transmitting accurate information. Say the word chair in a group of people. Each person will have a different mental picture of a chair. There are deeper understandings and those understandings lie deeper within you than anywhere language can reach.

Every human being broadcasts a mental picture of his inner essence. I have no insight with respect of the physics involved in the process. All humans have some capacity to mentally receive mental broadcasts. The process is very subtle, and in general, neither broadcaster or receiver is aware that anything is happening. It is well established that what a person experiences at the conscious level is only a tiny fraction of the communication that goes on within a person's body. There are strong arguments to the effect that communication is ongoing at the spiritual level also.

It is more naive than not to believe communication takes place only when words are used. The possibilities to the contrary are unlimited. You have heard it said that one person or another has charisma. That charisma comes from what the individual broadcasts. Someone who is down and depressed broadcasts that. This is why a person who needs friends can't find friends. This happens completely beneath the awareness of all who are involved.

What happens on an individual basis also occurs on a collective basis. Within a huge country like the United States, the the mental essence of like - minded people to sort of like - minded people combines into aggregate waves that actually effect behavior. On occasions like 911, people noticed they were responding in ways they never would have expected. I personally remember feeling this notion that I needed to completely trust my country's leadership. Believe me, that is not a posture I would naturally be inclined to assume. Clearly there was something in the air. There is always something in the air. It is just not easy to notice.

Why is this theory of human broadcasting and receiving important right now? Some notice and some don't, but the integrity of all of the world's political and economic systems is extremely shaky these days. When will the prevailing social order break down? Lets hope for a miracle that it doesn't. At times like this, the likelihood of a sudden massive shift in what is broadcast mentally by various factions is

highly elevated. The reality gap in the United States may be higher than it was in Rome, close to the fall of the empire. When a reality gap closes it doesn't do so gently. The reality gap slams shut. When the collective mindset of the public changes in this kind of situation, it is likely to happen suddenly and will likely result in chaos.

Why do Americans complain about corruption? Americans create their own corruption. Power does not magically appear. It must be created. A person who wants power must create it himself or have others give it to them. Anytime a government agency is established, power is created. Anytime a law is passed, power is created. Does power corrupt? Are there any exceptions? I don't know of any exceptions....do you? Perhaps an exception can be found, but just one case would not be enough to qualify as a counter example.

So, what do we do collectively when we need to solve one of society's problems? We empower people and organizations in an effort to solve the problem. We create power and the power we create becomes corrupt. The more power we create - the more corruption we create.

How much corruption we have in government really depends upon how much we wish to have. There is a huge difference between being anti - government and anti - corruption. It turns out that the only way to reduce corruption is to reduce power. The obvious way to do that is to have less of what creates corruption naturally. This is not easy to do.

Another point of natural law is that power is never relinquished voluntarily. Once power is established it can only be removed by force.... even if it is through a gentle force like voting. The powerful will never leave on their own.

Of course, mainstream economics disregards natural law. Mainstream economics would assume that a person such as a member of the Open Market Committee, or the Chairman of the Federal Reserve are no more corrupt after taking the position than they were before taking the job.

The fact is, that the more power a position has, the more corrupt the position holder will be. The longer an institution exists, the more corrupt it will become. The less concern the voting public shows in reigning in authority the more corrupt the authority will be.

So, by deciding how much power we wish to create and let grow, we are deciding how much corruption we are going to have. The problem here is that there is a complete lack of awareness we are making a choice. Perhaps it would be helpful to create more awareness.

Fantasy - Free Economics is based on recognizing the very few absolutely true observations we can about the world we live in. Then we approach life. We never let others convince us that these basic things are untrue. Remember, the most profound observation we make is that life is governed and regulated by a system of dominance and subservience. On top of that, we make more simple observations, give up fantasies and euphemisms, then look out our windows and see what is going on.

Without the handicap of viewing reality while looking through the self - made prism of fantasy, first impressions have a very high probability of being accurate in terms of what is good, bad.... useful.... truthful.... dangerous.... opportunities.... and so on. Only without fantasy can we accurately access the

honesty of public figures and tell their personal or secretive motives. Fantasy serves you in that it is often the source of happiness. Fantasy also enslaves you because anyone who supports and validates your fantasies is likely to become your master. Good salesmen motivate you by working your fantasies.

What is accomplished by using the principles of Fantasy - Free Economics? I immediately debunked every aggregate economic theory that is used in making economic policy. Every theory is based on flawed and erroneous assumptions about human behavior. All aggregate economic theories assume a Keynes' - invented character - the straw man. Straw man means completely objective and totally unbiased. Such an entity does not exist in nature. In all of economics, it is assumed that human nature changes when a person leaves the private sector and becomes employed in the public sector. Nothing about a person's personality changes when a government job is taken.

So, when aggregate economic policy is implemented, it is done in a way that is in the self - interest of of the highly - anointed, appointed "straw man." Also influential is anyone and everyone with lots of political power. Decisions are made in keeping with the self - interest of those who implement the policies as well as the politically powerful who lobby for collective action. Benefit to the economy is the ostensible reason for public policies.... but there is no way the whole country benefits. Being fantasy free, we know that aggregate economic policy is going to benefit those at the top of the political structure. There is no chance Federal Reserve Policy will ever do anything other than transfer wealth from the bottom of the food chain to the top. A simple observation debunks all of the central planning theories which determine Federal Reserve policy and fiscal policy. The theories are based on erroneous assumptions. They have no way to work.

The Fantasy - Free Theory The Beginning Of Language

The Fantasy - Free theory of the origin of language is that oral communication evolved out of the need for deception. The lie turns out to be an important tool for survival.

While the debate of whether or not human beings can communicate through clairvoyance is ongoing, it has become clear that lower animals routinely communicate in this manner. Do not expect the scientific community to jump on this theory and run with it. The evidence is overwhelming. Mostly, they just choose not to look.

Rupert Sheldrake has published much in the way of convincing evidence concerning how animals communicate across space.

Language evolved as a means of disguising one's intentions. If primitive man A was about to attack primitive man B and clairvoyance was the common form of communication between them, primitive man B would preempt the strike. Clearly, primitive man A would be better off if spoken language replaced mind to mind communication. It would be a better strategy to lie with speech and feign friendship.

In the evolutionary process, speech became more and clairvoyance became less. Today, folks have very limited means of transmitting and receiving information. The communication is ongoing but it is generally perceived as an irritation or a mental illness. Mental illnesses like depression may turn out to be incomplete clairvoyance occurrences as in information received but with no interpretation.

What is the significance of a theory? A theory is based on ideas and observations that seem plausible. It is commonplace to act on theories. Every decision the Federal Reserve makes is based on a theory that is less provable than the Fantasy - Free theory of the origin of language.

The nice thing about basing a theory on a fantasy - free observation is that there is a very high probability of being right. Nature provides all of its animals with a special gift. That gift is the ability to correctly grasp the gravity of situations and see the precise truth about what is going on around you. There is one caveat. The gift is only present when the mind is free of fantasy.

Natural Law At Works

Mention the words natural law and what image does the mind conjure ? Say natural law, and the brain might create for you an image of airheads living in communespreaching agape love. As a teacher of natural law, I treat the subject quite differently. Make an observation of a principle that has worked over all of history's long timeline. Then, even with all of the effort in the world.... folks can't come up with a universally accepted, or even a good guess as to why it works. The cause is often unexplainable or elusive and not concrete at best.

Much of natural law is well - known. When that is the case, it is largely treated as a platitude. Reliable principles of natural law are modeled all over the scriptures of every religion. Even with all of the exposure, natural law is treated as mush within intellectual communities. Anyone who alludes to natural law is tuned out. That is a mistake. Natural law dominates man - made theories. Man - made theories often work perfectly until they conflict with a natural law.

A time - honored principle of natural law is that an action that begins with an immoral act will be one where the costs outweigh the benefits. There will be an eventual negative outcome. Is that true? It can't be proven but we can see that historically it hasn't failed.

When looking at modern monetary policy, the reasoning isif we steal on behalf of the rest of the country, the interest Granny should rightly earn on her savings.... and give it to the world's financial sector, the country as a whole will prosper.

To do what is ostensibly right for the rest of the country, we must rob Granny. Because that is an immoral approach to public policy.... even though the logic sounds great.... the whole country will be compromised. The sum of the results of the practice will be very harmful.

Communism begins with the notion that the end justifies the means. Natural law understands that it is the means and nothing else that determines the end. A communist might say "You have to break eggs to make an omelet". In every case, the suggestion is that an immoral act is going to end up doing good for society. Any type of economics by force is going to fare worse than those where free markets are the norm.

Another well - known point of natural law is that power corrupts. We elect a president, and his supporters act as if they have a messiah working for them. What they have done is increase the level of power of another human being by making him president. More corruption always comes with more power. The United States must have a president - but citizens must realize that it is their job to reign in

the leaders they elect. In all cases, the masses are more moral than their leaders even though the population may not see it that way. Even though democracy is far from perfect, it does provide ways for the more moral portion of humanity to control the less moral few who are elevated to powerful positions.

The Lethal Side Of Fantasy

In my Fantasy - Free Economics theories, I recognize self - interest as the only relevant incentive with respect to aggregate economics. Mainstream economists assume the imaginary incentive to serve - which is a completely erroneous assumption. The incentive to serve is born of the need to be taken care of, by a benevolent, more powerful entity.

This seemingly innocent fantasy has the potential of being lethal to our way of life. Mainstream economics assumes some sort of desire in humans to work and be productive. Being fantasy - free, I observe deeper motivations and do not ignore them. Human beings are more than willing to be productive and work for pay but only after exhausting all possibilities of living off the efforts of others in the groups they belong to.

There is a misguided belief within the population that government benefits are provided as acts of kindness. The opposite is actually true. Only the politically powerful get net positive benefits. It is easy enough to point to some of the powerless, poor and down trodden as benefiting from government programs, but on a net basis, all without political power pay tribute to the top, one way or another.

Fantasy creates happiness and comfort. Fantasy also kills. Sometimes a whole lifetime can pass with only fantasy creating happiness. When fantasy kills, it kills suddenly and creates chaos and confusion. When an entire society is consumed with fantasy and reality is treated as a lie, a collapse is right around the corner. Fantasy is wonderful until without warning reality imposes itself on an entire society.

Although fantasies in the United States are not parallel to the fantasies of the Germans during the 30s and 40s they are still potentially very serious. The Germans had this fantasy the the Aryan was superior to all others. Being alive did not mean a person was worthy of life. So, other races of people were killed off as needed and it was the God -given right of Aryans to operate that way. In the end, a good deal of the world was destroyed, including all of Germany.

The relevant fantasies in the United States are not at all unusual. It is the fact that they are so universally accepted.... that make the situation scary. The belief that government is benevolent is just about universal. The United States military is fighting for freedom and that all veterans are heroes is another one. Experts are assumed into existence.

The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee members are an example. Federal Reserve economists are really only the best politicians among economists. Citizens are comfortable looking at presidential candidates as messiahs. Does every child need a college education? It is still assumed that they do, while college provides nothing close to an education.

The truth is censored and fantasies are accepted as real. Anyone exposing a fantasy is jumped on and silenced. To persons living the fantasies, the truth constitutes betrayal. To challenge the existing order is

to be deemed anti - American or unpatriotic. In fact, people are highly prone to fighting to the death to defend a fantasy.

In the United States today, it is not that one particular fantasy is that dangerous. The problem is that the prevailing fantasies have been part of life and have been growing unchallenged for many decades. The fact is that today in the United States, the population is almost universally out of touch with the genuine forces that actually do determine the outcomes in their lives.

We are on the cusp of the greatest economic reckoning in the history of the world. People are completely without the intellectual means to deal with it.

The Sensation Of Understanding

I make no secret of the fact that I teach natural law as well as economics. The discipline of economics is rooted in natural law and the basis of economics is drawn from natural law, but only a few principles are used. The rest is discarded. An example of natural law as part of economics is the law of supply and demand. It is a natural law that people will buy more at a lower price than at a higher price. It is also a natural law that sellers will sell more at a lower price than at a higher price. What makes these natural laws - with or without proof, is the fact that it is normal human behavior. There are many more natural laws that determine behaviors in the economic arena, especially at the aggregate level.

In dealing with natural law, there is a unique sensation I call the sensation of understanding. Who has not experienced a tingling in the spine and a sense of well being following internalizing something profound? This is what I call the sensation of understanding. When understanding occurs, there is nothing that can necessarily be put into words.... but something has been learned.... and the learning has taken place at a deeper level than at the level where words explain what we experience.

Some people seek to change for the better. Some people are unhappy and want to change. Positive change begins with understanding. Out of understanding a person changes and the change is always positive.

Natural Law And Markets

The stock market is the overwhelmingly most important thing in the world for the 10% who own 85% of all stock outstanding. The 100 or so richest people in the world are actually your real government. Americans are busy believing otherwise and promoting their own poverty.

Folks in the U.S. are trained from birth to think like they do. I frequently state that those 100 or so richest people in the world are controlling, acquiring and consolidating ownership of the world's factors of production. By controlling the media, they also determine what your entertainment is, but more importantly – what you think and believe.

Accomplishing these things allows them to literally write their enormous paychecks and guarantees them ever increasing enormous paychecks for as long as the future can be foreseen.

How do I know these things without having any facts at my fingertip? It is my understanding of natural law and the practice of using it to make forecasts. Here is a relevant point of natural law applicable in today's economic and political arenas.

Any human being who has an incentive will act on that incentive in the absence of a stronger counter – incentive. Anyone who has an incentive to steal will rob a bank if there is absolutely no way he will be caught.

Why would any group of people corral and manage the thoughts of the overall population for profit and use government as a means of increasing the value of everything they own? A better question is, why wouldn't they? Who is going to stop them? Certainly the public won't. The upper elite control our law makers. So, of course they will. All that is needed is the will, power and money to do these things. Is this some kind of conspiracy? Am I a conspiracy theorist? It doesn't have to be a formal conspiracy. It can be the manifestation of the interplay of symbiotic relationships over time.

Regardless, it has the characteristics of a cartel. The exact nature of their relationships to one another would be nice to know but the outcome is the same regardless. All collective action is conspiracy – based. In that respect, I am definitely a conspiracy theorist.

One problem the elite have is that of actual damage to their business interest. They also need a perpetual massive supply of unearned money which is funneled to them by way of our Federal Reserve. I have previously forecast that the stock market will drop when the economy tanks and there is nothing that can be done to stop it. I need to change that a little. If business losses are guaranteed because of something external smashing its way into the economy, that will have the same effect as a business decline that occurs because the buying power of the bottom rungs of the economy disappears.

The Corona virus of 2020 actually could serve as an exogenous event that stresses the economy to the point of collapse. We didn't know how serious the situation was or was not. The reaction of the Chinese government indicated that it could be quite serious.

Americans need to be assured stock prices will continue to rise no matter what. The elite will actually see to it that the public gets no information that will scare them into selling their holdings. The lives and means of ordinary people mean nothing to these folks. Americans die because they have no information and have no way to anticipate a coming pandemic. To the elite, you go down as collateral damage.

Until something happens, the same trading patterns in the market will continue as usual. Sometimes the market will fall at the opening of trading. What happens? The market falls and lands in a basket. From there prices are manipulated higher, and any shorts are squeezed out of their positions. The last hour is devoted to closing the market up for the day or at worst – the high for the day.

On most days, the market is gapped up and then stabilized. A snake like pattern ensues and continues until the last hour. From that point until the close, all efforts are to close it well above the open but up for the day no matter what. In the media, this process is explained as mom and pop being excited about stocks and buying aggressively. It is nothing of the kind. In politics, the democratic process is being discarded. Our free market system has been destroyed. The situation is ripe for an all out depression. It

will happen.... but the stock market will be manipulated until none who manipulate the market are left standing. Does anyone want to play?

Acceptable Alternatives To The Truth

In explaining economics and politics, I have a complete advantage over all others who are doing the same thing, simply because I do not believe lies. That is not an unfair advantage. Anyone else can do the same thing. In politics, although the truth is in every one's tool box it is never used. Any politician who tells the truth is at an immediate disadvantage.

When talking about politics I start by knowing I am not hearing the truth regardless of its source. All communication in politics is focused on getting results or advancing an agenda. Others who believe they are hearing the truth, even out of their favorite supporters, are generally wrong in their assessments from the outset.

That is in fact the case with mainstream economics. Study mainstream economics if you want to be highly adept at understanding a system that does not apply to or even exist in the real world.

John Kenneth Galbraith was a brilliant economist 20th century economist. Sure he was a liberal but he was an absolute master at observing what was going on in the world of economics that was out of the visual field of everyone else. His solutions were misguided but his observations were right on

.In his classic 1950's book, The Affluent Society, he introduced the term conventional wisdom. Today that term is used constantly but the gravity of its meaning has become lost. Conventional wisdom works out to be an alternative to the truth the vast majority of the time. Conventional wisdom is not what is true. It is a belief system the majority are comfortable with.

Policy is always based on conventional wisdom rather than what is factual or even logical. Often it is a means of adopting a lie, hoping it works or for the best, because the truth is too troubling to look at.

What is today's conventional wisdom? Probably the biggest is the insistence by virtually everyone is that the stock market is in a bubble created by investors bidding stocks up. It is quite unsettling to entertain the idea that we don't have a bubble but a political agenda that provides affirmative action for stock prices. Bubbles burst. Political agendas fail but they don't bust. What are political agendas? Political agendas are what politically powerful people convince congress that government should do. Somehow,

I doubt that I am alone among economists as seeing QE and fiscal stimulus as not only unnecessary but completely destructive. The fact is that you cannot get paid as an economist unless you advance the conventional wisdom the modern discipline is based on. For that reason, the conventional wisdom that stimulus is needed and even that the Federal Reserve is an important necessary institution are standards that are completely misguided.

What conventional wisdom comes down to is - a reasoning of choice that displaces the truth. The popular ideas that circulate in the echo chambers, both liberal and conservative, are bits and pieces of conventional wisdom that morph into sound bites. So, when does anything other than conventional

wisdom enter the national dialog? That happens when suffering caused by policies based on yesterday's conventional wisdom begin failing.

Applying Natural Law To Economics

Fantasy - Free Economics theory is rooted in natural law. Natural law has predominance over all man made theories and assumptions. Find instances where standard economic theories and natural law conflict, and natural law will yield the best insight. The concept of self - evident is an intricate part of Fantasy - Free Economics. Someone might ask if anything is actually self - evident.

Our very nation is rooted in a principle of self - evidence.... as can be noticed in the Preamble of The United States Declaration Of Independence. The very existence at its very beginning is based on it being self - evidentand that rights are given to us by our creator - or nature if you prefer. Who disagrees?

Economists constantly allude to Adam Smith and "The Wealth of Nation" as the foundation of economic thought. All of what Smith wrote is based on principles of natural law which turn out to be self - evident.

"It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker, that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest. We address ourselves, not to their humanity, but to their self-love, and never talk to them of our own necessities but of their advantages. Nobody but a beggar chuses(sic) to depend chiefly upon the benevolence of his fellow-citizens." –Adam Smith

The study of economics in the aggregate is fatally flawed because of a complete ignorance of natural law. As intricate as economic theory is, it never has a chance of working as intended, because it is flawed from the beginning. The most elaborate theories can be debunked in a sentence or two by pointing out that influences at the most basic level are not even known about much less considered. If a cook uses salt in place of sugar in making an angel food cake, it is going to taste less and less like a cake as more and more salt is added. No cook is going to do this unless it is by accident. The world's most esteemed economists his and nothing else by using erroneous assumptions.

They do not recognize what the most basic influences are - neither do the people who listen to them and hang on every word that comes out of their mouths. A quick look at the image at the left presents a clear picture of where aggregate economics is focused. The trunk of the tree illustrates where Fantasy - Free Economics is focused.

I discard economic dogma because it guarantees bad outcomes. It is all based on math and the theories are all based on math. The basics of economics can't be explained with numbers because the influences that cause numbers are not even acknowledged. That is because no number can explain a basic influence. Natural law accomplishes that. I believe in math. I have even taught algebra II and pre-calculus. I am not a mathematician but math may be the most useful skill a student often learns. However, it is as dangerous to use math where it doesn't apply as it is to use dynamite to try and solve all of the world's problems.

Dynamite is wonderful also, provided it is used it the right way and for the right things.

I am going allude to probably the most acknowledged natural law , power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. So what does mainstream economics do with that tidbit of truth? It deems it a platitude and ignores it. Doing this alone guarantees failure. All natural law - other than a few like the laws of supply and demand, are ignored. More importantly - natural law is not used. Even the laws of supply and demand are not mentioned or acknowledged as being natural law. The power - corrupt law will be expanded on and further explained in a coming chapter.

Buy accepting the “power corrupts” law, it is easy to show that those in powerful positions are always more corrupt than the masses who give them power. When a person is given a position of power, that person becomes more corrupt than they were the day before acquiring the position.

Society treats such people as peers, but they are no such thing. The indisputable truth is that the automatic corruption makes that impossible. Mainstream economics pretends that empowered folks are no different than any other of their brethren. All are assumed to be working tirelessly seeking to improve the lives of ordinary people. Yet, because they are more powerful than the rest of us, it is natural that they are more corrupt than the rest of us.

There are two choices when looking at institutions. Each can be studied according to how it is defined or how it functions. Mainstream economics treats both people and institutions according to how they are defined. For example, the Federal Reserve is defined as being unbiased. Economists and all of society treat it as if it was actually unbiased. Fantasy - Free Economics treats it as the political body which it is.

Few would dispute that the United States is entering a troubled period in its history. If the process of cause and effect were entertained, a freedom - loving, freedom - seeking population would not allow that to happen. Clearly, there is something wrong with this picture. The presumed input would not generate the output we see. Clearly, people are guided by a deeper motivation with respect to how they deal with freedom.

As an economist, rather than relying on quantitative analysis, I focus on the natural forces which are the true cause of what economic numbers turn out to be. The fantasy - free approach is based on interpreting natural law.... and understanding that natural law has predominance over any other laws that are used in explaining economics. Since natural law generates no numbers, ordinary reasoning is used. Believe me, I am not anti-number or anti-math. The difference is that I know what math is good for and what it is not.

What is called economics today, is actually sophisticated accounting - which is presumed to have predictive value that it doesn't have. With natural law, I routinely debunk sophisticated economic theories in one sentence....and never more than three.

The Hypocrisy Of The Right

Conservatives, right wingers, republicans.... and whatever else they want to call themselves think of themselves as champions of freedom and small government. They come out in droves to set the classic socialists straight. Yet, there is not one demonstrative conservative or free market initiative in the world today. The notion seems to be that if enough Americans are of the right frame of mind, the wind of God

will blow the country onto the right track without anyone having to lift a finger. Of course that is giving everyone too much credit. Conservative talk radio show hosts shamelessly exploit the situation by keeping endless dialog going. Never in 1000 years, on talk radio will you ever hear a direct appeal to close a government agency or repeal a law.

People do what makes their lives turn out best. Most small government conservatives get more in government benefits than are received by the poor and downtrodden. So, who is going to want laws repealed that support them financially? In the minds of the patriots – as they like to call themselves.... “Free markets are for my benefit but in my personal life I must be protected from free market competition.”

The essence of the groups which identify as conservative generally comes from government in such a big way, they are not about to shoot themselves in the foot by actually reining in government.

There are two basic choices in an economy. There is the free market concept and then there is economics by force. All groups with which folks identify opt for economics by force. Prior to about 600 years ago, economics by force was all there was. All of the enormous economic growth the world has experienced during that time came from the emergence of freedom for the individual. As it is, the proponents of freedom in the United States are opting for economics by force just as are the classic socialists the criticize.

Even if 100% of the population agrees that establishing a free market economy is the best path, it is never going to happen as long as the same folks derive their essence out of government programs.

Many conservatives work in government agencies that need to be closed. They see themselves as doing something critical and that reining in government needs to start somewhere else.

This is a genuine dilemma. What does a person believe? True belief turns into action. The way we spend our time and energy is a good picture of what we really believe. It is not the left wing and the confessed socialists who are destroying the country. At least they can be managed. Who is destroying the country? It is the very folks who claim to be trying to save it. That is because they are currently doing more of what they are afraid the classic socialists will do already - than the classic socialists themselves could ever do.

Application Of Fantasy Free Theory

How To Use Fantasy Free Economics Theory

There is a difference between knowing and understanding. Knowing what a theory is and understanding it are not the same. At the level of understandingalong with an interpretation that it is true – a theory becomes integral to the thinking process.

My suggestion is to grasp the theory and keep it in mind as the future unfolds. Becoming fantasy – free with respect to economics and politics conflicts with a persons sensibilities based on fantasy.... which have replaced those provided by nature.

Get used to the way fantasy – free theory works slowly. That it works will become obvious.

Fantasy Free theory is a great equalizer. It will never be used as a means of making or changing government economic policy. It would dis-empower the actors in charge. Why are certain actors in charge?

People run for public office as a means of acquiring power or for personal gain of another kind. Power is hard to get and it is never relinquished voluntarily. Once power is obtained, corruption comes with it. If

Fantasy – Free theory was accepted by academics and government, it would dis-empower those in charge. Opportunities for profit would disappear. Government is for taking, not for giving.

Fantasy – Free Economics empowers the common man. It is a great equalizer. Any soul on the street can come up with answers that are illusive to highly intelligent people with impressive credentials. The common man lacks information. To use the Fantasy – Free approach, few ordinary facts are needed. Knowing incentives actually constitutes knowledge. It is just as important not to ascribe incentives that are truly imaginary, like the imaginary incentive to serve. To use fantasy free theory it is helpful to recognize instinctive propensities and imperatives. There are many.

Natural Law Applied To Politics And Economics

Anytime I allude to natural law it seems to invoke images of 60s hippies sitting under a shade tree dropping acid or smoking weed. Then I have to show where most natural law is found or modeled. That happens to be in ancient religious writings. Examples abound in all of them. These ideas did not spring up over night. The models of natural law apply completely to human behavior – independently of any religious interpretation.

Find any story in the Old Testament or New Testament. Find any number of parallel circumstance throughout history and the issues will have outcomes which also parallel the outcomes in the ancient stories. Read these stories very carefully and it will also become clear that scribes often wrote in ways that would expose corruption among leaders in the safest way they could. Many stories are written from the viewpoint of, “What is wrong with this picture?” This is especially true in the Old Testament books of Samuel and Kings. Read the stories carefully and it is apparent that the scribes were being subversively critical of kings. The same flaws cited in the early kings of Israel are possessed by today’s world leaders. What is explained is the nature of leadership and it is all true today.

Have you noticed how today’s masses are as much as volunteering for slavery? There is a near madness of seeking comfort and security from authority and replacing freedom with obedience to central authority figures. This is an ancient phenomenon which is repeated over and over throughout history.

Today’s situation is clearly explained in Samuel 1, Chapter 8 of the Old Testament. Jews can read that without fearing some Christian guy is going to grab them and tell them about Jesus. The same principles can be found in other ancient writings.

Mainstream economists make a fatal error by making false assumptions about how people are likely to behave. People are assumed to be autonomous in thought and action. Close observations show that this is untrue. There is no way to make false assumptions in the beginning and be right in the end.

People are in fact born free but that doesn’t last long enough to have a huge impact over lives. In the system of dominance and subservience we all live in, every living thing -including human beings, joins the ongoing activity of dominating some and submitting to others. So the person mainstream economics treats as free and autonomous is only in that precise condition at a few short periods during a life time. It should not be assumed that dominating others is always the first and best choice. When a person goes looking for a job, what is he or she doing? That person is looking to find the optimum and most advantageous way to submit so as to optimize one’s level of comfort and security.

Look very closely at the political arena and you will notice something striking. Notice the complete absence of sentient or abstract arguments. Everything that is written or said, in or out of echo chambers is meant to change someone's positions without taking a big chance by asking them to think about it. Government is defined in many lofty ways but in the end, it turns out to be a formal platform where countless pleaders go to get what they want. Truth is not used. What you are noticing is that politics is an animal world activity. The human animal nature takes over. Thinking is not engaged in. It is a survival activity.

Really, the only people who actually think during the political process are the few who wind up being elected officials or those who work directly for them. Certain unlikely personality characteristics give them the ability to herd, corral and exploit others while making most feel like they are working in their behalf. The voting public is managed and trained the same way dogs are managed and trained.

Members of the public are offered treats and kind words in order to encourage them to submit. Human beings submit to their elected representatives in the same way their dogs submit to them. Once a human being has submitted to an authority, don't expect that person to object to anything at all unless his or her comfort and security levels are threatened. If it surprises you that there is so much turmoil in the world and no one seems to care except a few in the echo chambers, I have just given you the explanation. The level of submission in the United States today is unprecedented. Until and if that changes, don't look for a lot of progress in reining in government. I admit that I can't offer any suggestion of a way to change this.

Natural Law In Scriptures

Ancient writings contain wisdom that modern man is not aware of. For example, each story in the Old Testament is a model of natural law – independently of its religious interpretation. The best example can be seen in Samuel 1 Chapter 8 in the Old Testament. What is described is an eternal process whereby the common man surrenders his freedom to an authoritarian entity in order to feel safe and taken care of. The same process is occurring today and has throughout all of history.

Israel Demands a King

1Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. 3But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.

4Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

6But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the Lord. 7And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. 8According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. 9Now

therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.”

10So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who asked him for a king. 11And he said, “This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots. 12He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. 13He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers. 14And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. 15He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. 16And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest [a]young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. 17He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants. 18And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the Lord will not hear you in that day.”

19Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, 20that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

21And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the Lord. 22So the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed their voice, and make them a king.”

And Samuel said to the men of Israel, “Every man go to his city.”

What People Genuinely Want From Government

It is easy to notice that not just with government, but in all aspects of their lives, people tend to end up having what is most important to them. Sometimes they end up having just that one thing and nothing else. If wealth is genuinely what a person wants -especially if that want is out of proportion to anything else.... they are likely to have it, or at least end up with a higher than average income.

There is nothing magical about becoming wealthy. It takes a lot of sacrifice. To become wealthy requires giving up many other things in life that are meaningful. Be it love, free time, entertainment.... those things often must be left on the table.

Most people do not want to give these things up to the degree necessary to achieve great amounts of wealth. There is no problem with that. Wealth does not guarantee happiness. What about entertainment? If that is what people want, they end up being highly entertained. If alcohol is the most important thing, folks may end up with one last fifth of fine Tennessee whiskey – and nothing else besides liver failure. To some, free time is what matters, and in the end they are prone to have that.

Look at what a person has today and that is what is most important to him.

So let's look at what voters or “we the people” have with respect to government. They have elected a government that serves as their guardian. What does a guardian do? A guardian makes decisions for those who are incompetent at making decisions for themselves and manages every aspect of their lives.

So, over time government has taken on the role of a guardian. When voters make a choice, they pick the candidate they feel will most likely serve as a guardian. Since having a guardian is important out of proportion to everything else voters could get from government.... a guardian is what they end up with.

Guardian – seeking is a hard act to break up. Those who prefer to make their own decisions are a very small minority in the United States. Having a guardian is so important to Americans, they are willing to give up their rights guaranteed to them in the constitution in order to have one. Censorship? Censorship is no problem to Americans when the speech that is censored might end up denying them the guardian they so cherish.

There are those who prefer to live independent lives - though the number is shrinking. Unless independent minded people find ways to make their viewpoints known, it is only a matter of time before there are so few of them that they can't have any impact at all.

Unless independent people make the effort to find sources of genuine information and viewpoints, they may as well throw in the towel now.

Fantasy – Free Economics is a threat to the guardian - seeking mentality that pervades the nation. So Fantasy – Free Economics is highly censored as are other blogs and sources of dissenting viewpoints and information. Guardian – seekers themselves are not the ones doing the censoring. The censoring is coming from the guardians. Serving as a guardian for huge masses of people is astronomically profitable. More and more guardian arrangements are sought. Fears are even created just so guardians can provide safety and security to the people they might serve.

Fantasy Free Theory Of Money

Money has always been around. At the time barter was used, whatever was produced in excess of what the producer used, served as money. It was traded directly for something else another person produced that was deemed worth a trade.

All kinds of commodities have been used for money. Six characteristics of money are: durability.... portability.... acceptability.... scarcity.... divisibility and uniformity. Gold served as money for eons because it possesses all of these six characteristics. Interfere with any of these six attributes and whatever serves as money functions less efficiently as money.

I use the term natural money supply to describe the optimum amount of money in an economy. The natural money supply consists of money earned by means of work or production plus what can be borrowed based on the credit of borrowers and reserve requirements. But, is that enough money in circulation? It is in a free market economy and constitutes an optimum.

One way to dismantle a free market economy is to increase the money supply by means of political money. Quantitative easing and other such practices amount to political money. Add that money.... then the good money attribute of scarcity is diminished. Drop the reserve requirement close to zero and the scarcity of money is eliminated.

All who work possess natural money. That is based on work done and whatever can be borrowed and logically be expected to be repaid. Few who work have access to political money.

Access to political money is obtained by way of political power. How do we end up with political money? Suppose there is basically a free market economy and things are going along as well as possible. “The economy is growing but deemed not to be growing fast enough. Never mind that given technology, productivity of labor and resources, everything is being put to its highest and best use. Given the prowess of our intellectuals, government can stimulate the economy and we can outdo the tired old free market system.”

By increasing the money supply, it is assumed that we can have more of everything faster on a win – win basis. So, the Federal Reserve is commissioned to create political money in order accomplish this. “Wow, it works, let’s do even more of it.”

When I was driving a taxi, I picked up an air force pilot at the San Antonio International Airport. I took him to Randolph Air Force Base. We had a pleasant half – hour long conversation. He was here to fly a jet back to Colorado Springs. He wasn’t looking forward to it. It would be a boring four hour flight. I naively asked him why it would take him so long since the jet he was picking up could easily make the trip in 45 minutes. He said that his mission required him to optimize fuel usage and if he went at maximum speed, there might not even be enough fuel to finish the trip.

Stimulating the economy works in a similar fashion. Initial results may be stellar but that is not going to last. First, the stimulus goes to those with enough political power to demand and receive it. Second, the money is used by the receivers to make the most money in the shortest period of time. Expectations are that the money will be unselfishly used to promote a national interest. Instead, resources become inefficiently allocated because the “out with the old and in with the new” aspect of free markets is eliminated. Wealth is transferred from the bottom of the economy to the top. A severe recession or depression ensues to correct the imbalances created by the stimulus. GDP numbers can look good for years, but like the jet plane, the economy runs out of fuel. In the end the economy would have been better off at the end of economic hard times, had stimulus never been used.

Mindless stimulus, both monetary and fiscal stimulus, have been used constantly since the Reagan Administration. Keynes, the father of economic stimulus, was clear in insisting that his theory should seldom be used and that complete objectivity must be used when it is. Since government can only make political decisions and Keynes’ methods require governmental decisions, his theories are guaranteed not to work as intended.

There is no objectivity in government decisions. Constant stimulus has destroyed our free market system. Political power has replaced price in its rationing role. Our economy has been destroyed. So, the economy will crash, just like the pilot’s jet would have crashed had he flown full speed on his flight from San Antonio to Denver.

Fantasy Free Theory Of Aggregate Demand

Demand is like the wind blowing into a sail. When the wind stops, the boat stops. When demand stops, the economy stops. When wind speed increases the boat goes faster. When demand increases, the economy grows faster. The wind going into a sail cannot be increased. Can the level of demand be increased, independently of work and production? Belief that it can be – is the conventional wisdom of modern economic thought. That is.... if we don't count what is stolen as part of demand.

The following is a list of the five most important demand determinants found in economic text books. The presence of political money distorts each of these factors and causes imbalances to grow in the economy

Price Yes, price determines how much in terms of goods and services consumers will buy. But, how are prices determined? Price is the rationing element in a free market. If laws are passed forcing consumers to pay for certain goods and services, goods and services are then rationed with political power. We are forced to pay for ethanol in our gasoline. Who remembers countless Americans, willing to pay, waving signs on the street insisting that gasoline contain ethanol be required in gasoline? I can't remember any. Can you?

Demand for ethanol was created with political power. We wind up with two classes of demand. We have what consumers want to buy. We also have demand derived from political power. The two types of demand function completely differently. Still, economists insist that demand is demand. It has to be that way to build economic models. Seeing it that way guarantees the ineptness of these models in terms of utility.

Related Goods A change in price or demand for one product or service, different than the one in question, can either increase or decrease when it can accomplish the same or similar things.

Income We have income based on work. Add political money to that and we have two classes of money. Stimulus adds income for the most wealthy members of society. Money rooted in work is what ordinary people have. Economists treat all money as the same....but thinking is not allowed in economics.

Tastes and Preferences Tastes and preferences are changed through advertising. We have to live with that. Censorship prevents consumers from learning about products and services that compete with what is already offered – and what all are forced to buy by legislation. Huge corporations own the media and the media supports the interests of their owners.

Expectations

Expectations are controlled by the media and government. These determinants are part of a larger number that is used to calculate aggregate demand.

When an economic model is produced.... generally, basic demand determinants go into the categories of government spending and consumer spending. No thought is given to where the numbers come from and why they are what they are. I look at models like I would look at a painting or a flower display. Those things can be mighty pretty.

Why do I pay no attention to economic models? They have no utility to society but serve only as political tools to be used to pass corrupt self – serving laws for those with enough political power to lobby and get bills passed. Citizens never have approached government and asked that government manage their healthcare.... life's decisions.... clean energy....support for the stock market.... or anything else.

The logic of mainstream economics is that citizens actually do want these things because they have representation. Never mind the fact that although citizens do elect representatives, they get outbid as soon as their candidates take office. If citizens actually had representation, how could the country get in to the sorry shape it is in today?

Can economists make decent meaningful forecasts? If you think they can, send me a list of the successful ones. I can't think of any myself. It seems that if there was a good mainstream method of making economic forecasts, certainly someone would be bragging about it.

Was Adam Smith Conspiracy Theorist?

Was Adam Smith a conspiracy theorist? It seems he was. So, I suppose that makes him crazy – right? Adam Smith is routinely deemed to be the first economist and the father of free market thought.

Should we now disregard everything the man wrote or said? After all, is it not true that all allusions to conspiracy are products of the imagination and must be treated as such? Was Adam Smith just another trouble maker like all conspiracy theorists? Or, was he merely pointing out what is normal human behavior? You decide.

What if Adam Smith was alive today and wrote such a thing? What would today's big tech fact checkers do with respect to Smith's observations? Your guess is as good as mine.....but, who is guessing and who is not?

Is it really impossible that the biggest tech corporations would conspire together to mold society in a way that benefits them? According to Adam Smith's thoughts, it would be close to impossible that they are not routinely doing so.

Notice that stories about cheap medicine and inexpensive cures are also fact checked and discarded. Could that be a sign that that big pharma and big insurance are also part of big tech's censorship initiative? Big banks are not complaining. Who else is willing to help?

To what degree do these corporations control the essence of countless other entities and people in today's economic arena? Who and what within the lower echelons of the economy are in a position to oppose them? Is the general public willing to give up the "free" stuff they get from Google or Facebook? Don't count on it. When anyone in society today questions the integrity of the order of things in our world today, Is he trouble maker and a kook? Again, you decide.

All approaches to government are conspiracy based.. It is impossible to study politics without acknowledging that all legislation and attempts to get legislation passed os rooted in one conspiracy or another. The term conspiracy theorist is used to protect a lie.

Legislation For Profit

I have been explaining that all enterprise is for profit. The difference is in who gets the profit. Single – payer medicine is for profit. Obamacare is for profit. Free market medicine would be for profit. This is all because when government runs an enterprise the imaginary incentive to serve is assumed to be present. Every enterprise, government or free market is for profit because self – interest is the only incentive in play. With respect to private charities - they range from mostly non – profit to almost entirely for profit. The label put on an enterprise doesn't mean much.

I need to mention that all legislation is for profit. It is so much for profit, that unfathomable amounts of money are spent making sure specific legislation passes. When a bill like the Affordable Care Act is passed, the purpose is to enrich the parties who write the bill. What is good for the citizens of the country is never taken into consideration. If citizens were to insist to be taken into consideration, that actually might be. They never do.

Surely there are some but I cannot think of an occasion where a representative has sat down with constituents and has written and introduced a bill on behalf of them. It simply doesn't happen. This may sound like an unpleasant reality and I suppose it is. That doesn't mean it isn't true.

Legislation is for profit. Government is for profit. Profit is the way of the world. Pretending it is not puts ordinary people at a disadvantage. Profit is not evil. It is not good either. It is just the way of the world.

What Stimulus Actually Accomplishes

The concept of stimulus as it is practiced today began with John Maynard Keynes' General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money. Keynes is frequently described as a great economist and by some even the greatest economist who ever lived.

He was in fact a great mathematician, but in no way was he an economist. He had no clear understanding of markets, and held the same naive beliefs about markets as do countless uneducated and wishful – thinking members of the general public.

The most common naive belief about free markets is that when a business or industry becomes unprofitable absolutely nothing will emerge to take its place. Free markets provide an optimum in income and production for members of all income classes. Even though there is a 100% chance better and stronger businesses and industries will emerge, allowing that to happen requires a leap of faith, because there is absolutely no sign that new enterprises will spring up and generate new and greater economic opportunities. So, initiatives to have government save what is failing abound. Businesses which fail do so for good reasons.

The one thing Keynes got right in his work was the necessity of complete objectivity in implementing stimulus plans. This was Keynes' straw man concept. This was his name for a totally objective, non – political person to be in charge. Does nature provide this type of individual? If you find just one example in all of history, please advise me who that person was or is.

If total objectivity is necessary with fiscal stimulus, it is also necessary in monetary stimulus. Both styles of stimulus are hashed out politically. Both monetary and fiscal stimulus serve as political tools. What are politicians going to do when they believe increasing government spending is good for the economy? Beginning with the Reagan administration stimulus is now applied no matter what.

Any stimulus program requires an economic forecast. Please provide a list of forecasts by credentialed economists that turned out to be more accurate than those of the same numbers of astrologers. When you find a few, – which you won't... I will rethink my view of forecasts by economists. If any stimulus plan is to be implemented, is a good forecast unnecessary? If a good forecast is not possible, is there any reason an economy needs to be stimulated even in a case where a macroeconomic theory calls for one.? Should stimulus be applied even though no one has any idea as to what will happen next? You decide. I have already decided. Show me where I am misguided. Should congress apply stimulus, just in case the economy gets weak when no one is looking?

Monetary theory had already been debunked as an economic remedy prior to the 70s. I still remember a professor from that era explaining to the class that monetary policy had great promise but in actual practice, it produced no worthwhile results. Monetary theory was rediscovered and has re-emerged as a political tool after the turn of the century.

Today both fiscal and monetary stimulus are political tools. Both are used to reward powerful interests which support the essence of politicians.... who administer favors as a means of gaining and retaining power. Both are very effective in that regard and are used for that purpose. The effect of both is to create a huge income gap between the working poor and the wealthy.

Who benefits from stimulus? The beneficiaries of stimulus are the parties with enough political power convince congress to spend in support of what they have to offer.

After forty plus consecutive years of stimulus, resources in the United States are allocated grossly inefficiently. The economic viability of the poor and lower middle class have been destroyed. So, the economy is collapsing. Since the free market system has been replaced by stimulus inspired socialism where benefits go to the top, there is no way the economy will recover from the severe depression we are entering.

Changing Faces Of Welfare

The welfare we provide the rich through the Federal Reserve system in just one year is many times greater than all of welfare we have provided the poor in all of our history. To that we have to add the benefits the very rich receive by using congress to guarantee their incomes and rig the markets they operate in.

The notion that the poor are the primary engine for never ending dependence on government has whiskers on it to say the least. Once an idea gains acceptance and catches on it develops a life of its own. When the time comes that it is no longer true, it is treated as fact regardless. Hardly a soul even wonders otherwise.

The poor do get some benefits, but the days when “helping the poor” seriously drove up the cost of government are long behind us. The true angst behind the current change in government is the fear by

the rich of being cut off from their government benefits. That fear is probably not well – founded. Trump’s tax and spending plans were tailored towards rewarding the politically powerful.... just like those of the preceding two presidents.

Welfare for the rich is far more hazardous than welfare for the poor. The rich have the political power to see to it that their benefits continue growing. Can you visualize a thousand sided figure? No you can’t. It is just as hard to fathom the amount of money the rich have extracted out of the general population over the last forty six years by using the government as a tool. The process is ongoing.

How A Republican President Spends

After convincing the country that he was a conservative icon, Ronald Reagan embraced central economic planning and set all records for government spending. That seemed o.k. - since he was widely perceived as the most conservative president in history. Republicans do not mind astronomical government spending – as long as it is part of a central planning initiative and the idea is presented by a Republican.

Donald Trump signaled that he was going to do exactly what Reagan did. Economists call it supply – side economics. Detractors call it trickle – down economics. Smart people call it transferring income from the masses to the super rich. That is the result of all central planning. What is central planning other than a technique of rigging the system?

So, how does this conservative spending take place? What is really accomplished by lowering taxes? A tax decrease while spending is increased causes the public to lose any awareness of what government costs. More spending is always deemed as just fine since out of pocket costs go down. The official justification is that the Keynesian spending plan will increase tax receipts more than paying for the increase in spending. Democrats have learned to copy this Republican technique because the public becomes duped almost automatically. After several years, the public forgets spending was ever increased.

There is no chance at all that a tax decrease will be good for the country. Like all Keynesian techniques, the supply side theory is flawed. Keynes invented the concept of a straw man. In Keynes’s mind a straw man was needed so as to be completely objective in implementing the plan. As it turns out.... the straw man doesn’t exist in nature. No such being exists and it is not possible for a straw man to exist. If there was a straw man, he would not be given the job. Government makes political decisions, – not economic decisions. Self interest is all that drives political decisions, so the spending occurs in ways that enrich the politically – powerful. The new spending increasingly misallocates resources because it occurs outside of the free market. Over time, more harm than good occurs.

When Keynes died, he was already backing away from his theory. Economists usually believe that one number causes another and have no understanding of incentives. Keynes made that mistake. Numbers don’t cause anything independently of the changing incentives that cause the numbers.

The Total Dishonesty Of Macroeconomic Theory

Today, right before your eyes, I am going to completely debunk the entire discipline of macro economics as it is practiced in the world today. From its beginnings with Keynes' general theory all the way to the theft – by – stimulus programs ongoing today.... the whole practice is so corrupt, dishonest and destructive....that all involved belong in handcuffs.

Macro economic intervention – as the discipline calls for.... is built on logic far more flawed than is that of a chain letter. On paper, a chain letter appears to be a perfect business model. It is low overhead and high projected profits. With a chain letter, participants are expected to behave one way but the actually behave another.

Macro economics theories make many erroneous assumptions – all of which the theories depend on. There is no way to make pleasant angel food cake when salt is used instead of sugar. Erroneous assumptions are part of modern macroeconomic theory. Erroneous may not be the best word, because with macroeconomics the actual factors are worse than erroneous. Human behavior is exactly opposite of what it is assumed to be, just like with a chain letter.

I am only going to mention the most destructive and dishonest assumptions that go into macro economic theories.

1.) Total objectivity on the part of those implementing the plan is assumed. This is born of Keynes' straw man concept. There is no such entity in nature. Totally objective bureaucrats don't exist. Self – interest is the only known universal incentive. What human nature guarantees is a total lack of objectivity.

2.) Government is assumed to be making economic decisions. Governments cannot make economic decisions. Governments only make political decisions.

3.) Government is assumed to be a place where problems are solved and where there are constant ongoing efforts to make life better for everyone. But in real life, government serves as a medium where people go to get what they want. Self – interest is assumed to disappear when someone leaves the private sector and moves to the public sector but it doesn't.

Yes, macro economic theory would have utility to society if human beings were statues and every one of them were completely devoid of self – interest and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the country.

There are many economic theories which work perfectly on paper. Communism works perfectly but it doesn't accommodate human nature. Macro economic theories, like communism, does not accommodate human nature. What does it mean, if a theory insists that people are going to act one way – but in real life they are guaranteed to act another? It means the theory is useless and destructive. I say useless but that only applies to society as a whole.

Politically powerful people make huge profits by persuading government to initiate stimulus programs. Keynes' work and that of all of the others is used to justify theft – by – stimulus legislation. The country as a whole winds up having its income constantly routed from the bottom of the food chain – where there is little political power.... to the top – where there is political power in abundance.

So, do the nation's economists really believe in what they are doing? I say they have to say they do in order to get paid. Do not think for a minute that economists who support stimulus plans on behalf of government are honest. What I explained can be understood by someone with a third grade education, and probably most who are completely illiterate. No one with all the PhDs and other credentials in the world can possibly rebuke the simple logic I used to expose these flawed theories. The public will suffer for these things as long as they are willing to believe these things.

How Your Your Betters See You

Who are your betters and why are they called betters? Your betters are the sociopaths who make decisions for you. Why are they better? They are your betters.... because you worship them. Rid your mind of fantasy and euphemisms and you see them not as they are defined but as they function.

But all people are the same you declare? With a casual glance it would appear that way but an in depth look produces a clearer picture.

A small percentage of the population is born with an elevated ability to herd their peers. You can spot them in kindergarten. They are the ones all of the other children follow around. They tell others what to do and they do it. To the teachers, they are cute as a button. These little children maintain these behaviors for the rest of their lives. They grow up to be presidents.... mayors.... senators.... congressmen and billionaires. They are sociopaths. "But the people you mention have consciences", you say. They actually have something else that is hard to distinguish from a conscience. They have an accelerated need to keep their self esteem elevated. They do not like to be in a position where others might think less of them.

These are your betters. It is part of nature. In their minds, they are automatically entitled to part of what you have. For them, controlling others is not a choice. They are hard – wired to herd and control. If one of your betters is not controlling the lives of others, their own life seems incomplete. Who are you in the eyes of your betters? You are a human being and you are always a resource. As your betters gain more and more power.... to them, you become more and more like a statue or a chess piece. As power becomes more and more centralized, leaders come to see your behavior and incentives as entirely manageable and predictable. At some point, their expectations of others become unrealistic. What they feel they are entitled to starts going way past society's boundaries.

As docile as people are in front of their betters, if treated too badly, they will turn on those they have previously worshiped. In the United States today, this is what the situation is. It is the same in Europe and Asia.

Again, why are these people your betters? They are betters with respect to you because you treat them as they if they are.

Personality Characteristics Economics And Politics

One of the forgotten goals of economics or political science is to predict what leaders and others are likely to do given certain situations. An important question always is: What type of person is likely to become a president or congressman? Debate continues as to how much of a personality characteristic is

inborn and how much of it is learned. My personal view is that people are born with strong propensities to behave one way or another. What is most important is that however a person acquires various personality characteristics, he is not likely to change.

Personality characteristics, each one of them, is distributed in a bell curve type manner. Odds are, any person you meet on the street is likely to be about average in terms of honesty.... sense of entitlement,.... empathy.... and all other social qualities. A person with a super strong sense of entitlement sees what you own as theirs just as much as it is yours.

A small percentage of people have a whole set of unlikely personality characteristics. Certain lifestyles and avocations are open only to the few who have the types of personalities that would make them successful in their chosen areas.

Assuming the right physical attributes, a super competitive person has a chance to compete in the NFL. That same person may have too much compassion for others to become a career criminal. Saint Mother Teresa, probably wasn't all that competitive. She had other personality characteristics that guided her towards helping people and doing saintly things.

So, what personality characteristics does it take to become president of the United States? What kind of personality does it take to become a senator or congressman? These types of avocations require a collection of completely unlikely personality characteristics. How competitive must a successful candidate be? In terms of competitiveness, Donald Trump is way off the charts. National political races are the world's most competitive events. The winners must all have political personalities. Political personality is as much an euphemism for sociopath.

So, when others talk about their favorite candidates like they are their fairy god mothers, just know they are completely delusional.

It is as close to impossible as it is without actually being impossible, for a non – sociopath to get elected to a high political office. It is hard to say which fantasies are most destructive.

The notion that elected leaders are just like the rest of us, only better because they are working tirelessly in our best interest, is simply not true..

Modern Slavery

First man learned how to capture and make use of animals. Animals were herded, eaten and used as labor. From there, humans from other tribes and societies were captured and made into slaves. At one time, slavery was very popular. The first real economic systems were feudalism and then mercantilism.

Under these systems genuine freedom was rare. Everyone except the king was a servant of someone else in some capacity. When wars were fought, the entire country which lost would be forced to serve the people of the country which won. Prisoners of war became chattel and served as slaves.

In early times the institution of slavery was highly profitable. While private parties could own slaves, people were normally enslaved by governments and ended up as property of upper class citizens who

had political power. Then the world changed. The free market concept evolved and paying wages became more economical than owning people and bearing the enormous expense of keeping them. Paid labor turned out to be much more efficient and productive.

Paid labor became the standard. The problem of slavery began disappearing not rapidly but disappearing just the same. When the War Between the States broke out, interest in owning slaves in the North was gone because paid labor proved to be less costly for manufacturing. Had slavery been profitable in the North, there would have been no Civil War and slavery would have still been legal in those states. Slavery was becoming less profitable in the South, just not fast enough.

Chattel slavery is no longer legal in the United States. Servitude is completely normal and more than commonplace. In modern societies, servitude is still managed within the world's system of dominance and subservience. Even though Americans are not forced into lives of slavery they are more than pleased to offer their freedom to others in return for comfort and security. Society is organized in ways that make servitude the path of least resistance.

Chattel slavery in the United States is an extinct form of labor management. Still, servitude as an institution continues to flourish.. Is servitude a choice? In the South during the Civil War, it was common for slaves to openly choose to stay with a master. Servitude can be a choice and is when there are more benefits that way than being free. The human brain is concerned with survival and reproduction and attends to those goals first.

When congress hordes information so citizens cannot govern themselves it is really facilitating the institution of servitude. Since representation is transferable, lawmakers serve citizens who offer them the most benefits in return. It is constantly noted that the income distribution in the United States is becoming very skewed in favor of the upper class. Over time Americans have opted for lives of servitude and the rich and powerful are aggressively taking them up on the offer.

Stewards Of Your Lives

No activity on earth is as lucrative as serving as the steward of lives of others. At this historical juncture.... corporations such as big tech, big pharma, big health insurance and big banks are positioning themselves to function as stewards of the American people.

Why is information about hydroxychloroquine, vitamin c, zinc and other anti viral substances being censored by organizations with no previous history of censoring anything? Why at this unique period of time in history? What is the emergency in keeping these perfectly legal drugs and supplements out of the bodies of American citizens?

There is no other reason than that the success of inexpensive remedies would deem a mandatory vaccine for all Americans unnecessary. As stewards of your lives, big pharma and big health insurance would be guaranteed massive automatic windfalls as far into the future as can be fathomed. Big tech and big banks are also poised to serve as your stewards in other areas. All of the involved corporations maintain symbiotic relationships with one another, government and media. So, there is an ongoing cooperative

effort to keep any information out of the public's awareness that might prevent people from accepting the world's largest corporations as their stewards.

The question is, how successful will these organizations be in their endeavors? Odds are in their favor. Behavior in the political arena is universally misunderstood. When votes are cast, voters are actually choosing others to make decisions for them and guarantee their security. The number of those who prefer that representatives serve as delegates can be rounded off to zero. That which makes folks feel safe, secure and not threatened.... reduces our overall standard of living dramatically.

Modern man does not recognize natural law. Ancient scholars did and most of what they discovered has been lost. Contrary to popular opinion, ancient scriptures were not totally focused on God and religion. Each story serves as a model of natural law. What do ordinary people do when they find themselves in the circumstance of being free?

They seek out stewards of their lives. They bargain away what freedom they have in return for comfort and security. Samuel 8:1 explains how this works as well what it costs in just a few words. The situation explained has reoccurred countless times throughout history. The outcome is always the same. Still – there are those who value life as a free person so much that they prefer to make their own decisions and take their own risks. Does freedom stand a chance? If mankind as a whole is going to be free, those who want it that way will have to impose freedom on all others. This requires forcing others to make their own decisions and take their own risks independently of government. Those who value freedom highly are seriously outnumbered just as they were in the ancient writings.

The American Mindset, The Election And The Stock Market

The stock market is elevated by any means possible. The method is sophisticated. ALGOs carry out management of the market level over all averages and individual stocks.

Their profit comes from skimming and the sabotaging of unaware large and small traders as well as hedge funds. Basically, the Deep State is the stock market. A bear market will destroy the power structure of the world.

Can a stock market crash be prevented? Yes, but for that to happen, the Deep State must be extremely lucky. and they are indeed prone to good luck. The Corona Virus is the only shock they have experienced in all of the years this has been going on. Chances are that the market will crash. However, for a stock market to remain permanently in a bull trend when an entire economy collapses is close to impossible.

Chances are as good that we will see martial law imposed and selling not allowed, than there is that all markets will continue moving higher. For sure, the Deep State will find some way to save themselves by changing public policy.

Politics is dominated by two groups, right and left. Both are consumed with maladaptive behavior. Neither the left nor the right has ever gotten anything net from government. They never will.

Government does not do those things, although belief is that they eventually will. Voters describe themselves with lofty terms. We have patriots on the right and progressives on the left. Democrats embrace Marxist style socialism. Republicans embrace modern socialism and many love Donald Trump for guiding them in that direction. They call it capitalism. There are no free market voters. There are no free market candidates.

There are two basic ways to distribute resources in an economy. There is price and there is political power. With Marxist style socialism, who gets the most depends upon who has the most political power. The same is true of modern socialism. With classic socialism no one comes out ahead other than those at the very top. With modern socialism, the rich lobby for more government spending, that transfers income from the bottom to the top. Everyone loses in the end regardless. Voters are good with one system or the other. Modern socialism is already entrenched and has killed the economy off at the bottom. The misery will climb the income ladder until all are destroyed.

Who will voters vote for? It really doesn't matter because each side only hears words they want to hear. What do voters want? While hollering slogans like "We The People" or "Make America Great Again, Trump supporters are gleefully promoting their own poverty while pointing fingers at the other side. In every presidential race I have followed, no winner has ever done anything that has helped his supporters. The 2020 election will not be any different.

What do folks want? Mostly they want a leader who will make life's most important decisions for them. No voter or politician has even suggested cutting spending or closing government agencies.

Politics is a game where the larger thinking brain is mostly disengaged. That brain is for interpreting poetry or doing math. Politics is an animal brain activity. When it starts, the thinking brain goes on vacation. The animal or survival brain takes over because politics actually is a survival based activity. In that mode, the animal brain pushes the thinking brain out of the way and takes charge.

Listen to political discourse. Do you ever hear anything except superficial arguments? Is there any discussion about what will be good for the country based on deferred gratification? Are there any sentient arguments? No. If you ever hear any, let me know because I haven't heard any. One counter – example, although potentially interesting, doesn't change anything. The higher brain is never spoken to in politics. Truth is not part of politics at all.

Any political argument you hear will be focused on getting you to change your mind without thinking. Much is said about the "Black Lives Matter" movement. The truth is that no lives matter at the aggregate level. Our lawmakers have no trouble sending American youth to fight and die promoting corporate interests. Don't tell me that our national Corona virus initiative has anything to do with saving lives of Americans.

What we have are two groups of American voters volunteering for slavery. They will get what they are asking for.

Understanding Socialism

The United States has had a socialist candidate for congress. This is a good time to go over just what socialism is.

What Americans fail to acknowledge is that the United States is a socialist country now. Those who want to turn the United States into a socialist country, don't need to. It already is. The definition from dictionary.com is "any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods." This one is good enough. Actually, what makes an economy socialist - is the practice of using political power to determine economic outcomes.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the congress person in the democratic party probably doesn't know what socialism is. She envisions the United States adopting an old style socialist system like the one which just destroyed Venezuela. What she doesn't understand is that, who gets what in a socialist country is determined by who has the most political power. She doesn't have to do a thing to usher in socialism here. She is not alone in rejecting free market principles. Her brethren from teenagers to old people breathing their last breath all have rejected free market principles. This is a mistake. There will be suffering either way. It is a error to think that socialism distributes goods and services equally throughout the population. The rewards go to whoever is most powerful politically.

The system we have in place could properly be called pro – business socialism. This is because our corporations and their officers have lots and lots of political power. The type of socialism she prefers could be called bottom – up socialism. That means the bottom end of the food chain gets most of the benefit. Despite the intention that it turn out that way. It is impossible for that to happen. It does sound good. A chain letter at first glance looks like the ideal business to buy into. The fallacy in each case is that there are aspects of human nature which prevent people from acting in the ways the proponents of these ideas insist they will. Systems of socialism rest on a belief in the imaginary human incentive to serve. When in reality self – interest is the only universal incentive nature provides.

All enterprises are based on self – interest even when they are declared not to. Enterprises in a socialist system are always for profit just as they are in a free market economy. Healthcare businesses under the Affordable Care Act are for profit. If the country goes for a single payer healthcare system, it will be for profit also even, if it is said not to be. The difference is in who gets the profit. In either case, the profit will go to the group with the most political power.

The country is currently being destroyed by top – down or pro – business socialism. That is the system that destroys the most wealth in the shortest period of time because there is more wealth to start out with. With our current type of socialism, the economy will implode at some point and everyone will grow poor together. Donald Trump is a top – down socialist. Hillary Clinton is a top – down socialist also. Most members of the house and senate are top – down socialists. Germany under Hitler was a top – down socialist system. Of course – that Germany was destroyed by 1945.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has aspirations of turning the United States towards ordinary socialism – which of course is the kind that destroyed Venezuela. In the United States it may not matter which of these systems we use. Both are highly destructive, so either one of them will destroy the country.

Why The News Media Is So Dishonest

I can't imagine the difficulty of trying to go fantasy – free cold turkey. I was born this way. Nature provides all animals with the ability to access the meaning of almost every situation or threat. Animals can immediately grasp and understand the exact circumstance they are in and understand what is going on around them. Indulging in fantasy greatly inhibits these abilities. When fantasy – free, we see the truth. When fantasies are indulged in we see a preferred alternative to the truth.

Honesty in the news media is a contradiction. The media is not honest - never has been and never will be. Before I get specific, there is an important principle of natural law that is relevant. An action that has an immoral beginning, will have a negative outcome. Almost all of the income news organizations receive comes from advertising. What is advertising other than telling lies and embellishing? There is no way a process which begins with an immoral activity will ever generate an honest outcome through what it produces. Advertising itself is not immoral. It is the lying that is immoral. Truthful ads are a waste of money so there are at most very few.

For politicians, to get the media on their side, all they need do is to pay them by making the outcome of elections supportive of their bottom lines. The media supports whatever is most profitable for them to support. The media is a prime beneficiary of the corporate welfare system that has replaced our free market ideology. There is no way a news organization would support a candidate who would interrupt the flow of government benefits global corporations receive. A return to a free market system would be a great benefit to the U.S. economy but it would hurt news organizations and the huge corporations that buy advertising.

Happiness Power Fantasies And Euphemisms

Happiness is not possible if the universe is taken at face value. The struggle to survive is brutal. Fantasies create happiness and fantasies keep people happy.

Euphemisms are substitutes for truths because truths can be harsh. Fantasies come and go – but in time, certain fantasies become symbiotic. Once a symbiotic relationship takes root between two or more fantasies.... more fantasies are added to the relationship over time. Belief systems of large aggregations of people arise out of the symbiotic relationships between the various fantasies that are prevalent in the group.

The more fantasies on which life is based the happier are the members of the group. Since fantasies are not based on anything real, truth can completely disappear. An entire country can become so filled with happiness created by fantasies that the society in question falls apart. Power is a stand – alone incentive. Power is always sought more by some but some by everyone. The one thing power and fantasies have in common is that neither is ever relinquished voluntarily . Both must be taken by force.

Fantasies can be harmless and in small quantities.... perhaps beneficial. When whole countries become stable and prosperity increases more and more.... fantasies are added to the national mindset. When fantasies become too unrealistic – the country collapses.

Prior to and during WWII, the German people had a fantasy that Aryans were superior to all other human beings. That idea made a lot of Germans happy and fueled all kinds of activities and efforts for a number of years.

That fantasy was removed by force by the other countries in the world. Power is grabbed easily when a leader can create a popular fantasy, then validate that one as well as others already present. Both the fantasies and power had to be removed by completely destroying Germany. When citizens vote they give all kinds of reasons why they vote one way or another. People claim to vote their pocket book, the constitution... their conscience. None of that is true. People vote their fantasies.

Fantasy Free Theory Applied To Politics

What Government Is For And, The Business Cycle

Folks, what is government for? You can give it all kinds of lofty definitions, then exalt all of the people who work in it. Then – you can declare that everyone who works in government has given up self – interest and is working tirelessly to make everyone’s lives better.

Those are all highly comforting notions. But none of it is true. The way government is actually used varies from decade to decade. It is never used the way you think it is – even if the way you think it works. Today the rich are using government to insulate themselves from the rigors of free market competition. They do so easily because people do not recognize this as fascism.

I get called out for hating the rich. Does expecting the rich to live under the same economic system as the rest of us constitute hating the rich? You may have noticed that applying any law to people at the top is not particularly easy to do. That is kind of hard to miss unless you are making sure you don’t notice.

The system is going to break down. It is going to break down because the system has been saved so many times. The first economist to entertain the idea of a business cycle was Karl Marx, the father of

communism. Karl Marx offered communism as a way to end the business cycle. The only way Marx could tame the business cycle was to do away with capitalism.

The solutions offered by economists, other than myself.... are not suggesting communism or socialism outright. Instead, they remove the necessary attributes of free markets, like the scarcity of money. Then, they pass out subsidies to the affluent. Karl Marx wanted to send the free market system to the execution chamber. American economists, other than myself, only break the knee caps of the free market system. So, Americans would say no thanks to Marxism. But, breaking the knee caps of capitalism and letting it die an agonizing death is something Americans are overwhelmingly embracing.

What cannot be proven with statistics can be proven easily with natural law. Free markets produce optimums. Improvements are desired but they are impossible, no less than it is impossible to have a round square. Free markets generate the best economic outcomes for all income classes, but the free market system is not perfect. It turns out that there are business cycles and sometimes things get bad before they get better. As it is, your country's economists.... with me as an exception, believe ending the business cycle is a good idea. Kill the business cycle and you kill the free market system. The efforts to kill the business cycle, without officially having the intention do so have already brought economy to the brink of destruction.

So, as it turns out, in order to destroy capitalism, it is not really necessary to have a revolution and overthrow the country. Your country's economists, with the exception James Quillian of course, are working tirelessly to end the business cycle.... which will in the end.... end our prosperous way of life. Kill the business cycle and you kill the free market system.

Why Things Are The Way They Are Today

The wheel evolved around 5000 years ago. Notice how life has changed since then. Then, there was the advent of the sail. Life completely changed again. There was the development of the steam engine – followed by the internal combustion engine.... followed by flight. Life hasn't been the same since. All of these developments greatly enhanced the lifestyles and well – being of mankind.

At a nonspecific time the concept of free markets emerged. During the same time period, the institution of democracy was refined.

Democratic principles and free markets have enhanced the well – being of mankind many times more and in a shorter period of time than all of the other previously mentioned developments put together. The invention of engines and other engineering marvels would have never have occurred without free markets being in place.

So, why are we experiencing such huge difficulties today with respect to economics, democracy, and freedom in general? These institutions are opposed by human nature which comes down to inborn instinct. So, free markets, democratic principles and the quest for freedom are now in retrograde. Freedom is nothing the great masses of humanity have ever insisted upon. At the time of the American Revolution, the elite of the colonies were the driving force behind the separation from England. Mostly,

freedom was imposed on everyone else. At that time, freedom, democracy and free markets served the best interest of the elite colonists. Where freedom was concerned – keeping Africans as slaves served enough of the elite that it was not allowed to apply to Africans.

Let's compare the progress of freedom as it evolved in the country we separated from. At what point did the concept of freedom for the masses grow at a faster pace in the United States than it did in England? I don't have a clear answer to that question. I am not sure there is much.... if any difference. It is an important question. The British did outlaw slavery around 1820 - before that institution was abolished in the United States.

Do not think that democracy, free markets and freedom will disappear from the United States permanently.... but these concepts are going to be in retrograde for a such long time – that the process will be not likely be reversed during the lifetimes of any who are alive today.

In today's world, the elites do not occupy just one country. Today, it is in the best interest of the elite to use economics by force, – while all others are bound by the rigors of free markets' competition. This requires a diminished level of freedom on the part of the overall populations.

Things were different in 1776. Now there is no elite group which will benefit from individual citizens making their own choices with respect to how they use their time and energy. The new paradigm is to treat the world population as a huge herd of cattle would be treated. The population is best kept comfortable and focused on mush. Some dairy farmers play soothing music for their cows and claim to get more milk that way. The media is used to control opinions. Any idea that will in any way disturb a controlled market is censored . These are the root dynamics guiding economics and politics toda

New Normals and Paths Of Least Resistance

As interest rates have been reduced, alternatives to yields other than those of equities have disappeared. Higher interest on Granny's CDs has been stolen and given to Goldman Sachs. Granny has been encouraged to chase higher yields in equities. Laws that previously protected Granny from being enticed into risky inappropriate investments are not being enforced or have been repealed. This process started years ago and has been adopted as a new normal by Granny. Even though she has been positioned to fall on a sword for her country, she is unaware of it. A whole generation knows only high stock prices and has never been in any other kind of market. Increasingly, investors have become comfortable with stock prices which are elevated far above what would occur in a free market.

Democracy And Uniting The Country

Who will unite the country? Certainly, it won't be me. Will it be Joe Biden or Donald Trump? God forbid that any president unites the country. Should a country be united? A united country is fine as long as the population unites itself independently of a leader urging folks to unite behind him. If citizens are generally of a similar mind that is fine. When a politician seeks to unite the population behind him, ordinary citizens are being asked to fall on a sword for their country.

Follow a national leader and you are following the equivalent of a Judas Goat. Let's look at some examples of situations where a leader has united a country.

The first that comes to mind is Venezuela. Hugo Chavez united Venezuela. How did that turn out? You decide.

When has the United States been united? There was World War II but it was the war itself that United the country. Hitler did in fact Unite Germany. Germany could not have risen had Hitler not United his country. The country was united behind John F. Kennedy. But, he was assassinated. Perhaps that is because he was uniting the country in ways powerful people did not appreciate. Kennedy's agendas were not fully developed when he died.

The Country was united behind Lyndon Johnson following the Kennedy Assassination. Following, we got the false flagged Gulf of Tonkin incident and a useless war that took the lives of over 58,000.

Richard Nixon united the country early on. He completely finished off the gold standard. The country is now flooded with unearned fiat currency. He accepted a \$2,000,000 donation from Jimmy Hoffa and pardoned him in order to receive it. Then there was Watergate,

The country was united behind Ronald Reagan. Out of Reagan we got the birth of modern socialism and perpetual tampering with the financial markets. Under this new system we have stagnate wages from the middle class on down and enormous wealth and income at the top. The growth of top – down socialism is the root cause of the depression the country is in today. Both Bushes united the country and the result is perpetual wars in the Middle East. Bill Clinton did not manage to unite the country and his administration did little if any permanent harm to the country. A system designed around democratic principles is not meant to be united nor expected to be.

Check the writings of our founding fathers. Democracy works only when different people and sides vigorously disagree with each other. In that system, the side that wins turns out to have the best approach. Should the country unite behind the next president? You decide.

The True Role Of Lobbyists

The main role of lobbyists is to convince congress to increase government spending. Certain groups like the gun lobby and a few others are concerned with other things but they make up a very small portion of lobbyists activity. Economic intervention, is a favorite of the lobbyist persuasion. Q.E. for example, elevates profit margins and maximizes what citizens pay for goods and services. Lofty explanations of the lobbying function are easy to find. In the United States, most of what citizens believe about government is not true.

Whether rich or poor, government is approached for the purpose of personal gain. Any exceptions are so tiny, they don't need to be explained. Citizens fantasize otherwise. All institutions are what they are.... but they are given lofty definitions. Citizens assume the lofty definitions are accurate. Toward the end of an economic expansion, virtually all life is based on fantasy and lofty definitions of what they do. Here is part of a lofty dictionary definition. The lobbying profession is a legitimate and integral part of our democratic political process that is not very well understood by the general population.

I am not suggesting criminalizing lobbying activities. All that is necessary is for citizens to understand what lobbyists actually do. After that, it would be quite productive if folks could grasp the incentive to serve is only imaginary. It would go a long way towards improving the country if ordinary people would stop wearing “kick me” signs on their chest.

The Truth About Presidents

How much difference does it make if the president of the United States has been a whore monger for most of his life? In my opinion it would make a world of difference except that with presidents, a thing like whore mongering is perfectly normal. The president of the United States is the person who is the current winner of life’s ongoing dominance and subservience competition. Winning at the dominance and subservience game requires certain personality attributes ordinary people don’t have. One of those is a sense of entitlement as in everything in the world is his. He just has to figure out how to get it.

The President of the United States is the most prolific predator alive at least until an even more prolific predator takes his job. So – yes, any president must have a super strong sense of entitlement. Odds of electing a non-whore mongering president are really slim.

In my opinion, this kind of thing makes a lot of difference but there is nothing we can do about it. That kind of behavior is part of the political personality and it takes a political personality to win a national election.

It is a bigger issue that the president’s constituents see him and the office through the prism of fantasy. The fact that Americans trust presidents and have blind respect for the office of president is the serious issue. The fantasy is that the president is filled with a burning desire to do good for the American people. It is a fantasy that a person runs for president out of a deep desire to serve humanity. Donald Trump was a difficult case. Things like infidelity in marriage and paying women off and even the media trying to get rid of him have actually helped him. That way, no one even notices the really bad things he did.

What were Donald Trumps’ most significant acts as president? The big three are:

The trade war which served to create enough inflation to put the burden of the federal debt on to the backs of an unaware population.

Ballooning the federal deficit – so as to create new frenzy feedings on federal money, further widening the income gap between the upper 1 percent and the rest of the country. Funding more stock buybacks by reducing the corporate tax rate while knowing that is what it would be used for.

These three items got no mention in the press. The public was not interested. Together these three things may very well have done more harm to the country than anything a preceding president had ever done.

Understanding Simple Answers

Simple answers? Where human behavior is concerned all answers are simple. Complex answers evolve out of mankind’s propensity to avoid entertaining the truth. How is the truth avoided? It starts by ascribing the most flattering definition to each human being, each public institution and all legal human

activities. The brutal system of dominance and subservience in which we all must participate, is explained away, with human beings occupying some sort of imaginary special high ground within the universe. Dispense with those reassuring but false notions and explanations do become quite simple.

Again, without the handicap of looking at the world through the prism of fantasy, the dynamics of what is going on in the world can be explained in less than a paragraph, usually in no more than three sentences.

Here is today's situation.

From 2009 forward, the economy was chasing the stock market. The economy followed the stock market anywhere it went..

Stock prices have been high because of several decades of getting support from government policy.

At birth every person enters a race against reality, as noted earlier. The resulting reality gap can become quite large. It does grow with constant nourishment. Reality falls way behind during a lifespan but it catches us all in the end. Reality gaps work the same way in the aggregate as they do on a personal level.

The political discontent we see comes from folks whose fantasies are threatened by potential changes in government policy. Folks with little or no political power get nothing from government anyway. They and their fantasies are validated by certain candidates and threatened by others. They get nothing, regardless.

All enterprise is for profit. All legislation is for profit. Any activity that is done in the aggregate is for personal gain. Human nature assumes that motivations in government are more lofty than those in the private sector. Motivation is always for personal gain.

Experts are deemed to have far more prowess than they actually do. This keeps the overall population intimidated and respectful where no respect is warranted. Experts are generally paid for the pretense of knowledge.

Complex explanations of social problems are never accurate – but are just a way of avoiding cold realities.

Why has the income distribution in the United States become so skewed to the top? This happens when free market principles are replaced with something else. When that happens, people with abundant political power end up with most of the money.

Role of Government

One of the basics of Fantasy – Free Economics is that institutions and individuals are treated according to how they function and not how they are defined. So, it is natural that I explain the role of government in a different light than is generally popular.

What is the role of government in our lives? Government is always given a lofty definition and noble purpose. The one below is typical,.

“The role of government is to balance communal and individual good”.

This is only possible when society is governed by the principles of morality and justice. , Over the centuries, the human race has experimented with many forms of government.

Something like the above may be the legitimate role of government but how many lifetimes need a person live before any government in the world is witnessed performing that role? How many governments in the history of the world devoted time and energy to balancing communal and individual good? I can't think of any. Perhaps you can. There may be an outlier in the universe that I have missed. Is the government of the United States balancing communal and individual good? Has it ever?

The disciplines of economics and political science are constructed around lofty definitions of government and it is treated as normal that governments do these things. Actually, it would be abnormal for any government to do such things. What is studied are systems that don't exist in the real world.

So, what is the role of government in society? The role of government is what it does, who it serves and what it accomplishes. Right now, the United States government is used to organize the population, homogenize opinions, and pass laws that transfer wealth and income from citizens without political power to more influential citizens with massive political power.

We are currently on the eve of an enormous economic crisis. It is important that ordinary people understand that the ostensible purpose of government is completely different than the purposes it is used for. Do not expect the country's leaders to respond.

President Acting As CEO Of The Nation

What are the longer term consequences of a president acting as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the United States of America? What presidents do, introduces new roles for government, then normalizes various approaches to governing.

During the 1980s, the Reagan Administration was the first to tamper with the stock market with the creation of the President's Working Group on Financial Markets. The Plunge Protection Team began finding new and improved ways to push the stock market up when natural forces otherwise would have caused it to go down.

The stock market crash of 1987 called for government intervention. Later in the Reagan Administration's massive intervention...supply – side Keynesian stimulus was applied to the economy. All of this was done after the image of Reagan as a conservative was cemented in the minds of Americans. Of course he was nothing of the kind. The masses got their sensibilities validated and the politically – powerful got their government – for – profit initiative carried out.

Ronald Reagan came and went. However, government intervention in the financial markets has grown and grown to where its now more of an influence than organic market forces. Keynesian economic

stimulus was so profitable to all who benefited directly from the government spending that lobbying for more profit generating stimulus became the huge lobbying activity it is today. Since the 1980s there has not been one year where no lobbyist – inspired stimulus has not been used.

Every president since Ronald Reagan has acted as stimulator and chief. .
What is the purpose of stimulus?

Stimulus is a wealth – creating system that is the byproduct of concentrating the nations wealth and income among the few who are politically powerful enough to dictate policy to the president and congress. The end result of forever – stimulus, is similar to what steroids do to athletes. A track star on steroids wins races. A baseball player on steroids hits more home runs. A linebacker makes harder hits. The price is damage to the body that remains long after the athletic career is over. Over time, stimulus destroys an economy. Since politics is about getting and getting more right now, future damage to the economy is never a consideration.

So what are the consequences of having a president act as CEO of the United States of America? So far so good you say? Have you ever heard of the free market concept? Where in the free market system is there a place for a president to act as salesman and negotiator of the country's business interests? In a fascist style economy, that is a proper role for a president to assume. Should we return to a mercantile system, where president acting as CEO of the nation is more than called for?

Suppose, a president acting as CEO of the country has positive results for six months, a year or even for his entire tenure as president? The practice will have been initialized and normalized. How good of a CEO will the next president be?

If you occupy any position on the national food chain ladder that is under the top 20%, the odds of you benefiting from a president's deal – making skills are close to zero. You get your sensibilities validated while the very few at the top of the national food chain get solid financial gains from the business deals president makes.

In 2021 and 2022 you were being manipulated into "the inflation is good and necessary" mentality so that the burden of the federal debt created by 40+ years of central economic planning is placed directly on your back by way of the newly inspired tariffs.

Fusion Of Government Crime And Religion

Danger is in plain view but the mind is trained not to notice. Danger itself doesn't exactly hide.

Looking at the world through the prism of fantasy yields danger unrecognizable. Seen through the prism of fantasy, danger appears to be a friend. The notion that government is your friend or even benevolent is comforting but it is only a fantasy. Entertaining that fantasy is comforting but it may also cost you everything you own or even your life.

Natural law, of course tells us that power corrupts. Fantasy tells us that powerful people are our friends. Power comes about as groups form. Some groups are so small there is no leadership. Leadership evolves as groups become large. It is natural law that because leaders have power – they are more corrupt than

the average person who belongs to the group. A little power corrupts a little. Much power corrupts a lot. History shows this is true.

Today, most people in power seem o.k. Evidence shows that 40 or fifty years ago leadership was terribly corrupt during that time period. With the passage of time, upon looking back after they are all dead, it will be clear that leadership today is corrupt beyond what most can fathom.

Where power is concerned whether it be government, organized crime or religion.... there are consistent parallels. Leadership is made up of individuals with very unlikely distributions of personality characteristics.

In politics and religion leaders have personality characteristics common among sociopaths. They have similar personalities in organized crime but those may be more pronounced in the willingness to use violence.

Government, organized crime and religion have reeked havoc on populations over the ages. Until modern times, religion and government were seldom separated. Some of the worst cases of war and destruction over the years have been in the name of religion. During times of unusual stress, government, crime and religion work together. During WWII the mobs in New York joined forces with the U.S. government monitoring the docks for NAZI infiltration. They did a great job. Numerous religious leaders in NAZI Germany were instrumental in working with that rogue government. The goals of these organizations are similar.

In all cases, leaders have made it to the top in the game of dominance and subservience and are living out that reward. Where does this leave the average citizen? In a democratic system, on a collective basis, citizens have the power to control what their leaders – do but they submit to them instead.

Today, Americans are under the false belief that there are conservative leaders who are trying to reduce the size of government. There are no such people. That is only a fantasy. Liberals believe that their favorite leaders are tirelessly trying to do things like redistribute income fairly and help people live peacefully together. That is fantasy also.

The truth is that to the leaders, ordinary citizens are seen as a resource, there to be herded and fleeced. It turns out that that is exactly what they are. It doesn't have to be that way, but the propensity to engage in comforting thoughts as a way of avoiding the reality of living in a system of dominance and subservience is too tempting.

The situation is so severe that governments, crime organizations and corrupt religious entities are just having a field day. The United States government is used by folks who control it like it was a business enterprise. All legislation is for profit. American citizens are letting parasites draw the lifeblood out of the economy. Like any parasites, the ones feeding off the American public will eventually kill the host. The truth is a hard sell.

Fantasy – Free Economics gains readers one at a time. Major search engines simply do not list blogs which disagree with their political agenda. As long as folks share the link to this.... and others speaking out against the grain, the truth will at least trickle into the public consciousness.

Truth Is Not Used In Government

I am going to give a concise explanation why it is misguided to expect honesty in government. Human beings have a deep seated need and propensity to look up to and respect the leadership of their country. Early on in human evolution – this characteristic surely facilitated survival of the species.

In modern times this works to their disadvantage. On an evolutionary scale.... freedom of the individual is a super new development. The move toward freedom and individual decision – making began with the end of the dark ages. That amount of time is a small percentage of time on history's long timeline. Modern man is clearly drawn like a magnet towards submitting within a group and drawing benefits out of the aggregate. It works the same way with a pack of wild dogs. The difference is between style and the numbers involved.

When folks vote, mentally they are choosing a fairy godmother to take care of them. In reality, they are embracing a world class predator. People are still prone to looking at their leaders as benevolent friends. Each leader has a unique ability to give that appearance but they are nothing of the kind.

Becoming one of mankind's leaders is accomplished the same way leadership in a pack of wolves is determined. Politics is a game of dominance and winning is all that matters. The idea of people electing a friend to take care of them is complete nonsense. They are electing one who seeks all of the advantages of leadership and one of those advantages is getting to use the support and efforts of the public to gain personal agendas.

Honesty in politics would be used only if it contributed to someone's chances of accomplishing an agenda. Honesty in a campaign gets morphed out of the discussion early on. What is said is what contributes to winning. If candidate A tells the truth, candidate B will change it up a little to make it sound better. Candidate A would then have to up the anti by deviating even further from the truth. The public only responds to what sounds good and almost anything sounds better than the truth in a political campaign.

Let's talk about who gets elected to a public position. Politics is by far the world's most competitive activity. Does it not make sense that folks who win in politics have special attributes and characteristics which allow them to win over all others? While ordinary folks may still insist their favorite candidate is a good friend to humanity, a person like that could never prevail in the steep competition. It turns out that winners in politics have what is called apolitical personalities. That is a euphemism for sociopath. It takes a very unlikely set of ruthless personality characteristics to prevail over all others.

In order for self – government to work well, citizens must understand that tension and mistrust between government and citizens is completely necessary. Working together translates into submitting to a ruthless authority and getting nothing in return in the end. Government may be defined as a wonderful institution where justice is administered and people's lives are made better, but it is first and always a place where powerful people go to get what they want.

The answer is not anarchy. Self government, despite its shortcomings really is the best system. We may all be in the process of becoming slaves but in a totalitarian system, people are slaves the moment they are born. Still, self government only works as intended if citizens see government for what it really is.

Democracy Facilitates Crime

By democracy, I am referring to all forms of government, republics and others which are based on democratic principles. Democracy is a wonderful thing. Like most wonderful things, it does more good than harm but it does bring with it a few negative issues

Democracy makes leadership open to everyone. Criminals can run for office. Un-indicted criminals can run for office without any restrictions at all. From birth forward citizens are inundated with messages that government is benevolent and that truly good people go into public service. Notions like this perhaps make everyday life less stressful but there is no truth to them whatsoever.

The system of dominance and subservience that regulates life on earth is scary and unnerving. It gets replaced with more pleasant interpretations of existence. That doesn't mean the laws of dominance and subservience have been suspended in favor of something more gentle. It just means the preponderance of humanity is not aware of the danger they are in.

Government is not benevolent at all. Government is a giant organization where people go to get what they want. The process is completely ruthless. Those who get the most out of government are the folks who place the fewest restrictions on themselves as they go about accomplishing their goals. Criminals prey on others but must be careful not to get charged and punished. Criminals who use government as a means of accomplishing goals do not have to worry about getting charged and punished hardly at all.

Laws can be passed forcing citizens to buy specific goods and services. If criminals are restricted by a law, they can gain political power and change the law. Laws can be passed for the purpose of redistributing income.

When several hundred years pass with ordinary people remaining unaware as to how government functions, an entire country can become much like an organized crime family in terms of how it operates. Criminals who control government have a huge advantage over criminals who operate only in the private sector. With respect to people who are above a certain high income level, it is rare that their crimes are even noticed much less prosecuted.

Some Americans wring their hands and wonder why life in the country has deteriorated. I just explained why things may not be going that well.

Messiah Seeking And Voting

The biggest problem we have with democratic principles is that by voting, citizens are submitting to one candidate or another. In totalitarian societies, people are born in a state of submission, so my comments should not be taken as a call to do away with democracy. There are two styles of representation: Trustee Model and the Delegate Model. In the United States, the Trustee Model is all that is used. There are no delegates in congress. With the Trustee Model, citizens opt for a candidate who works independently of the will of the electorate but is trusted to act on behalf of those he represents. Because a trustee acts independently, he can and does represent actually represent anyone he chooses to represent.

A delegate, on the other, hand votes completely according to the will of those he represents.

When I ran for congress in 2010, I ran as a delegate. The voters completely rejected this approach – as it turns out that each voter has aspirations of gaining the upper hand in the country.

The were not willing to give up the illusion of control and subject themselves to the will of the majority. I got my plow cleaned in the election. Voters want someone to decide issues for them. They vote trustees into office, believing they have their best interest at heart.

Voters begin getting betrayed, as soon as their candidate gets elected. I often explain that self interest is the only incentive present where group behavior is concerned, I also point out that truth is not used in persuasive arguments in politics. To get elected, politicians must tell voters what they want to hear. If they don't, they will lose. Voters don't want to hear the truth,

Voters choose candidates they perceive as messiahs. Messiah seeking is the way voters pick trustees whose dialogue is compatible with their sensibilities.

Normally, when these two models of representation are compared, it is assumed that trustees will do exactly what their role calls for. That notion works great on paper. Those of us who use the fantasy – free approach to economics and politics know that nature does not provide an incentive to serve.... although it is universally assumed to be present. Human nature doesn't allow the trustee model to work as intended.

What we will get out of any upcoming election will be some new perceived messiahs while some who have worn out their welcome will be dismissed. They will all still be perceived messiahs. None will actually represent the voters who have elected them.

Perceived messiahs will end up representing who and whatever makes representing them worth their while. Voters get outbid in this process immediately.

Economics by Force

In any economy, the population overall is best served with a free market system. However, any given individual in an economy is better off being personally exempt from the laws of the free market system while everyone else is subject to them. Suppose in the NBA a certain team had a few players who were exempt to the rules of the game. These players were free to foul with impunity while everyone else got penalized.

Rather than the referees telling them what to do, they told the referees what to do. That team would win every game it played in. The anointed basket players would be engaging in basketball by force. The success of the NBA depends on the game being fair so cheating is not allowed.

A free market economy, as far as rules are concerned, works in the same way as a basketball league... except that in a basketball league players are not allowed to break the rules. With respect to an economy, it *is* possible to break the rules. Countless dollars are spent lobbying all of government, just to get permission to break the rules and it works.

The most positive attribute of a free market system is the absence of force. Before the advent of free markets, force was the main system used for rationing goods and services. Wars were fought for this reason. Even after the free market concept evolved wars continued to be fought either for economic gain or to avoid loss. Free markets actually are the only reason peace has been experienced anywhere in the world.

So what is a trade war? A trade war is economics by force and one can escalate into a shooting war almost in a heartbeat. What is a government fiscal stimulus package? It is economics by force. The fiscal package rewards those who have successfully lobbied government to gain an advantage over all others who still must abide by the rigors of a free market system. Stimulus is only a word that is used to fool general population and it does with regularity. The gap between the rich and the poor has widened constantly since the late 1970s. Why would that be? The Full Employment Act of 1978, also known as the Humphrey-Hawkins Act mandated central economic planning on the part of government.

Since that act was passed, there has been constant use of stimulus packages and other government interventions. The result has been a lopsided income distribution and it is still getting worse.

On an international level all countries together would be better off with zero restrictions on legal goods and services going in and out of every country. Trade restrictions such as the ones the United States is now imposing serve the purpose of creating an advantage on the world market for U.S. goods and services. Such restrictions will help a handful of U.S. corporations but will hurt every individual person in the country. How can the United States raise tariffs without other countries retaliating? It can only keep the responses of other countries subdued. That is because the United States has such a powerful military and has demonstrated a willingness to use it. Don't think other countries are statues. They are working in frenzies to catch up to the U.S. militarily.

Any country in the world with no trade restrictions at all has a huge competitive advantage over all countries with tariffs. Why doesn't China announce zero tariffs on legal goods coming or going? China suffers from the same malady as the United States.

They have protected industries also. What would happen if the United States dropped all trade restrictions? Living standards at the bottom of the food chain would begin improving immediately. Corporations which had been allowed to cheat would not do as well. Suppose the country as a whole re-adopted the free market system that has been replaced by top – down socialism? The living standards of the bottom 90% would skyrocket. The need for welfare and other public assistance would almost disappear.

Americans are more than ever looking for guarantees of safety from government. They also look to government to provide them with solutions to all of life's problems. Citizens opt for life and healthcare management as provided in the Affordable Care Act.

Government is seen as able to create jobs and enhance the economy. The Federal Reserve is deemed good and necessary for managing the economy. This is while the Fed has not had a good year since its beginning in 1914. Fiscal policy is seen as a reasonable method of stimulating the economy. Most folks gleefully put on masks and took vaccines at the government's insistence.... as if that made them good citizens.

During the worst of Corona, hospitals became like death camps as they complied with top – down mandated directives. Alternative treatments were not allowed. Doctors, who did not go along were exiled, quarantined and made to look small as if they were trouble makers.

The economy is falling apart as a result of forty plus years of economic planning.

Government itself is never blamed. Government is absolutely never seen as inept or the cause, rather than solution, to the country's problems. Does that not seem odd (?)..... because, it is.

As the economy falls off a cliff, citizens still look at government as a means of solving all of the problems it created. The people still believe that government has the prowess to solve their problems.

With respect to safety, does anyone ever stop... think... and consider that historically, governments have killed multitudes of their citizens with wars and government programs? Who feels the need for safety and protection from their own government? If someone does fear the U.S. government, I haven't heard anyone say so.

Observations Of Healthcare Market

The Affordable Care as a Cause of Death

The Affordable Care was passed in 2010. It took the law a few years to become fully implemented. Life spans of Americans began declining in 2014 and continue declining today. Count on this trend to continue into the future.

Declining lifespan are explained away as being due to things like suicides and drug overdoses. These are what might be described as up line causes and are in no way root causes. The cause of decreasing lifespan is the structure of the healthcare market in the United States. With the advent of the Affordable

Care Act, personalized medicine has disappeared. What we have instead is mass market medicine. Mass market medicine is the child of lobbyist inspired legislation designed to increase the portion of GDP that is devoted to healthcare. It is also filled with skimming operations that enrich the insurance industry, pharmaceutical industry and to a lesser degree providers.

The level of genuine healthcare in the United States is severely diminished and as a result lifespan are declining. It will get much worse. It is impossible that the trend will reverse as long as this bill is law of the land. Citizens are not concerned enough to complain, so the bill is not likely to be repealed.

What about Medicare for all? That will not be any better and will probably be worse. There is no way to provide quality healthcare and feed the insurance and pharmaceutical industries at the same time. In today's world, all legislation is for profit. The Affordable Care Act is on the books for the purpose of enriching the parties which hired the lobbyists to make sure the bill was passed. The same parties with massive political power will also write the provisions of any Medicare for all system. Citizens will end up serving a government run healthcare system, just as they are doing now under the Affordable Care Act.

Does it have to be this way? No it doesn't. However as long as American's believe that this type of bill is passed for their benefit, nothing will change. American's belief that having health insurance constitutes having healthcare. No one is getting genuine health insurance. What they are getting is life management and herding. Does anyone mind? Is anyone aware? It is easy to exploit folks who are unreasonably trusting and who wish for others to think for them.

What would constitute real government healthcare for American citizens? There are many services provided by government that are not skimming operations disguised as benefits. How often do you hear complaints about the costs of fire departments or road construction? There are no automatic skimming operations packed into the legislation that provides these types of things.

Any decent health care bill would have to eliminate all skimming operations in order to be of value. In any country the majority has a clear right to insist that government guaranty access to quality healthcare for everyone. Free market healthcare would provide the optimum net level healthcare, but that idea has already been rejected. Free markets, despite their overwhelming benefits, are not trusted. With these thing people are prone to opt for collective solutions. A society can only do what the majority agree to do.

I am citing a system that provides an outcome very close to the optimum a free market system would provide while providing full benefits to all who have no means to pay.

Give everyone in the country a plastic healthcare card that can be used to pay for all healthcare, healthcare products and related services.

Providers are never advised as to the financial well being of patients.

Doctors don't know who pays and who doesn't so price competition would be present.

Low income payers could be subsidized. A maximum healthcare expense would be possible. Those who can't pay get a statement showing services provided but no balance due.

**.All who pay, would pay far less than the insurance premiums they are now paying now.
.Those who are in the class that now pays lobbyists to write legislation for profit would pay their entire healthcare expense.**

There is no such thing as free healthcare. Enslaving doctors is not a reasonable solution. Having all doctors work for the government is not a solution. There is no one in the United States who is getting free healthcare. They never will. Even citizens in countries deemed as democratic socialist, pay for healthcare. There are many ways for a service to be provided but free is not possible.

What I just described is a very efficient way for a government to guarantee quality healthcare for everyone. The key is to eliminate the skimming operations packed into these types of bills. Also, a decent healthcare bill needs to be inspired and written by ordinary citizens.

Why Is Our Health Care System So Bad

That is very simple to answer. Any healthcare law that is based on a 1000 + page bill is filled with elaborate skimming operations placed there by the parties who lobby to get the bill passed. The Affordable Care Act is a huge collection of skimming operations that do nothing but impoverish American citizens.

When a bill like this hits congress, it is important to understand why the bill is there and who lobbied to get it passed. It wasn't ordinary citizens. Finding out who actually wrote the bill is almost impossible. What it is is a feeding frenzy on federal money and all the benefits go to the top. Life – spans of Americans started declining as soon as the law was fully in effect. That is no surprise.

Where did Americans get the idea that owning health insurance constitutes having healthcare? Is it reasonable that government provide health care? It is reasonable if the majority of citizens deem it to be a good thing. It is a good thing to have a safety net for sure. Doing that does not mean the end of the free market system any more than having a fire department does.

Who complains about ever – rising costs of fire departments? Surely someone does, but I haven't found one. The difference is that government just pays for a fire department without requiring everyone to buy fire prevention insurance.

Government can pay for healthcare the same way. But, who is interested in that? Opinion is that we must allow the insurance industry and everyone else with massive political power to participate in the enormous economic feeding frenzy that ensues.

Our healthcare system is bad because citizens are willing to have it the way it is. I have personally cited an unbelievably efficient system that eliminates the mush and corporate feeding frenzy...however, it is not lobbyist friendly. There is no such thing as free healthcare. There are good ways to provide healthcare on a collective basis. None of those are even up for consideration. Nothing will get better as long as lobbyists write bills. Your representatives can actually write bills. They just don't. Citizens can

also write bills and have their representatives take them to the floor. The fact is that they don't – and do not seem interested in doing so.

The Affordable Care as a Cause of Death

The Affordable Care was passed in 2010. It took the law a few years to become fully implemented. Life spans of Americans began declining in 2014 and continue declining today. Count on this trend to continue into the future.

Declining lifespan are explained away as being due to things like suicides and drug overdoses. These are what might be described as up line causes and are in no way root causes. The cause of decreasing lifespan is the structure of the healthcare market in the United States. With the advent of the Affordable Care Act, personalized medicine has disappeared. What we have instead is mass market medicine. Mass market medicine is the child of lobbyist inspired legislation designed to increase the portion of GDP that is devoted to healthcare. It is also filled with skimming operations that enrich the insurance industry, pharmaceutical industry and to a lesser degree providers.

The level of genuine healthcare in the United States is severely diminished and as a result lifespan are declining. It will get much worse. It is impossible that the trend will reverse as long as this bill is law of the land. Citizens are not concerned enough to complain, so the bill is not likely to be repealed.

What about Medicare for all? That will not be any better and will probably be worse. There is no way to provide quality healthcare and feed the insurance and pharmaceutical industries at the same time. In today's world, all legislation is for profit. The Affordable Care Act is on the books for the purpose of enriching the parties which hired the lobbyists to make sure the bill was passed. The same parties with massive political power will also write the provisions of any Medicare for all system. Citizens will end up serving a government run healthcare system, just as they are doing now under the Affordable Care Act.

Does it have to be this way? No it doesn't. However as long as American's believe that this type of bill is passed for their benefit, nothing will change. American's belief that having health insurance constitutes having healthcare. No one is getting genuine health insurance. What they are getting is life management and herding. Does anyone mind? Is anyone aware? It is easy to exploit folks who are unreasonably trusting and who wish for others to think for them.

What would constitute real government healthcare for American citizens? There are many services provided by government that are not skimming operations disguised as benefits. How often do you hear complaints about the costs of fire departments or road construction? There are no automatic skimming operations packed into the legislation that provides these types of things.

Any decent health care bill would have to eliminate all skimming operations in order to be of value. In any country the majority has a clear right to insist that government guaranty access to quality healthcare for everyone. Free market healthcare would provide the optimum net level healthcare, but that idea has already been rejected. Free markets, despite their overwhelming benefits, are not trusted. With these

thing people are prone to opt for collective solutions. A society can only do what the majority agree to do.

I am citing a system that provides an outcome very close to the optimum a free market system would provide while providing full benefits to all who have no means to pay.

Give everyone in the country a plastic healthcare card that can be used to pay for all healthcare, healthcare products and related services.

Providers are never advised as to the financial well being of patients.

Doctors don't know who pays and who doesn't so price competition would be present.

Low income payers could be subsidized. A maximum healthcare expense would be possible. Those who can't pay get a statement showing services provided but no balance due.

**.All who pay, would pay far less than the insurance premiums they are now paying now.
.Those who are in the class that now pays lobbyists to write legislation for profit would pay their entire healthcare expense.**

There is no such thing as free healthcare. Enslaving doctors is not a reasonable solution. Having all doctors work for the government is not a solution. There is no one in the United States who is getting free healthcare. They never will. Even citizens in countries deemed as democratic socialist, pay for healthcare. There are many ways for a service to be provided but free is not possible.

What I just described is a very efficient way for a government to guarantee quality healthcare for everyone. The key is to eliminate the skimming operations packed into these types of bills. Also, a decent healthcare bill needs to be inspired and written by ordinary citizens.

True Source Of U.S. Corona Virus Agenda

Do important people in governments, corporations and members of the upper one percent only speak with one another in formal venues? Most would say no to that but then live their lives and establish their beliefs as if none of these folks ever interact except in formal settings.

One forgotten characteristic of corporate insiders is that they are among the best salesmen in the world and they are constantly exploring and seeking out information as to how what is going on in the world will influence their bottom lines. Politicians are constantly reading tea leaves trying to determine what actions will or will not result in greater acquisition of power. The upper one percent are always looking for ways to increase their wealth and gain more. These kinds of folks are absolutely brilliant and try to figure out what is coming next. They are good at these things. They don't get their news from watching CNN. Instead they determine what news the media reports.

There is no chance that even just one of these kinds did not know the virus was going to break out and spread before the problem was announced.

Is it really a surprise that the stocks of Big Tech, Big Pharma, Hospitals and Health Insurance skyrocketed while most other stocks have not even advanced above their 200 day moving averages? It is only a big surprise if you like surprises and insist that it is so.

These corporations had advance knowledge that there was going to be a virus outbreak that would spread across the whole world. They used their enormous political power to guarantee themselves optimum outcomes. The national Corona Virus response was crafted by corporate insiders and sold to formal governments as a means of gaining more power and control over the population and to insure their continued high profitability. So, today we are executing a plan that impoverishes all others but enriches a few businesses at the top of the corporate food chain.

In the real world, this is the way collective action and central planning really work.

The Folly Of Collective Action And National Corona Virus Efforts

The Corona Virus made its appearance in the United States at a time when governments, corporations and the public are all so highly leveraged that there is no way to save the entire country from economic fallout. The burden of the depression can only be shifted from one socioeconomic class to another.

Does anyone hold the opposite view? Whoever does, please explain and I will explain why you are wrong and promoting your own poverty. So, why is the public convinced the best path is the one given from us from central government?

This is to be expected. Mankind is instinctively childlike in front of government. Does government have magical powers? No, it does not, but the instinctive brain assumes there is magical power at the center of the herd. Canine society works the same way. All in a pack have submitted to the leader of the pack.

Lessor dogs are content with all others below and above them in the hierarchy. In automatically embracing the central protocol for fighting the virus, human beings are relying on their animal brain to guide them.

The animal brain does not reason. All that it relies on are deemed facts. None of those instinctive “facts” are questioned. In this case, opting for a central government solution is as normal and natural as automatically putting on a coat when it is suddenly too cold. Changes in the hierarchy of dogs in a pack is accomplished with coercion or violence. It works the same way in human society. Those with the most power determine what goes on in the pack. Democracy has a mitigating effect in human society, but that influence is minimized when the overall population is content and submitted to higher authority.

A national Corona Virus effort is constructed to benefit first, those who have the most power over government. That purpose is never stated or even noticed. It is such normal behavior that it goes unquestioned. Are Dr. Fauci and his crew the best doctors in the United States? I seriously doubt it. They are political appointees. They are picked to serve political agendas. Are they the best politicians among the nation’s physicians? Certainly they are.

In relying on government doctors only, the knowledge and expertise of all doctors across the country is shelved. Citizens are denied any means for fending for themselves.

Locally, in Bexar County, Texas we have the University Healthcare System. Do we have the best doctors in the world here? I don't know but some of their names would be mentioned. I am sure of that. Other communities have their own unique medical experts.

Suppose local communities were simply advised of the Virus threat and told to find their own resources and then to put them to their best uses. In that case. Local doctors would respond and interact with other doctors all across the land. Nationally, resources would be utilized with optimum efficiency. More and smarter doctors would be involved. I am not questioning or criticizing Dr. Fauci's or any other doctors credentials. But, they are not all there is.. Given that collective efforts are undertaken to serve those with the most political power first, the primary focus is coming up with a system that preserves the existing hierarchy first and protects the citizens second.

Lives of citizens are a consideration but second to ongoing political agendas. Efforts to protect profits of the pharmaceutical industry are enormous. Big tech firms such as Facebook and YouTube are banning any information that implies that something other than big pharma prescription drugs may be effective in fighting the Corona Virus. Both Facebook and YouTube are banning positive information about Vitamin C and calling those stories threats to the lives of Americans. This practice has the potential of, alone, leading to more deaths from the virus.

The American economy was already bound to collapse before the virus was ever identified. It will. How will the average person fair as the economy collapses? Given the approach that is being used now, the answer is not very well. If over – leveraged corporations are allowed to fail, citizens will do surprisingly well. The emphasis at the national level is structured in such a way as to bail out the politically powerful before suffering in the overall population reaches a critical level. Then.... citizens may not go along with it.

Unlike lower animals humans do have a thinking brain that can be activated. When suffering is experienced, the thinking brain kicks in almost automatically. If the stock market does not crash and loans are actually not yet in default, the existing economic hierarchy can be kept in place. For that reason, bailouts and other saving mechanisms are being implemented as fast as possible. Checks to citizens will keep the public focused on those and not the major elite – serving initiatives that are rapidly being carried out.

Medical Mafia

From 2800 BC - to present there has been an empire trying to rule the world. Some of these initiatives lasted hundreds of years. Some just came and went. All of these attempts are listed in appendix 1.

At any given time , the world has been under the influence of one empire - building initiative or another for an average of about 67 years. Given that.... is it really unusual to think there is an orchestrated attempt to capture the world's factors of production going on right now? Is that not the ultimate goal of all attempts to rule the world?

Up until recently, world - capturing efforts were all military in nature. Who would launch a military initiative to do such a thing when the same result can be achieved by managing the worlds resourcesby taking over all of the major markets around the globe?

Medical Mafia is the name of a book I haven't read. It is hard to get. I don't know what is in it. I am making use of the term because it describes healthcare today exactly as it is.
Medical Mafia

The Affordable Care Act provides multiple skimming operations that are used in the healthcare industry. The bill guarantees decades of highly profitable operations for all higher level healthcare organizations and facilities.

The bill converts doctors into clerks who act as agents for the medical mafia. Doctors are lulled into this because clerking for the medical mafia is about the only way it is possible to practice medicine. Doctors don't consciously decide to aid organized crime. Clerking is the main and sometimes only path a doctor has to earn an income. A doctor's income is not the issue. In this system a typical doctor is nowhere near the top of the food chain.

The warning I have for doctors is that clerking on behalf of the medical mafia diminishes your utility to society. That will cause your income to drop over time. Acting as an agent of the medical mafia though , may be the only option a doctor has.

A patient goes into a medical office. First there are a series of questions that are unrelated to any complaint the patient is making. Have you had your flu shot? Do you feel safe at home? Have you fallen recently? Are you suicidal? These questions are mining for problems to be exploited by virtue of various skimming operations that are applicable. Surely the staff has been convinced that they doing a good thing by managing people's lives and decisions with respect to healthcare.

But, what about the patient's complaint? The importance of that is greatly diminished. Odds are that the reason for the visit will be ignored. The subject will be changed to something that better exploits feeding frenzies on federal money. All of this takes place in less than 15 minutes but usually even less than that.

The death rate actually started rising in 2014 when the bill was fully functional. Genuine issues patients have are routinely disregarded. Diagnoses must be made in 15 minutes or less. By this time a patient's medical history has been purged except for a few things relevant to mining for the feeding frenzies. How good of a diagnosis could be made here even by the Albert Einstein of physicians. Having a brain is one thing. Having the time to use itsomething else. Naturally lifespans are falling and this is only the beginning. Why suspect organized crime? After all, no public notices have been posted announcing the operation of a global crime syndicate.

Political Medicine and Life Expectancy

Do we have classic socialized medicine in the United States?

Do we have national healthcare inspired by European Democratic socialism? What we have is political medicine.

With socialism , goods and services are rationed by something other than price.

Who gets what or how much in terms of healthcare is determined by political power. Those with little or no political power have get very little to none in terms of healthcare.

How does Obama Care kill ? It turns doctors into clerks and patients into commodities.

Insurance plans are actually life management plans and have no characteristics of genuine insurance. Under Obama Care , preventive healthcare comes down to starting patients with anointed maladies on big pharma life – extending prescriptions drugs.

Doctors no longer talk to patients about genuine preventive measures like losing weight.

A doctor's role now , is to mine for problems to exploit on behalf of the huge financially - powerful firms which lobbied for decades to get the bill passed. After those are found, any other patient issues are explained away, postponed or ignored.

Doctors now act as agents of the state.... helping to carry out national healthcare agendas. From your doctor, do you get his opinion or a political opinion? Truth is not used in politics. So, is truth used in medicine?

This is why the death rate in the U.S. is increasing. It is going to get a lot worse. When was the last time you can remember a bad law being repealed in the United States?

How To Watch Your Doctor Destroy His Life

Lets get something out of the way to start.

Doctors who practice medicine are not overpaid. Based on their education, they make no more money than those in other professions that require the same number of years training.

There are doctors who make huge astronomical amounts of money. These kinds do not practice medicine. Doctors who work their way up the corporate ladder do make millions per year.

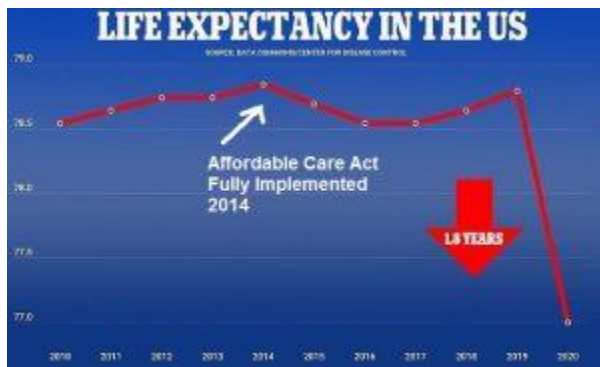
They are not practicing medicine. Patients contribute nothing to their incomes.

Physician's pay makes up only a small portion of a patient's healthcare bill. If all patients had to do is pay their doctors, they would all be doing back flips. Doctors get blamed by patients because doctors are the face of healthcare that patients see. So, they get blamed for what they have no control over.

State run healthcare is what drives up healthcare costs. That being said, the suicide rate among physicians is 40% higher than that of the overall population. Depression runs rampant through the ranks of doctors. So, I guess they all need to take up meditation and listen to relaxing music, right? I have some different thoughts on this.

A doctor completes medical school and residency and starts working. What does he find? He can only practice medicine if he follows the path of least resistance created by way of state run medicine. This is the first step towards ruining his life. All of his autonomy is taken away as he morphs into a clerk charged with advancing whatever political agenda that has captured healthcare in the United States.

Vaccines are mandated so he has to try and vaccinate patients whether he believes it is a good idea or not. He finds he is permitted to only prescribe the medication deemed worthwhile by the state. He has to accommodate medicare patients and gets very little money for those efforts. So, he either has to cut short office visits that involve medicare or he goes broke. At the same time, he is expected to disregard his own interests and put patients first - regardless of how it effects his income. Nature gives us all the incentive to optimize our incomes, living standard and anything else that contributes to our essence.



The Affordable Care Act requires that doctors become homogenized. Patients are reduced to commodities to be run through the system. A doctor's income is secured only if he carries out state mandated agendas that are all designed to funnel healthcare dollars up to the healthcare food chain. In time, patients will start to make jokes about medical practices that require masks.

To watch your doctor destroy his life, all you have to

do is be a patient. No need to help.

State run healthcare will do that all by itself. Personally, I take no joy in such things. I frequently post this chart.

The Deep State Is Like The Aids Virus

The AIDS virus attacks body's defense system. With respect to society's defense system, the Deep State operates the same way the AIDS does in the body.

Both are parasites and both, in time, destroy their respective hosts. In both cases, the host can be unaware of the presence of the parasite until it is too late.

What are some of society's natural defenses to being exploited by a sinister force?

There is the media which can advise as to what is really going on so that the public gains awareness. But.... the Deep State has bought the media and uses it for propaganda purposes.

There are elected leaders and representatives. Representation is transferable. You elect representatives and then the Deep State outbids you. Those who you put in office to help you then work against you. Public education has the capacity to teach students the way the world actually works. Life on earth is regulated by laws of dominance and subservience. Schools could be used to teach the truth. Instead schools turn children into docile humble dumplings who leave schools believing the world they are moving into as adults is a paragon of kindness and cooperation. In school kids learn that group decisions are always the best decisions. Children leave school and college being defused of individuality and are super easy to manage.

These are three of society's mechanisms for insuring that the overall population is not exploited while folks are out making a living and trying to survive. All protections are currently disabled.

The AIDS virus kills its host body. The Deep State will kill the system it lives off of.

Networking At High Levels

It is interesting that the same folks who socialize and network constantly in their own lives view those in high places as being sequestered – never coming out of their own office. Seriously, is there any reason to believe that absolutely no one in the world has access to the thoughts and actions of the Federal Reserve early and independently of the public? We hear about constant leaks from inside the FBI, CIA and White House. So: are we to believe no one gets leaks from the Federal Reserve? Have corporate buybacks just sprung up organically or, are buybacks coordinated purposefully with with Federal Reserve policy? The result regardless.... is an ever rising stock market, at least until the whole economy is destroyed..

The media is independent of a lot but it is not independent of who owns it. Those who own it have agendas and the media supports those agendas. The media reports only superficial news and reports news that is positive for the stock market. News announcers do not know much of anything themselves even though each presenter appears to know exactly what he is talking about. Everything that is positive with respect to stocks is reported with excitement. From time to time the media has no choice but to report what it would rather not. In those cases the news is reported just as a fact with few if any details. The media never reports any controversy as to what the Federal Reserve is doing. The media clearly supports the goals and aspirations of the cartel – type team that keeps asset prices moving higher.

Observations And Analysis Of Current Issues

Permanent Depression

I want to make sure I am on record in forecasting a permanent depression. This is while others are calling for a recession or a simple depression. Few have not heard the news that we have had two quarters of negative GDP growth in 2022. That by most is deemed to be a recession. Government statistics are always as positive as they possibly can be. Surely the real situation is much worse.

Now, some are challenging this time – honored definition of what constitutes a recession. Why call it a recession if we don't have to? Certainly we shouldn't want Americans to be discouraged.

I don't follow government statistics. Economic downturns have much to do with the mindset of the population and nothing to do with government policy itself.... in the present moment. I think.... instead.

Thinking is not allowed in economics. I break that rule and that is why I don't have a job. I have written many times that any economic recovery requires free market influences be intact. The more which are intact, the greater the recovery is. The United States economy does not have enough free market attributes to right itself. Central economic planning cannot right anything. It never has and it never will. What the government does, controls the essence of the vast majority of Americans. A right – wing Republican likely lives in a home that is financed with a subsidized interest rate. A left wing democrat gets the same benefit. Both may have subsidized or free solar panels on their roofs. There are many stealth subsidies that few are willing to do without.

What is it in a person's life that is not controlled by a central authority? It is hard to think of much. Every time a decision is made to opt for government control in one's life, an equal amount of freedom must be surrendered in order to make it possible. As Americans have continued to opt for collective

solutions.... loss of freedom, voluntary as it might be, is lost. Folks are left with only the freedoms they deem meaningful to them.

All can still move about freely and do things like walk down any street and seek out entertainment. Healthcare is managed. Government decides what folks can and cannot buy. Who personally decided that their gas needs ethanol in it? Who decides to buy wind generated energy instead of fossil fuels? Major spending decisions are made by government.

First Amendment rights are certainly under assault. To most this doesn't matter. Only those effected are concerned. There is a collectivist dark cloud of mentality that pervades society today. Given this, along with the disappearance of free market attributes, really does mean there will be no recovery.

The ingredients needed to launch an economic recovery are gone. The collectivist policies Americans opt for are present and growing. There is no movement to move back the free market approach. You cannot go swimming when there is no water in the pool. **You can't have prosperity in a country which has dismantled its free market system.**

The Case For Deflation

Inflation is the current problem and fear. That is fine for mainstream economics. But, thinking is not allowed in economics. First, deflation is not bad for an economy. Inflation favors the wealthy, government and others who have borrowed. Deflation favors the working class. In a free market, economic power naturally shifts back and forth from one sector to the other.

Deflation occurs naturally when the productivity of labor increases. Inflation is created politically.

When power starts to shift in the direction of the working class, the upper class can and does create inflation politically as a means of maintaining its advantage.

“During the period between 1873 and 1879, prices dropped by nearly 3% every year, yet real GDP growth was around 7% during the same time period. However, despite this economic growth and the rise of real wages, historians have called this period “The Long Depression” because of the presence of deflation.” Investopedia

Prices dropped profoundly during the 1870s during a long period of economic growth. Real wages increased significantly. At this time procedures for enhancing economic activity by way of “stimulus” had not yet evolved. A degree of economic power did shift to the working class for a while.

In our modern era, the Federal Reserve has been fighting deflation since the Reagan administration. Increases in the productivity of labor have been monumental. Yet, real wages have stagnated. Profit margins of corporations have increased. Prices have been very stable until recently. This is no accident. The working class has been robbed of the productivity bonus it would have received had prices been allowed to fall. This has all been accomplished politically.

Now it is politically expedient to create inflation as a means of shrinking the debt size of heavy borrowers.

Deflation has been defeated for 40+ years but deflationary forces are still present and have increased. Unlike other economies where runaway inflation has taken hold, the United States has massive production capabilities which can be used. An enormous amount of demand has been in non essential goods and services. There are also plenty of substitutes for all we buy and consume. Creating ever rising prices will be an enormous task.

One of the many negatives with respect to stimulus is that resources become more and more inefficiently allocated over time. Recessions occur because businesses are not getting the profits they expect from what they are currently producing. Recessions disappear and business finds more productive ways to use its resources. Inflation prevents this from happening.

In economics, if we prevent what will occur naturally, what would occur naturally occurs anyway eventually. Notice, I am not citing numbers or pointing to lines on charts. I don't need to. Instead, I think things through and as always am focused on what causes numbers to be what they are instead of thinking the statistics just happen to fall into place the way they do.

So, I am expecting things to reverse. Inflation will give away to deflationary forces and the overall price level will fall. Lets see what happens.

We are facing a depression, not a recession. Deflation, honestly.... is more likely.

How To Take Over The World In The Modern Era

I have made the case many times that there is a consortium using government and the media to consolidate ownership of the world's factors of production. That initiative is focused on land, labor and capital. Taking over and controlling the financial markets, mainly equities, is the least obvious but the easiest to explain. Here is the explanation.

History is full of attempts to take over the world. At any given time, some person or group has been or is making the attempt. This is the nature of the quest for power which obsesses a few – but determined individuals.

Appendix 1 is a list of such attempts. Engaging in imperialism may not appear as as an attempt to take over the world and its resources. Imperialism is basically the same as a massive attempt to buy. Opportunities are lacking so piecemeal opportunities are undertaken. Imperialist ventures are included in this list. Efforts To Take Over The World. The list is long. You may just want to scan through it enough to realize that attempts to take over the world have been present in every time period. Is there any reason why there would not be such an effort going on at this very moment? I cannot think of a reason personally but if there is a reason why it isn't so, I would sincerely like to know what it is.

Historically, the military has been used but that has given way to a more effective technique. Using financial markets to gain control of the capital markets is much more efficient. Whole populations can be enslaved without a shot being fired. Virtually no one even realizes what is happening. People have their minds on other things. There is almost no push back at all. Using power and money to control all governments around the world gains everything acquiring whole countries through war does. Land, labor and capital are mostly non – violent.

In the past, entire countries have sought to take over all others. In today's world, citizens of various countries imagine that they control governments in the countries in which they live. Actually, all governments today are controlled by a group I call the Richest 100. That is not meant to be a precise number. It is simply that money and political power is what determines political outcomes. These folks are the source of essence of virtually all politicians in all countries. Those who don't accept their money and go their own way are easy enough to replace. The stock market is not insanely moving high because mom and pop are buying more stocks to put in their IRAs. Stocks are not being bought so as to turn a trading profit. As it is, 10 percent of Americans own 85 percent of all stocks.

These are the tools being used.

Central Banks: Federal Reserve appointments go the best politicians among economists. No Federal Reserve Chairman is appointed unless he is certain to carry out a president's and his party's agenda. There is no way mountains of debt turned into unearned money is ever going to cause economic growth. What it does and all it ever does is preserve and abet existing institutions and funnel wealth and assets from the bottom of the economy to the top. They know these things. Anyone smart enough to acquire the credentials these folks have knows what they are accomplishing.

Stock Buybacks: Stock buybacks accomplish two things. They contribute greatly towards the goal of concentrating ownership of equities at the top. Buybacks also provide the fastest way those inside the corporation can make the most money in the shortest period of time.

High Frequency Trading Firms: High frequency trading firms are allowed to operate – provided they assist in elevating stock prices. They know of every trade placed with every broker. They profit by sabotaging the trades of all short term investors.

Retail Brokers: In any immediate time frame, retail brokers benefit from high frequency trading firms exploiting their customers. So they are on board. Any retail broker could allow customers to enter stop orders held within the firm and then immediately placed the when a price level is hit. They choose not to do that because the high frequency trading firms generate commissions for them.

President of the United States: Any president benefits from a bull market, especially when the economy is tanking. Any president will support affirmative stock market action.

Congress: Congress is owned by the 100 or so richest people on the planet. Often, Democrats and Republicans mysteriously get on the same page and pass a bill at least half of them would normally oppose. Any lawmaker who votes against one of these bills will be targeted and helped out of office. The 100 or so richest provide the essence for most politicians in Washington. Who is going to betray those who provide their essence?

The Media: All of the major news outlets are owned by the 100 or so richest, or at least controlled by them. All news is agenda driven. Very little news that could be deemed negative for the stock market ever makes it to the eyes and ears of the public.

Big Tech and Social Media: Big tech firms, especially the FANGs.... as much as serve as government agencies, – corrupt ones. All have government contracts. They practice agenda – driven censorship. As far as I can see, so far.... only the truth is being censored.

I can add more to this list, but it is getting too long already.

Who has any facts? Well, I do. What is unique about the present moment is that no one has a single fact as to what people are doing exactly right now or even for a period covering a few days. Then who hears the truth about anything? So, what facts are available to me that others don't have?

The word is incentives. There is only one incentive in the aggregate. That one is self – interest. The incentive to serve is assumed., That incentive is only imaginary. The incentive to serve is relevant on a personal level but in the aggregate it never applies. All one need to know to discern what individual and institutions are doing is to focus on what is in their self – interest to do. Do they have any counter incentives that would prevent them from following their self – interest? In the absence of counter incentives it is safe to assume others are doing what is best for them personally.

Attempting to take over the world is an ongoing constant effort. Look at the list. Try and find long periods when such an effort has been present. Each effort has always used the most advanced tools available at time. Ships, guns, bombs and missiles and such have in the past been the best tools. Today, using the financial markets provides a more efficient, less expensive, less risky approach. War is still used and that may come into play. Using the financial markets is also preferred because that way all infrastructure can stay intact.

The goal is not to destroy people and things. The goal is to control and use others for their own purpose. Romans did this for centuries. So, the consortium trying to take over the world prefers non-violence.... but coercion for sure. No one wants you dead. The idea is to make you and your kind more useful as consumers and maintain low wages for their benefit. What I am writing here will never be used for making economic or political policy. Regardless, ordinary citizens must make decisions with respect to what is going on in the world because it effects their lives.

Organized Crime Owns Your Government

“Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!”

_ Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was terribly misguided when he made that quote. Democracy had never been thoroughly tried, so he can be forgiven for not foreseeing that there were more serious issues with the abuse of democracy than what originates with ordinary people. So, the United States is organized as a republic and that is supposed to keep the masses from voting everything in the treasury into their own pockets.

Over the years, new sophisticated systems of exploiting weaknesses in democracy have evolved and are now used. Experience shows that the poor do not have the wherewithal to petition government. The poor have not actually tried to take anything from the rich.

The unwashed masses actually have presented no threat to any moneyed interests in the United States. They have proven to be a constituency worth buying by providing a few benefits to them over the years. But, no money has ever been voted out of anyone else's pockets based on any actions by the poor. Instead, democracy turns out to be an incubator for crime, especially of the organized variety.

Organized crime, by financing campaigns and running its own candidates has taken over government. Why would they not? Who is to stop them? Suppose an organized crime syndicate is worried about the FBI. Why not just buy the FBI? Why break a law? Just pass a new law legalizing a previously illegal activity. What do they do to keep the public on their side? They buy all of the media outlets and make sure citizens only hear what they want them to hear.

Americans get confused. They see a massive group of migrants marching towards the border. The march is reported on as if it was some kind of organic event that has just sprang up? The migrants are presented as if they are no different than any other people coming to the United States looking for a better life. But they are different. The march is orchestrated and masses of poor people entering the country have great economic benefit to the elite who finance and organize these events.

The founding fathers were right, that with democracy, some potential threats would have to be addressed. They did not anticipate that organized crime would take over the country. There is talk about "the shadow government." There really is no such thing. It is organized crime that dictates policy to congress. It is organized crime that causes senators and congressmen to step down, when their re-election is a sure thing.

Many Americans benefit from the things organized crime does. That is temporary but some Americans will always benefit and that makes it difficult to re-establish law and order. The founding fathers, like all historical figures, were not at all like they have always been popularly portrayed. They were motivated out of self-interest like all living entities are. The founding fathers did not provide a method for testing the constitutionality of laws. They may very well have purposefully left openings for the exploitation of ordinary people. The Supreme Court, a political body, ended up with the role of deciding constitutionality of laws.

The True Global Warming Risk

The greatest threat to mankind where any global warming is concerned is that scared citizens will be successful at putting government in control of correcting the issues. Give governments a problem to solve and what happens? Ideally, people in every government involved will work tirelessly in the problem-solving mode to do what is right by citizens. That is the way the system works in the human imagination.

What happens in real life? Unlike what is popularly imagined, those in charge of solving a problem on a collective basis, seek their own goals and aspirations first. Global warming becomes a problem to be exploited. Public/private partnerships are formed. Feeding frenzies on government money begin and grow rapidly. Solving the problem becomes a disincentive. The worse the problem gets – the more money is committed to solving the problem. The feeding frenzy continues to grow and the problem gets progressively worse.

If the goal is to save the planet or even to greatly delay its destruction, the worse approach is to charge governments with the responsibility of making sure that doesn't happen. Government regulation only guarantees a worse problem than the one people are afraid of.

Does it not seem odd that human beings ascribe magical powers to their governments. It is as if once a problem is turned over to government, in their minds, it is deemed solved. They feel saved. This approach is not even voluntary. It is instinctive. Fortunately we all have a larger brain that can override instinctive behavior. But, for that, the more intellectual part of the brain is seldom activated. It is safer for the planet to completely ignore any damage global warming may be causing and let nature run its course.

The Deep State Exposed As A Global Crime Syndicate

First understand that the Deep State is not a political or philosophical movement. The Deep State is history's largest and most prolific crime syndicate. Is that clear enough?

The Deep State controls governments and elected officials for the purpose of generating profits for its members. The Deep State's focus is on the United States because that is still where most of the world's money is. Today, each bill which congress passes is filled with skimming arrangements. Bills like the Affordable Care Act is really nothing but a system of distributing skimming arrangements to those deemed worthy of participating.

Like with any organized crime syndicate, plenty of people benefit from its activities. Who benefits? Mostly, the beneficiaries are those who actually come out ahead based on The Mob's activities. In New York during the 70s, one of the crime families started a skimming operation in the baking industry. At the time baked bread sold for \$0.35 per loaf. The mob strong – armed every bakery in the city to charge \$0.50 per loaf. The bakeries got half of the difference and paid tribute to the crime family with the difference. The bakers were making more money. Do you think the bakers were unhappy? Just like with the skimming operations which work through government, the public paid more. Of course, the public had no idea why bread went up in price so much – but they got used to it.

This is the way legislation works. The right people benefit from the legislation and end up taking the Deep State's side. Anyone in the United States who has owned stock over the past twenty years has benefited greatly by virtue of having the Deep State embedded in government.

It took The Mob two decades to gain control of the financial sector of the United States. By 2003, with enough political power.... it was possible to cause broad movements in the stock averages through control of the Federal Reserve and other agencies. By 2005, some high frequency trading firms were starting up and it became possible to orchestrate short squeezes and create artificial demand by messing with derivatives. By 2006, there was an ongoing asset enhancement initiative that lived off of public funds.

Regardless.... by June of that year asset prices of all kinds were coming under pressure. Henry Paulson was brought in as Treasury Secretary. His job was to save the housing and equity markets and get prices moving higher. His effort was enormous, but everything tanked regardless in 2008. All was not lost. There were losses but the TARP bill managed to pass a significant amount of those losses to the

taxpayers. Today, managing stock prices is a sophisticated science. Organized crime is not without its vulnerabilities. The greatest of those is that of killing the host.

The Mob has just about killed the host and controlling the stock market is becoming difficult and perhaps impossible. The profits are so enormous, the effort will continue regardless.

Do you ever notice that when it is important for your favorite politicians to make a stand, they behave like deer in headlights? Remember when Supreme Court John Roberts came out with his bizarre and unexpected reason why The Affordable Care Act should be deemed as constitutional?

Remember when James Comey of the FBI did such crazy and unpredictable things with respect to the Clinton investigation? Clearly people like this are subject to external pressure. Think of all of the convenient deaths that have taken place in Washington DC.

The American people are neither aware of what is going on nor are they suspicious. Just remember that the Deep State is the highest possible level of organized crime. You may ask, "Who does this guy think he is making all of these unfounded allegations? How are these things decided when there are no hard facts on the table?"

It is always safe to assume folks are behaving in keeping with the incentives they have – especially when there is no resistance to them doing so. If you leave a slice of moist bread out for a few days, does it make sense that it would accumulate mold? There is absolutely nothing to prevent organized crime from taking over our government.... and it has.

Covering Up Of The Epstein Affair

The terms conspiracy theory and conspiracy theorist are evoked as a means of protecting a lie. I have never heard either term used in any other way.

Collective action – as a matter of fact.... is conspiracy based. All who approach government for any reason are part of a conspiracy. I don't know of a case where one and only one person has taken a matter before congress where any kind of change has occurred.

There is no way to address problems without observing conspiracies. Conspiracies may or not be secret. If a conspiracy is secret, it is not necessarily illegal. A person acting alone can have nefarious intentions just as can a group of people.

Immediately following the reporting of Epstein's death, before the news had even been digested, from a chorus of news outlets, warnings were going out about what conspiracy theorists were going to do with the issue. That alone indicates a plan is in effect. Translated into plain English this means. "If you question what has gone on here, we are going to make a fool out of you." or, "Don't listen to anyone who contradicts what you are going to be told over the coming days." The coordinated use of terms which are used to protect a lie is an indication that a lie is being told.

The art of not knowing is a skill good politicians cultivate. There are lots who know what is going on. They are pretending they don't know because it is in their personal best interest to assume that posture. Why else would no politicians speak up?

The reasoning is that it is better to let a multitude of important people who are guilty of child sex crimes get off scot – free than it is to allow the power structure of the world to collapse. Look at some of the names known to be on the list.

I read a story one time about a group of parishioners who were concerned that a mob boss was a member of the parish. They told the priest the mobster should be excommunicated. The priest agreed but explained that under current circumstances that was not possible. The mobster tithed more than anyone else and the parish would not survive financially without his money. This is the reasoning of politicians who are not speaking up about what is going on with respect to Jeffrey Epstein. The fallacy in this is based on the misguided approach that the “end justifies the means.” The nature of the fallacy is that it is the means that produces the final outcome. The story was fiction but the principle holds true.

So, the number of elites guilty of sex crimes in the Epstein affair is so great that the power structure of the world would crumble if they were all exposed.

Did the media, Trump Administration and corporate leadership not have a huge incentive to work together to protect themselves? Is there any reason why they would not work together to make their common problem disappear? There is certainly a greater chance they would than they wouldn't. But, those groups never agree on anything you might say. They would get passed that accomplish this. They can argue later.

Costly Corona Virus Response

What is the primary worry of the elite in and outside of formal government and government agencies? Their greatest fear is that it will be discovered that citizens do not need them.

Did Americans and citizens of other countries benefit from all governments pulling out all stops in efforts to “protect” everyone from the Corona Virus? Perhaps they do during the first month or so of government actions.

Based on treating the current time frame as a still picture it appears that everything being done is completely proper and necessary. However, over time such aggressive collective action turns into high costs and will cause more deaths than would be the case if governments did absolutely nothing. Both economics and politics are moving pictures.

When every economy in the world collapses and democratic principles are replaced with authoritative action how many people will die from starvation around the globe? Will medicine continue to be available? How many will resort to crime and violence when there is no way to generate incomes?

Both economics and politics are in fact moving pictures. In time, the costs of government action will create insurmountable hardships for all populations. It will take some time but more people will die as a result of collective action than if nothing was done at all.

So, why the overwhelming government activity? Government initiatives are driven by self – interest just as are those in the private sector. In order to justify their existence, governments and all who prosper from controlling governments, must present themselves as entirely necessary. The roles of protecting all citizens from all risks become imperative. These roles must continue to expand. Otherwise it will be discovered that none of the multitudes of protective government actions are beneficial at all.

What would be a better plan? What would happen if various governments instead simply advised local entities that a virus is coming and gave a heads heads to the population? Would there be as many deaths from the virus? Personally, I doubt it. Certainly, deaths from governments making these massive efforts will surpass any short term advantages. Personal freedoms will certainly be reduced and probably not be regained.

Times in the United States will become more than just a little trying. Folks will be surprised at the magnitude of their difficulties.

On a personal level, family both at home and on their own are taking mega doses of Vitamin C. There are a handful of physicians who use Vitamin C therapy. They are deemed to be kooks by the established medical community. However, I have never known of a single person who has followed the protocol of Vitamin C Doctors who recommend Vitamin C therapy, who has failed to benefit.

A Nations Of Fools

What we have in the United States is a multitude of fools. What is a fool other than one who bases his life on things that are not true because the truth is too daunting? What is meaningful to a fool? Why – that would be entertainment and engaging in mindless fantasy. Politics comes down to seeking political messiahs and virtue signaling. The role of citizen in a democracy, is to take authority over government and leaders.

American citizens do just the opposite. As unpleasant as they are, here are the facts. While republicans identify themselves as conservatives, they embrace political initiatives which are even more socialist than those suggested by the unapologetic classic socialists in the Democratic Party.

What is socialism other than the replacement of price with political power for the purpose of allocating resources in an economy. In other words, who gets what in a socialist economy is determined by who does or does not have political power. Benefits all go to the top regardless of stated intentions. This is true of classic socialism. This is also true of the fascist – style socialism Americans are now embracing while calling it capitalism.

All a president has to do is say, “Make America Great Again” and supporters rally around the man and think of themselves as good patriotic Americans. So which period in history would we be better off returning to. Is it the 1940s and WWII? To do that we would have to have a third world war. Should we return to the 60s and be hippies again? How about the Civil War? When *is* this great period in history that we are going to return to? The president identifies scapegoats like immigrants and the Chinese. The scapegoats become the issue.

What about the trade war? So far, in all of history, there has never been a positive outcome for any country involved in a trade war. Does anyone want to place a bet that ordinary citizens will come out ahead with this one? So, we have a trade war which will bolster the profits of American corporations. American corporations are in fact headquartered in the United States. The corporations are owned by stockholders who are scattered all over the globe. Foreign central banks own significant amounts of stock in these "American Corporations." Yet, Americans believe it is a good idea to put themselves in a financial hardship so that our corporations can win one for the team. Americans are trained from birth to do just that. That is not a way in which an economy works well. It only works that way if the population is trained to promote its own poverty. The greatest accomplishment of public education is to teach children to establish arbitrary loyalties and promote their own poverty by embracing the collective agendas of others and coming together for causes deemed in the public interest.

What about the stock market? Employment numbers look good but are they really? Even if the numbers are not tampered with and embellished has anyone taken a close look? We now have lower wages as a new normal for workers. Perhaps we do have more people working these days. Assuming we do most of the new hires are working for less real income than when job numbers were a lot less than stellar.

What about the stock market? Starting in spring of 2003, an asset value enhancement initiative was initiated. With every day that has passed since then, the stock market has become more and more managed. There is no official policy stating as much, so you might wonder how that could be. Do you seriously think there is absolutely nothing in Washington that is done outside of a formal congressional setting? A better question, is. Are there any significant issues resolved in a formal congressional setting? I don't know of any. Do you know any?

Here is why the stock market is overpriced and doesn't fall. There is an astronomical level of organized support keeping it moving in the right direction. Imagine vendors selling apples on a sidewalk. All but one has just a bucket of apples while one large vendor has a huge cart of apples with far more fruit than all of the others put together. Who is going to decide what apples sell for on that street?

The goal of the asset value initiative is to concentrate stock ownership in the hands of a few who then decide what everyone else pays for shares of stock. Is there a theory behind this process? Of course there is. The theory is that high stock prices become a new normal. Keep security prices rising and the economy will follow and so on. Has GDP responded well? GDP is officially very good but how good is it in reality. It is hard to find growing prosperity within the masses who work very hard and come home tired every day. We do have more working and making less per hour. Government spending is counted. When GDP needs to look good, government spending can be increased in whatever amount is needed for the purpose of publishing good looking numbers.

What we have with respect to the stock market is the capture, consolidation and control of a huge portion of one of the factors of production. The Federal Reserve is managed with political power and all of government is used as a tool for personal enrichment. Stock buybacks are coordinated with Federal Reserve Policy. The public has its money parked in IRAs and puts little stock on the market as supply. Non-IRA money is concentrated in ETFs so hardly a soul is concerned with the value of one particular stock price. Where is supply going to come from?

For right now, there isn't any to speak of but supply will emerge, although not in a way most expect. For now, any reasonable stock selloff can be offset by the elite buying outright. Foreign central banks already own a lot of American shares. They will buy more if prices start falling, if for no better reason than to protect the value of what they already. The elite in general will do the same thing. When if ever or at all will stock prices normalize?

How To Knock Off A Conspiracy

Who is looking for conspiracies? Who is participating in a conspiracy? Why that would be you and I. Are conspiracies illegal? Are all conspiracies secret? I suppose a conspiracy can be illegal. Plotting to overthrow the government outside of the democratic process is illegal. Conspiring to change the nature of government by using the democratic process is perfectly legal. It is also legal to be in a secret conspiracy provided its goals are legal. I can't think of many conspiracies, secret or otherwise which are illegal. A huddle in a football game is a conspiracy. So is a PAC committee. Children conspire against their parents. Students conspire against teachers. One government conspires against another.

People in government conspire against the citizens. The Mob conspires against law enforcement and law enforcement conspires against crime. Well – financed folks conspire as a way to bypass the law and override the legal system. That type of conspiracy is highly common and certainly is illegal. These kinds of conspiracies must be identified and addressed. As a prolific conspiracy theorist, knocking off those kinds of conspiracies is my role.

Only a few conspiracies are born in the imagination. Most of those can be counted on one hand. The fake moon landing is clearly one of those. The truth is that behavior in the aggregate is conspiracy based. To accomplish anything at the aggregate level requires organizing into competitive conspiracies.

I identify those kinds of conspiracies. I have no interest in making conspiring illegal or even limiting or regulating conspiracy – based government action. Forbidding citizens from working together in conspiracies would be as hard as convincing lions and tigers not to hunt. Conspiracy – based behavior is a normal part of human nature. That won't change anytime soon. It takes thousands of years to change human nature, so don't expect it to be different anytime soon.

Given that, how do we knock off a conspiracy? Where is a conspiracy needed? Is there more than one that is seeking the same or similar outcome? Are there institutions seeking to save themselves? Who would benefit by conspiring with others who have the same or similar aspirations? Finding those situations is not hard at all. At higher levels, if two different entities are seeking a common outcome, there is close to a certainty they will find each other and begin working together.

Before Pluto was discovered in the twentieth century, scientists noticed changes in the orbits of planets that could only be explained by assuming the existence of another planet that had not yet been discovered. Bizarre changes in human behavior along with the occurrence of highly unlikely events as much as guarantees a conspiracy is in operation.

This is the case with respect to the Epstein arrest and following events. There is in fact a conspiracy to save persons with enough political power from consequences from having participated in fun and frolic with under – aged girls at Pedo island. There is no chance there would not a conspiracy emerge

involving various important people with the need to save themselves. When it comes to saving oneself... even people who hate one another, will work with one another. You can expect it. The Epstein situation, is a poster child for the incentive for a conspiracy to form.

Who are the potential beneficiaries of an Epstein conspiracy? Well, who visited the island? Who visited the island on multiple occasions? Who has enough power, money, and stature to offer something of value to the general conspiracy? Is it the case that someone's life will be completely destroyed if identified as a pedophile? What choice do they have other than to engage in a coverup?

Here is my current assessment of the ongoing Epstein coverup.

Donald Trump: The president needed to win in 2020. He was being bashed in the media relentlessly. The Deep State has been constant in trying to discredit him and remove him from office without an election.

Who is in danger of being exposed as having done illegal things on Pedo Island? Who has something to offer in the spirit of cooperation? There is a long list of important people, not the least of which is a member of the Royal Family. Would Donald Trump and the Royal family find each other? Certainly they would.

How many important Democrats and Republicans were in danger of exposure? Who is on the list?

How many in the Deep State network are vulnerable? Who is on the list?

How about the Republican and Democratic Parties? Who is on the list?

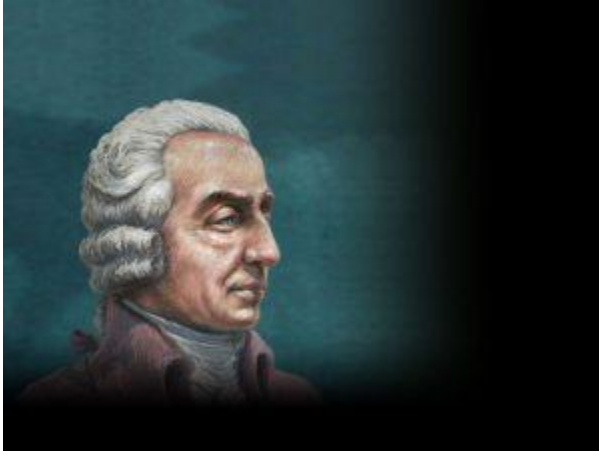
Donald Trump is the quintessential deal maker and he has a creative mind. Donald Trump initiates the deal. What does he get? He gets the media dog called off and the Deep State stops trying to sabotage his presidency. You may or may not have noticed that the media softened its approach with respect to Trump beginning the day Epstein was arrested. As it is now, following Epstein's death, media coverage of Trump is at a very low soft plateau. That has never been the case before.

What did the other parties to Trump's deal get out of it? Trump launches a long drawn out investigation to nowhere and guarantees, certain of the anointed safety from exposure.

Who is part of the deal? Who would be destroyed without it? Who has the power, influence and necessary resources to offer value to the conspiracy by virtue of their participation? Limit the choices people have down to one option and they will take it, especially if not participating guarantees their destruction.

When there is only one way out, that is the path that will be taken. So far, the situation is unfolding exactly as I would expect a conspiracy to unfold. Are the Epstein investigations anywhere in the news?

Role Of Conspiracy Theory



Adam Smith is routinely referred to as the father of free market economic thought. Was Adam Smith also the father of conspiracy theory? If not, he certainly explained how natural the formation of conspiracies is a constant influence in economic issues.

*“People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a **conspiracy** against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices.” Adam Smith, *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations**

If the value of conspiracy theory was taught in school instead of portraying government as a like benevolent parent, citizens might take their required role of reining in government more seriously.

When a doubt is raised as to the veracity of what is being told by official sources, the doubter is deemed a conspiracy theorist. The purpose of that is to dismiss the observation as conspiracy theory. The fact is that all of collective action is comprised of multitudes of layers of of conspiracies. Independent initiatives by single actors are minuscule in number and never successful. If a person is to understand the process of government or society in general, identifying conspiracies is absolutely necessary. Not focusing on identifying ongoing conspiracies guarantees failure of all attempts to make constructive changes.

Dynamics Of Censorship

It has been many years since the American Revolution. For all but the last few years, citizens saw and heard all that they were exposed to. Now, there is a fear that folks in general might be exposed to wrong ideas and that would be harmful to the country and themselves. The common man now must be protected from being misguided.... ostensibly for his own good. His protectors are deemed to know all that is worthy of his attention and knowledge base.

It must be noted that government is not censoring anyone, at least not the official government. The corporate structure has been around for a long time. Never before has industry been motivated to protect the country's citizens from receiving wrong information. So what has changed that makes industry motivated to guide the thinking of the population?

Is the media just a bunch of well meaning people devoted to protecting the over all population? The incentive to do that has to have come from somewhere.

The media censors, but who benefits from the censorship? Stories about anti – viral treatments, other than what comes out of the pharmaceutical industry, are just not allowed. There must be a relationship between big pharma and the media. Any individual or organization which suggests anything other than the collectivist approach to solving problems is not allowed to speak either.

Clearly all who benefit from a docile, homogenized and narrowly focused, overall population are good with censorship and want more of it.

The American population is managed in the same way aggregations of animals are molded and herded. My grandfather and uncle both raised cattle in South Texas. They had different ranching philosophies. My grand father was old school and believed that a cow was cow. He made no effort to upgrade his stock so that it had any cohesiveness in terms of breeds and such. My uncle studied agriculture in college and thought differently. He built a herd of black Angus Cattle. His cattle were all about the same size and color. Their behavior was certainly standardized. He got a consistent, stable and high price for all the cows he put on the market.

The elite of the world manage our population in the same way my uncle managed his herd of cattle. Today, what Americans do with their thoughts, time and energy is very well standardized. The profitability of this approach is unquestionably high. All who benefit from a homogenized population are fearful of that situation changing.

Today's censorship boils down to being the most important tool, used to herd and profit off of the United States population.

Why are blinders placed on horses? All phenomenon that might distract the horse from carrying out its intended purpose is censored. The horse's purpose might be to win a race or pull a wagon. In all cases, the horse's attention is forced.... focused only on what is needed to accomplish the goal of its master. Over time, horses have become accustomed to these things. The horses get fed and watered. They also get free health care.... also in keeping with their masters aspirations.

Censorship of the American Public works the same way it does with horses. Folks are kept from noticing ideas that might work counter to the best interests of those who are privileged to manage the activities of the American population - which does for their purposes.... constitute a herd.

Those are the dynamics of censorship in a nutshell.

Student Loan Forgiveness Explained

So, where did the idea for the current student loan system come from? Do you remember the multitudes of American citizens, with signs demanding that government facilitate students getting loans for education?

Don't feel bad if you can't remember the multitudes demanding a student loan program. I can't remember either – because that never happened. On the other hand, lobbyists working on behalf of lending institution, did what the citizens didn't do. They lobbied for years to get congress to pass the law that created our system of financing student loans. They got the bill passed.

What lenders did was to have congress create for them a risk free investment. There was virtually no way for a borrower to default on a student loan. Student loans cannot be written off in a bankruptcy. Student loans exploded. Colleges geared up and got more and more expensive.

Education has become a ruthless industry. The economic value of a degree to the student continues to go down. Now it turns out that there can be one last problem lenders face. What if the economy tanks and student loans can't be paid off? Doesn't it make sense now that all loans be forgiven? Loans forgiven means all risk disappears completely.

Did you see multitudes of Americans demanding that all student loans be forgiven? No, it didn't happen. Someone petitioned government. Who was it? It was the same group that lobbied to have the system initiated. Lots of Americans paid off their student loans. You have to wonder how these folks feel? Perhaps they reason that they would have been better off not paying either.

Four Ways We Communicate

Sometimes the simplest explanation of something can have a profound impact. Years ago Milton Friedman came up with his four ways to spend money.

These are,

1.Spend your own money on yourself.

This the most efficient and productive way to spending money. The buyer gets exactly what they want. In a free market system, this approach is very common.

2.Spend your own money on someone else.

This is a very efficient way to spend money, but less so than number one.

3.Spend someone else's money on yourself. This approach is quite a bit less efficient than numbers 1 and 2.

4.Spend somebody else's money on somebody else. This is how government spends money. This is quite reckless.

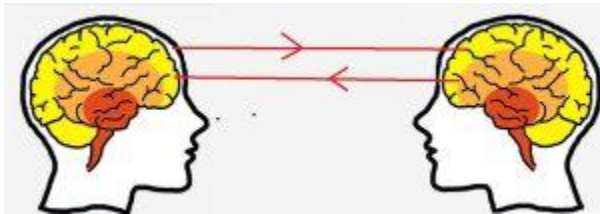
I am borrowing Friedman's concept to show that there are also four ways to communicate. The brain is complicated, but some things it does are automatic and others require in – depth thought. I think it is safe to call the automatic brain the animal brain and the bigger brain the thinking brain. The animal brain of a human functions in about the same way in a human, as it does in any other animal. This part of the brain is affectionately often referred to as a person's inner lizard. In the examples below – just for fun, I am going to use the term inner lizard.

On a routine basis, most of what we do during the day results from what our inner lizard insists we do. This is actually a good and necessary part of the brain. That makes certain we survive. Without that we would die. If a person is doing something like work a math problem or analyzing the meaning of a poem, the thinking brain gets the nod and the inner lizard takes a break. Humans are generally unaware of which brain is in charge. There is something unique about the inner lizard. It does not do anything at all to determine whether or not what it believes is true or not.

One time my wife and I rescued a dog. There seemed to be nothing wrong with it at all. One day I was in the yard and picked up a big stick to throw away. The dog suddenly high tailed it and got as far away from me as it could. Clearly someone at one time or another whopped it with a stick. From then on, the dogs' inner lizard deemed any human with a stick in his hand to be a serious threat.

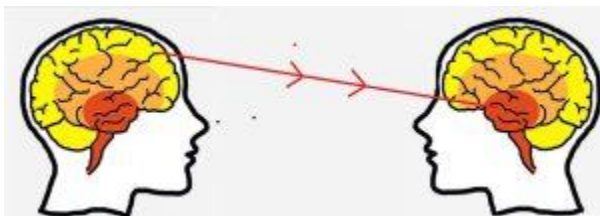
A human's inner lizard functions the same way. It does not do any analysis. It just comes up with a conclusion. Hypnotism, is a technique whereby the thinking brain is sent on vacation while the hypnotist addresses the inner lizard alone. Everything the hypnotist tells it gets registered as an absolute indisputable fact. This is why advertisements target a person's inner lizard. Who wants a potential buyer to think real hard when he can be convinced to buy without raising any questions. The inner lizard can keep you alive. It can also get you into a lot of trouble when you genuinely need to think something through. With this in mind here are the four ways humans communicate.

1. **Thinking Brain to Thinking brain:** A professor gives a lecture to students trying very hard to understand.



Talking about a math problem or interpreting a poem requires two people to talk thinking brain to thinking brain

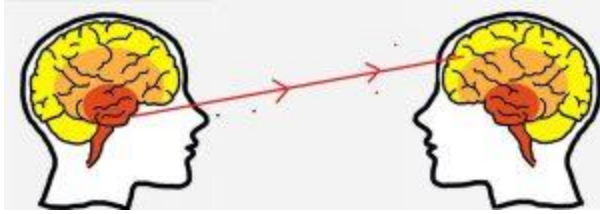
2. **Thinking Brain to Inner Lizard.** A good salesman is likely to speak from his thinking brain directly with a prospects inner lizard. This is the way politicians communicate with constituents.



A politician speaks to a voter thinking brain to inner lizard.

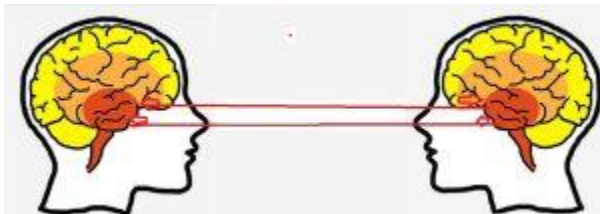
This method is employed when the goal is to convince another of something in the shortest period of time. That is politics and sales.

3. **Inner Lizard to Thinking Brain.** This occurs when a constituent request something from an elected representative.



A voter talks to a politician from his inner lizard. The politician receives the message with his thinking brain.

4 .Inner Lizard to Inner Lizard. This is what occurs when two constituents talk politics. You can search day and night without finding any sentient or thoughtful interaction between two people hashing out a political argument. What you find are conclusions used as arguments and nothing that can be substantiated.



Two voters exchanging views on politics speak inner lizard to inner lizard

What you get are arguments of the following nature. Trump good...Biden Bad or visa versa. Today we constantly hear NATO good.....Putin bad. Russia is our problem. China is our problem and so on. No one conversing like this ever takes the time to try and understand why Putin is really doing something or what NATO's concerns about Russia are really base upon. Who needs to do that when the inner lizard already knows what NATO is about and what Putin is about.

In a contest between the thinking brain and the inner lizard, the inner lizard always wins. Its job is to make sure you survive. The first image shows a communication between an elected official and a constituent. The second image illustrates how two citizens communicate during a political discussion.

As cute as this is, I am not trying to be funny. Communication really works this way. One thing to look for in coming days is an increase in suffering within the United States. Suffering does cause the thinking brain to kick in and question what the inner lizard thinks it believes. I am no fan of suffering, but: it can shock people out of the maladaptive behavior they are engaging in. So, in that sense – suffering does serve a purpose.

Why The European Union Is So Miserable



Have ordinary citizens ever petitioned their government - wanting to consolidate their governments into one unit? I remember no such

initiative. So, does that simple observation mean anything? No, not unless you think about it.

Where do ideas for political initiatives come from? Do they just spring up from out of the concrete and embed themselves in the minds of the people? Probably not, but they do have to come from somewhere. Some might argue that these kinds of initiatives are divinely inspired.

There are other possibilities. In today's world, all political initiatives are for profit. So, having all Europeans submit to a higher authority must be good for the various entities which make these things happen.

Here is exactly where the misery ensues. Remember the old and underused adage of natural law.... that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Unfortunately, that bit of ancient wisdom and logic is only used as a platitude. Take it seriously and the world looks a lot different – then what happens makes sense.

The consolidation of power is much more conducive to absolute corruption than is the corruption present in the governments of each individual country. So – you folks in Europe end up living in a hopelessly corrupt system.

One other point is that anonymity renders each individual as meaningless to a system's leaders. So, if it seems nobody at the top loves you and you are only a cog in the wheel, that is because it is absolutely true.

Folks in Europe, don't think I am picking on you alone. Here in the U.S., we are already further down the road to destruction than you are. Organized crime owns our healthcare industry. Our life expectancy is plummeting. Our citizens are compliant to the point of self – destruction. Join us if you wish.... but I seriously advise you not to.

The Righteous And Ridicule

Here is a good definition of ridicule.

***“The act of using words, gestures, images, or other products of expression to evoke laughter or contemptuous feelings regarding a person or thing.”
American Heritage Dictionary.***

I ask you. is there ever an occasion where a good thinking, highly sentient, honest person should use ridicule as a tool or for any reason?

At first glance it seems one would lower one's self considerably by engaging in such unsophisticated simple minded discourse. Even non - Christians seem to believe Jesus was honest and straight forward.

Here is Jesus engaging in, lets say, righteous ridicule.

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to”
(Matthew 23:13)

This is ridicule. Why would Jesus lower himself to engage in ridicule? Is there anything honest and straight forward he could say or do to change their behavior? No, absolutely nothing. Debating them would gain nothing. They were not truth seekers. They were the kind who would say or do anything to get what they want.

Given our leadership today, would they do or would they say anything to get their way? If you are not in an honest discussion then there is no point in presenting a gentlemanly argument. Is it a fight or an academic argument?

The fact is....is that our leaders are sociopaths and really not really trying to do the right thing. They just appear to be doing so.

Remember ***“Lets Go Brandon”*** How effective was the use of “F... Joe Biden on that particular occasion? “Lets Go Brandon” probably accomplished more for opponents of Joe Biden than all of the honest conversation about his liabilities since 2020.



Comedian J.P. Spears is using ridicule and getting terrific results.

So, when does it make sense to use ridicule? Ridicule is to a sociopath like kryptonite is to Superman. It is said that a sociopath has no conscience. They do have something that serves like a conscience, though. A sociopath is highly sensitive to how he comes across to others. Being ill thought - of is definitely something for a sociopath to completely avoid.

What if a sociopath found himself to be ill thought – of? He would retool and present himself in a different way. So, in order to win against a sociopath.... ridicule turns out to be the best tool in the arsenal. And.... winning is all that can be accomplished. There will not be any understanding generated anyway. I suppose “Lets Go Brandon” came and went, but that one thing accomplished more than polite conversation has in two years.

W. C. Fields Moments

On one hand we have a population absorbed in following top – down national narratives.... as if to do otherwise would be unpatriotic. Meanwhile and never mind that democracy cannot survive without

division. Some may be familiar with the Judus goat concept. Sheep have a natural fear of the smell of blood. It is hard to march them forward into the slaughter house. A special type of goat was trained to gain the confidence of the sheep so that they would follow him. The Judus goat would then lead the trusting sheep to slaughter. The goat would not be slaughtered but would return and lead another group of sheep to their deaths.

Today, at least four industries with symbiotic relationships along with politicians and others serve as Judus goats with respect to the overall population. Profit opportunities abound. Any line of reasoning that puts any of this system in question is censored. Even Firefox engages in censorship. That is probably to protect the money it receives from Google.

On the other hand, there is the rest of the population believing every word that comes out of the mouth of authority. Their fears are assuaged while they wait, but not resolved. All of their critical decisions are made by government. Citizens look to government to solve their problems. People will pay enormous sums for these services even though the benefits are imaginary. What we have is a nation of chumps supporting a network of wealthy others who have become highly adept at exploiting the inborn insecurities of the overall population. While the public is looking for solutions to problems, the elite are looking for problems to exploit. They are doing that successfully.

Here is the reality we face today as explained by W.C. Fields. "Just like my Uncle Charlie used to say.... just before he sprung the trap. He said: You can't cheat an honest man! Never give a sucker an even break or smarten – up a chump. You can fool some of the people some of the time – and that's enough to make a decent living."

The world's largest industries are basically making sure no one is even able to smarten – up chumps, by censoring all dialog that might cause that to happen.

Tower Of Babel Moment

Here is an excellent example showing how easy it is to forecast the future accurately by finding ancient writings which describes situations parallel to what we experience in modern times.

(Bold letters are my comments.)

The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As people moved eastward,[a] they found a plain in Shinar[b] and settled there.

In today's world our elite or self – appointed masters of the universe are not trying to reach the heavens. They are making spaceships which carry them to the heavens. Are they trying to make a name for themselves? You bet. As did the Tower of Babelpeople try more and more self – aggrandizing projects.

3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.

4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered them over of an face of the whole earth.”

5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.
Here.... reality imposes itself on the ancient elite.

What they are trying to do at this point is not possible given the laws of nature. In those times the lord represents the laws of nature.

6 The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

What occurs following the collapse of the tower is chaos in the world and collapse of society’s structure and all of its institution.

8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

9 That is why it was called Babel[c]—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Attempts to a take over the world have been ongoing for eons. Up until currently, these attempts have been with military. The elite in our modern world actually have taken over the world but their weapon has been financial engineering and political power.

Taking over the world and maintaining power are two different things. I have stated many times that if a situation parallel to any biblical story is a model of natural law, the outcome will be the same as the one in the story.

I have complete confidence that given today’s situation, our political system along with the economy are going to collapse. So, who doesn’t believe this works(?) – most everyone. Keep watching, and you will see. I have made a forecast based on my interpretation of natural law. Keep watching and take note of the outcome.

Your Punishment For Believing Lies

I have a saying. *When a lie is told, there are two guilty parties. There is the liar of course. Then there is the party for whom the truth is not good enough. Without that arrangement few lies would be told.*

The punishment for believing lies is suffering. Suffering always follows the believing of lies but the suffering is not distributed evenly among believers. It is possible for a person go a full lifetime believing a slew of lies and never experience any meaningful suffering. This is especially true where collective issues are present. Generation one may believe the lie but it may be the next generation which does the suffering.

There is a cost to believing lies. The day the bill comes due is highly variable. For many, the bill for believing lies comes due only once or twice in a lifetime. This is the nature of the bill citizens around the world are being served at this very moment.

The lie of stimulus was introduced in the 1930s. John Maynard Keynes came up with his general theory honestly. He was not trying to hurt anyone. In just a little time, flaws in the theory were noticed. Keynes noticed them himself but then died. Monetary stimulus evolved by a different route but had been debunked or at least observed to work very poorly long before the modern era. Stimulus was reborn in the Reagan administration as a way to get self – serving legislation passed and to transfer wealth.

The ostensible purpose of stimulus was and always is.... to benefit the economy. Following the passage of the Full Employment Act of 1978, stimulus became an every year phenomenon. There has never been a chance that government stimulus of an economy would be of benefit. Yet, Americans of every socioeconomic class have chosen to believe stimulus was good and necessary.

The two major ways stimulus destroys an economy are through preventing markets from clearing and by replacing price as the means of rationing goods and services. Economic intervention did not begin in 2008 with the financial crisis. Intervention has been ongoing since the Reagan administration. We have had right at 40 years of economic intervention. That means something other than price has been used to ration resources for 40 years. It also means the process of out with the old and in with the new has been displaced. A mis-allocation of resources is not visible to the eye but it is there. 40 years of making less than optimum use of the country's resources guarantees an economic crisis.

For 40 years, Americans have believed the lie that stimulus benefited them and the overall economy.

The truth is a hard sell. Fantasy – Free Economics gains readers one at a time. Major search engines simply do not list blogs which disagree with their political agenda. As long as folks share the link to this blog and others speaking out against the grain, the truth will at least trickle into the public consciousness.

Stock Market Insights

It Is Much Worse Than It Looks

The mention of the Plunge Protection Team is a trial balloon. How much in the name of bailouts is the public willing to swallow? Suppose the public turns out to be less than enthusiastic to the idea of serving a giant crime syndicate for a few more decades?

Does that mean no bailouts? That would only mean more force would have to be used to convince the public to be more patriotic. Who knows? The public might swallow the whole thing. Americans are trained from infants to promote their own poverty. They have been doing just that - enthusiastically.... since the middle of the Reagan administration.

My point here today is that we are entering an actual depression - not a recession. This is one of those once or twice in a lifetime events where entire populations in all countries will be offered a look at reality.

It turns out that at this very moment fantasy worlds are unraveling all around the globe. The economic abyss we are falling into is much worse than can be easily fathomed. Decades can go by where entire populations are completely out of touch with reality and happy just because of it. Today's issues are so serious, our political system as well as our economy may not survive. Why get in touch with reality? At this point, it may turn out to be necessary in order to survive and keep from losing everything you own.

Of course I adopt the version of reality nature provides. That version is not very popular but it could very well be the only one left a little further down the road. When reality catches up with mankind suffering goes parabolic.

Roots of Stock Market Manipulation Part 1

Prior to the mid 1980s, the financial markets were mostly pristine free market entities. Technology had not yet developed to the point where simultaneous bids could be placed for every stock in an index. Wealth was not so severely concentrated that a small number of equity owners could cooperate with one another for the purpose of moving their assets values higher independently of economics and earnings.

Following the passage of the Full Employment Act of 1978, the Reagan Administration immediately implemented supply side Keynesian stimulus initiatives. In 1987, after the crash, government began tampering with financial markets. This was the birth of a new paradigm that has been increasingly employed by every administration that has followed.

Keynesian theory was flawed even before the Keynes general theory was published. The key ingredient is the presence of a completely unbiased, non political person to implement stimulus policy.

Modern Monetary Theory has nothing in common with fiscal based Keynesian theory. It is often discussed as if it is Keynesian based. Any successful use of modern Monetary also requires the presence of a straw man. Without 100% objectivity, neither theory has even a remote chance of accomplishing its stated goals.

Since there is no such thing as a straw man anywhere in the universe, there is no chance any type of central planning can produce a positive outcome that is a net benefit to society as a whole.

What it does does do is make it possible for economically powerful people and institutions to make money without working. What stimulus works out to be is enormous lobbying efforts focused on convincing government to increase spending in ways that support the most powerful financial interests in the world.

Rigging stock market started with opportunities created with the Full Employment Act of 1978, also called the Humphrey Hawkins Act. With stimulus, there is no net benefit to society. Those who benefit do so because they have the power to determine where and how government spends.

Chances are, that in the 1980s, no one had plans to control the stock market independently of profits and economics. Based on the advantages contained in the Full Employment Act of 1978, the process of using political power to gain economic advantages, began growing as years passed. As time moved forward, new and improved ways to influence stock prices evolved. There is more to this than just easy money from the Federal Reserve. In the articles that follow, I will explain how the market is managed but it all starts with the opportunity. Stock market manipulation began in the Reagan Administration with the initial implementation of the Full Employment Act of 1978. The practice has grown to the point where it is now all pervasive.

The fact is that governments don't make economic decisions. Governments make political decisions only.

Roots of Stock Market Manipulation Part 2

It was once believed that if the Stock Market could be controlled and manipulated at all it would only be for a short time. The stock market was simply too big and even the largest financial powers did not have the clout to have a permanent effect on prices.

That is not true today. Split second trading accounts for most of the volume. The public which is cited as now moving into the market in a frenzy, has been leaving the market for decades. Stock ownership is concentrated in the top 1% of earners. That group does have the money, power to determine the level of stock prices over long periods of time. They are doing that right now and have been for a long time.

Am I making a guess? It could sound like one. What evidence do I have? I don't have a confession or a witness. Do I have any facts? Yes, quite a few, but mostly, all I or anyone else need do is watch. What we have is mountains of circumstantial evidence that most prefer not to look at. It is not at all hard to find folks who agree that the intentions of the Federal Reserve are to elevate asset prices. What I will show you is how the stock averages are orchestrated and micro managed with the help of the Fed but independently also.

Lets start by coming to grips with who your government actually is and what it is that actually determines political outcomes. A person or institution can be either described as how it is defined or how each functions. If a class of citizens has the power to determine who does or does not get elected, and makes it impossible to remain in office for someone who does not adopt various agendas, that class of citizens is your government, not the ones you elect. With Fantasy Free Economics I treat institutions and people according to how they function and not how they are automatically assumed to function. The richest people in the world do have enough money and power to control government and stock prices. Is there any reason why they wouldn't given the opportunity? Do we know their names. No, and we may never.

Back in the early 20th century, when only 8 planets had been discovered, scientists noticed an odd motion in Neptune's orbit. That meant that there was an additional planet in the solar system that had not yet been discovered. That planet is Pluto. They knew there was a planet. It had just not been seen. Control of the stock market can be observed by focusing on phenomenon that would never occur in a free market.

The Federal Reserve does its part but that is just part of it. Contribution of ALGOs and High Frequency Trading High frequency trading firms survive and prosper by sabotaging the trades of honest traders, both amateur and professional. In any other time period outside of the past twenty years, no such firms would be allowed to exist. Why are they allowed to operate now? There are natural forces that make it possible. How could firms which cheat the public be allowed to operate? High frequency trading firms are fine politically as long as their efforts cause markets to rise and do not cause them to fall. Who is going to complain about that other than bears who are selling

short?

It takes a genius to write and manage the algorithms that are used. Anyone can observe their practice and figure out what the algorithms are designed to do. Years ago when I was sitting in a calculus class, the professor drew a picture of a cow walking up a hill and down again. He wrote an equation that would perfectly track the cow's path up and down the hill. We could then calculate the position of the cow on the hill based on time. This was only an example but anyone could watch a cow walk up and down a hill and guess real close where the cow would be at what time. We could also see at what point the cow had reached the very top of the hill. Anyone can watch the trading action and see what ALGOs are accomplishing.

Just by watching minute by minute charts during the day it is easy to see how these firms control trading and raise the averages higher. ALGOs are masters at managing order flow. They see it all and they use it all to make profits. They can find and run any stop and they do run most of them. When volume increases, they are much less successful.

Look at the market and you will see a mechanical system that works about the same everyday. In a real market, the same thing never happens for countless days in a row.

ALGOs can manage the trend if volume is low. It is not hard to notice that modern times are the only era where stocks have routinely risen on low volume.

This is a one minute chart of the Dow. It doesn't look that weird in isolation but this pattern is present with a few variations every day.



Most days the market gaps up. At that point, the market may fall as those waiting to sell exit. There is a basket ready for prices to land in. As soon as there is any stability at all, prices are initially stabilized and then ratcheted slowly upwards and then pushed higher at the close. This pattern occurs for days at a time, and far more than any pattern would appear in a natural setting.

Some days the market does open down. A pattern about like the one above may begin in negative territory. In that case, prices are slowly milked and ratcheted higher and then surge towards the close. There are 5 distinct points on a daily chart.

9:30-10:45 Accommodate any sellers early.
11:00-12:00 begin stabilizing prices and make the snake pattern.
2:00 A trial rally. Often it continues for the rest of the day.
3:00 Attempt rally into the close.
4:00 Bang the close no matter what.

Volume takes on a parabola shape becomes very light for until the close. Heaviest volume is during the first 30 minutes. Second heaviest volume is at the close. This alone is not unusual. Traditionally the heaviest volume occurs at these times. It is the smoothness and total lack of volume and no spikes in volume during the body of the day that is interesting. When volume does spike during the middle of the trading day, that means they are having trouble controlling the market. Sometimes a correction occurs and more efforts to stabilize are initiated. The snake pattern develops and it is here we go again. Volume is the enemy of manipulation.

A culture of short term trading is successfully encouraged. Long term traders and investors account for an insignificant amount of volume. Short term trading has little effect on the market level. An occurrence such as the Corona Virus creates a shock and the ALGOs don't do very well with that. Even in the case of a shock, attempts at stabilization begin at the first sign of the smallest period of consolidation.

Roots of Stock Market Manipulation Part 3

Anointed Stocks

Here are examples of anointed stocks. Big
Tech: AMZN, GOOG, AAPL, FB, ADBE
Healthcare Related, UNH, HUM,
Banking & Finance, GS, JPM

It is not hard to notice that the anointed stocks all have stellar, highly profitable relationships with government. It is symbiotic. The corporations help government and in return government helps them. Each anointed stock benefits from the assistance of all other anointed stocks. Over time they learn to work together for their common good.

Controlling the stock market is only part of the effort to control the opinions and behaviors of the unaware general public. All activities of the anointed stocks are much more profitable if the population is homogenized and behaviors are standardized. So, out of the social media we have agenda driven censorship. It is intensively for the good of the country. It is good for their bottom lines. Censorship only became a practice when events threatened the well being of the anointed corporations. The media overall

is tightly owned and only reports what will insure the public remains homogenized and pliable.

Goldman Sachs (GS) and other banks like JP Morgan (JPM) pretty much determine what Federal Reserve Policy is. Is it the Fed or big banks which figure out when more QE is needed?

Healthcare is the prime beneficiary of the Affordable Care Act. What this law does is similar to a system my late uncle, a cattle rancher devised to provide healthcare to his cattle. He had a big coral for the cattle and a long shoot they would have to walk through to get some hay. As each cow passed by, it would get vaccinated and doctored.

What the Affordable Care Act does is provide healthcare related corporations with skimming operations. The more patients that can be seen in the shortest period of time provides an optimum for skimming operations profitability. Notice the emphasis on censoring information about inexpensive cures that could interfere with big pharmaceutical profits.

It is easy to notice that anointed stocks are the favorites of the central banks which buy equities. Certainly they don't want to see their equity purchases decline in value. They do have the option of helping support the stock.

We do not know the composition of the consortium that controls the stock market. By simply knowing people are doing in the present moment, what they are prone to do, it is not hard to determine who is most likely to involved.

This is an important question. If It could be done, would insiders within the world's anointed corporations work together to permanently enhance the value of all of their assets and control the world's factors of production? Then turn the question around and ask, is their any reason why they wouldn't?

Stock Market Engineering War Room

Part 2 Affirmative Stock Market Engineering War Room

It is really hard to convince folks that there is something going on in a system given – when they already see and know everything.... and are convinced they have noticed all that matters. The truth is – none of us have critical information at important moments.

Federal Reserve creates massive unearned money and that money ends up in the stock market. Corporations use that money to buy back their own stock. Therefore the stock market always goes up. The stock market will go up until this particular episode comes to the end. That line of reason happens to be true but there is more to it. There are other mechanisms in operations that are in place which are of even greater influence.

Legislation

There is the legislation. During the 1970s, the IRA was born. "What a great thing for taxpayers the government has given us" – was the the response of citizens. All with money loved IRAs. All were impressed that a bunch of politicians would develop a concept that would actually benefit their constituents. Does anyone know who actually thought of and worded the legislation? Does anyone care? Is there a way to find out? I am not sure it is actually possible to find answers to any of those questions. This was five decades ago but the nature of legislation is the same now as it was then. All legislation is for profit. So, who profits from the legislation related to IRAs? That would be the financial sector.

Even though equities may not have been allowed in the original legislation, they are allowed now and have been for a long time. What do IRAs contribute to stock market manipulation? Money routinely flows into IRAs on a long term basis. Equities in IRAs are not going to be sold on a whim. Politicians are motivated to support all initiatives which support stock prices. Doing otherwise would subject them to the ire of their constituents when their retirement accounts declined in value. If private accounts in social security are ever allowed, driving up asset prices will be even more of political endeavor than it is now.

In 1978, the Full Employment Act of 1978 was passed. This bill mandates that the legislature, president and Federal Reserve engage in central economic planning. Ronald Reagan embraced the provisions of this bill and the era of perpetual stimulus began. Reagan also initiated the practice of government tampering with the financial markets. Our system of modern top – down socialism was born.

Non – GAAP Earnings

Accounting can now be done routinely on a non – GAAP basis. This allows corporations to report just about any figures that suit them for any given quarter

Trading The News

There are many old stock market addages. One of those is to buy the rumer and sell the news. No addage is going to prove true one hundred percent of the time. This is one addage that in years past turned out to be right most of the time. This began changing in the early 2000s. Nowadays traders buy the news and usually that turns out to be the right decision. This is not normal. Traders have become trained over time to buy the news. Certainly this change is not accidental.

all Street And The Mob

For years, Wall Street and international banks have been stealing from the public. That public has not minded because they can't actually see the money coming out of their pockets, so they don't know who to blame. This may all be for the best because they would have killed to get your money if they had to. There is no high ground in the banking industry. Banking these days is mostly organized crime. This makes sense because crime is risk – sensitive just like for everyone else. What would suit organized more than a situation where government is a partner?

For decades the banking and brokerage industries have operated above the law. Typically when laws are broken – fines are assessed. Fines amount to a business expense and the crimes continue. Did I say

crimes? Yes – but the bankers are safe. Government goes out of its way to treat any banking activity as legal.

Ordinary people would get prison time for the things Wall Street does with impunity.

All of the power and money in the world cannot keep them from destroying the economy. For years, Wall Street has operated like a corrupt dealer at a casino. They have run off all of the honest money and now must square off and trade against each other. The world's capital markets are destroyed and stocks are ready to fall despite the efforts of the Federal Reserve and the rest of Wall Street's allies in government.

The public will lose pensions, savings and most of what they own. The parties responsible for rigging and corrupting the financial markets for years will keep their profits. It could be worse. The profit The Mob has been able to make amounts to far more than what they normally kill for.

Can the United States Survive a Bear Market?

If the stock market falls, it will take the rest of the economy with it. Without rising asset prices, there would be no economic recovery. The model used for causing economic activity is the "If we build it they will come." model. The idea is that if the wealthiest of the world's citizens are enriched when the value of all they own rises independently of earnings and everything else, the recovery will extend all the way to the bottom of the food chain. Does the logic of this sound solid? If it does, I will remind you that the logic behind a chain letter sounds appealing. If you only give the idea a superficial look a chain letter sounds great. Lets not be too hard on chain letters. Profits have been made, by those who initiate chain letters. Profits are being made by the originators of the "build it and they will come," economic model.

Economic models are interesting animals. An economist can develop one based on any kind of logic. The model is never tested empirically. The whole population jumps on it as if it was manna sent from heaven. If engineers built a plane that has never been on a test flight, would the airlines buy it and put passengers on it? Probably, they would pass on the opportunity. The pretense of knowledge pays more than does actual knowledge.

Where does government economic policy come from? It is mandated in the Full Employment Act of 1978. O.K., but how is the plan of intervention decided upon? Any economic intervention is going to be based on the needs of the world's most politically powerful citizens. Who might that be in today's world? Those are the folks who already have most of the world's wealth and resources. Does it not make sense, that our plan for economic prosperity would be the one which would enrich them the most?

Build it and they will come? Did they come? No they have not. So, all of the world's resources are now focused on preventing any type of bear market in stocks. A bear market will take the economy with it because there is no genuine economic growth that has been caused by anything other than high asset prices.

What a Real Bear Market Looks Like

I will be clear. The economy in the United States is much worse now than it was in 1929 or in 1973. This will be the first economic collapse to occur following forty years of government intervention in the economy. Government has been supporting asset prices since 1987, off and on at first and finally on a daily basis. Given

the gravity of the current circumstances, the coming trouble will likely exceed what was experienced following 1929 and of course 1973. To gain perspective I am posting charts of stocks 1929- 1933 and 1973-1975. Both of these bear markets occurred because given the respective resource



distributions the economy could no longer grow.



That is the situation today. When looking at an economy, remember that the present cannot be explained with numbers. It is all folks acting on incentives. Understand incentives and what to expect next becomes very clear. The next bear market will likely take several years to completely hit bottom. After that there will likely be stops and starts for about ten years. This is what happens when an economy resets. The US. economy is way over financed. This means there is more money chasing investments than there are legitimate opportunities. On the bright side, if the country survives, this will be the stock buying opportunity of the century.

Markets Need To Clear

The world is not coming to an end. It is only changing. Markets always clear but government interference makes the process difficult.

Currently there is a huge supply of houses hanging over the real estate market. Without government interference the housing market would clear in a month or two. Even on local levels every effort is made to make sure foreclosures trickle onto the market. Information relevant to buyers is withheld. Every asset will sell at the right price. Houses are no exception.

An economic recession will end only when markets are cleared of excesses. Real estate prices still have a long way to fall.

Over the past several decades the financial sector has gained enormous political power. As a result, government policy has promoted the growth of large banks, hedge funds, brokerage houses and anything else related to assets and money. The financial sector has become so powerful that government is now a tool to be used for enhancing the value of financial assets beyond any levels that would occur in a free market setting.

Like any sector that has had government assistance, the bloated financial sector has become an inefficient use of resources. In a free market setting, such a situation would never occur. Wall Street is so bloated that it is self – destructive. The financial sector must be cleared of excesses before an economic recovery can begin.

Economic recessions occur naturally as resources are shifted out of poor – performing areas into more productive uses. Economic depressions occur because government intervenes and tries to prolong the status quo. Every effort is made to keep markets from clearing. Nothing good happens until the old is allowed to disappear and the new takes over.

In a free market, the good outweighs the bad but only the bad is easily visible. Hence there is a natural tendency to see failing industries without seeing emerging growth opportunities. In the 70s and 80s, it was easy enough to see the declines in the rust belt and labor intensive industries.

The emerging opportunities in the computer industry were not all that visible. There is a natural tendency to try to save what is failing but the efforts always prolong economic hardships.

To experience an economic turnaround markets must clear. Government is prolonging the process.

Rigging The Stock Market Long Term Consequences

Most Americans are unaware the financial markets are rigged. That doesn't mean prices will never fall. It does mean that the nature of the coming decline will be different than what has occurred in prior bear markets. That is because elevating asset prices – especially stocks as a national goal, has priority over national defense, law enforcement and all other activities government is involved in.

Political power can do amazing things. When all of the country's resources are focused on enriching those who are already rich, the country's future is destroyed. A corporation can invest in plant and equipment and innovate. In a free market doing that is how profits are made but there is a faster way.

With enough political power government can be used as a means of driving up stock prices. That is the fastest possible way to make the most money. If making profits is that easy, who needs to invest in capital and innovate? The incentive to do so is lost.

Welfare for the rich has the same effect on productivity of the rich as regular welfare has on the productivity of the poor. Welfare for the rich is more damaging to the economy because investing and innovating are what create profits. Give the rich a free ride and the whole country suffers. Do it long enough and the entire economy will be destroyed.

How long have we been artificially elevating asset prices? Someone needs to count the years but it has easily been long enough to destroy the economy and perhaps the political system also.

Appendix I

Empire	Origin	Capital	From	To	Duration	Note
Xin dynasty	China	Chang'an	9	23	14	The Xin dynasty had only one ruling emperor.
Kushan Empire	Afghanistan	Various, including Mathura, Peshawar, Begram, Taxila	30			
345	315					
Funan	Cambodia	Vyadhapura	50	550	500	Succeeded by the Chenla.
Aksumite Empire	Ethiopia	Axum	150	940	790	Succeeded by the Ethiopian Empire.
Cao Wei	China	Luoyang	220	265	45	See also Three Kingdoms.
Shu Han	China	Chengdu	221	263	42	See also Three Kingdoms.
Sassanid dynasty	Persia	Ctesiphon	224	651	427	Fourth Iranian Empire.
Eastern Wu	China	Wuchang, Jianye	229	280	51	See also Three Kingdoms.
Frankish Empire	Western Europe	Various, including Soissons, Paris, Reims, Orléans,				
Metz & Aachen	250	950	700			
Gallic Empire	Rhineland-Palatinate	Colonia Agrippina	260	274	14	Broke off from the Roman Empire during the Crisis of the Third Century.

Palmyrene Empire	Syria	Palmyra	260	273	13	Broke off from the Roman Empire during the Crisis of the Third Century.
Jin dynasty (265–420)	China	Luoyang (265–311), Chang'an (312–316), Jiankang (317–420)	265	420	155	Subdivided into two dynasties. Western Jin dynasty (265–316), Eastern Jin dynasty (317–420).
Byzantine Empire	Eastern Roman Empire (Greece, Anatolia, Africa, Palestine, Syria, Italy)	Constantinople	284	1460	1176	The eastern half of the Roman Empire. Term conventionally used since the 19th century to describe the Greek-speaking Roman Empire during the Middle Ages.
Britannic Empire	Britain	Londinium	286	296	10	Was a break-away state of the Roman Empire. See also the Carausian Revolt.
Ghana Empire	Mauritania, and Western Mali	Koumbi Saleh	300	1240	940	The empire became known in Europe and Arabia as the “Ghana Empire” by the title of its ruler (meaning “Warrior King”). Also known as Wagadou.
Gupta Empire	India	Pataliputra	320	550	230	Founded by Sri Gupta.
Rouran Khaganate	Inner China	Not specified	330	555	225	
Hunnic Empire	Eurasia	Not specified	370	469	99	
Western Roman Empire	Italy	Mediolanum, Ravenna	395	476	81	The western half of the Roman Empire.
Hephthalite Empire	Afghanistan	Kabul	420	567	147	
Toltec Empire	Mesoamerica	Tollan-Xicocotitlan	496	1122	626	
Wari Empire	Peru, Bolivia	Huari/Tiwanaku	500	1100	600	It is a matter of conflict as to whether it was a real organized state that could be called an empire. If so, it would be considered the first empire in the Americas.
Chalukya dynasty	India	Badami	543	753	210	
Chenla	Cambodia	Isanapura	550	802	252	Succeeded by the Khmer Empire.
Göktürk Khaganate	Inner Asia	Ötüken	552	747	195	552–603 First empire, 603–658 Double empire, 658–681 Dark age, 681–747 Second empire.
Sui dynasty	China	Chang'an	581	618	37	

Gurjara-Pratihara dynasty	India	Kannauj	600	1136	660	Founded by great king of Gujjars.
Empire of Harsha	Northern India	Kannauj	606	647	41	Founded by Harshavardhana; collapsed after his death.
Tang dynasty	China	Chang'an (618–904), Luoyang (904–907)	289		618	907 Founded By Li Yuan (aka. Emperor Gaozu of Tang).
Rashidun Caliphate	Saudi Arabia	Medina, Kufa	632	661	29	Predecessor of the Umayyad Caliphate, See also Islamic Empire.
Umayyad Caliphate	Syria	Damascus, Córdoba (capital-in-exile)		661	750	89 Successor of the Rashidun Caliphate, See also Islamic Empire.
First Bulgarian Empire	Balkans	Pliska (680–893), Preslav (893–972), Skopie (972–992), Ohrid (992–1018)	680	1018	338	Founded by Khan Asparukh. Under Tsar Simeon I became the first powerful Slavic Empire. Falls to the Byzantine Empire under Emperor Basil II.
Srivijaya Empire	Indonesian Archipelago	Palembang, Mataram	610		683	1293 It was a powerful ancient thalassocratic Malay empire based on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia, then based on Mataram (Medang Kingdom) under Sailendra's dynasty.
Republic of Venice	Mediterranean Sea	Venice	697	1797	1100	Mediterranean great power during Middle Ages.
Balhae	North Korea, Manchuria	Sanggyeong	698	926	228	Successor of Goguryeo.
Turgesh Khaganate	Turkistan	Balasagun	699	766	67	Founded as a successor of West Turkish empire.
Kanem Empire	Chad	Njimi	700	1387	687	
Khazar Khaganate	Pontic steppe, North Caucasus	Balanjar, later Atil	300		700	1000 Founded by Western Turks, the members of the royal family embraced Judaism.
Uyghur Khaganate	Central Asia	Ordubaliq	742	848	106	742–848 Founded as a successor of Göktürk Khaganate, 848–1036 Gansu state, 856–1209 Turfan state.
Abbasid Caliphate	Iraq	Baghdad, Raqqa, Kufa, Samarra, Anbar		750	1258	508 Successor of the Umayyad Caliphate.
Pala Empire	India	Pataliputra	750	1174	424	
Rashtrakuta dynasty	India	Manyakheta	753	982	229	

Tibetan Empire	Tibet	Lhasa	755	870	115				
Caliphate of Córdoba Islamic Empire.	Iberian Peninsula			Córdoba		756	1031	275	See also
Idrisid dynasty	Morocco	Fes	788	974	186				Founders of the first Moroccan state.
Chauhan dynasty	Northern India	Delhi	800	1200	400				
Khmer Empire 629	Cambodia	Hariharalaya (802–889), Angkor (889–1431) Succeeded from the kingdom of Chenla.					802	1431	
Samanid Empire	Persia	Balkh, Bukhara	819	999	180				
Tahirid dynasty	Persia	Nishapur	821	873	52				
Great Moravian Empire “Moravia” did not refer only to present-day Moravia.	Central Europe	Mikulčice-Valy	833	900	67				The word
Kara-Khanid Khanate dynasty to embrace Islam.	Turkistan	Kashgar		840	1212	372			First Turkic
Pagan Empire	Myanmar	Bagan	849	1297	448				
Saffarid dynasty	Persia	Zaranj	867	1002	135				
Tondo dynasty	Philippines	Tondo	900	1587	687				
Fatimid Caliphate 262	Egypt	Mahdia (909–969), Cairo (969–1171) See also Islamic Empire.				909		1171	
Liao dynasty	China	Shangjing	915	1125	210				
Goryeo Korea of the Korean Peninsula. State maintained as an empire between 918 and 1274.	Gaegyeong, Ganghwa		918	1392	474				Successor of Goguryeo. Unification
Buyid dynasty	Persia	Shiraz	934	1055	121				
Tu’i Tonga Empire Tonga.	Tonga, Pacific Ocean	Mu’a	950	1865	915				See History of
Song dynasty Founded by Zhao Kuangyi the Great Ancestor.	China	Bianjing (960–1127), Lin’an (1127–1279)	960		1279	319			

Holy Roman Empire	Central Europe	Not specified	962	1806	844	Referred to simply as the Roman Empire (not to be confused with the actual Roman Empire) before 1157, when it became the Holy Empire. The Holy Roman Empire is attested from 1254. Was officially known as the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation after 1512, although this designation had fallen out of use again by the 18th century. See Holy Roman Empire § Name.
Ghaznavid dynasty	Afghanistan	Ghazni later Lahore	963	1187	224	
Western Chalukya Empire	South India	Manyakheta, Basavakalyan	973	1189	216	
Georgian Empire	Georgia	Kutaisi, Tbilisi	1008	1490	482	Established in 1008 as an unified kingdom. Georgian kings took title “King of Kings” and ruled over large territory consisting of Georgian, Armenian and Muslim areas, as well as numerous client states. Officially dissolved at 1490.
North Sea Empire	Denmark	Ribe	1016	1035	19	As one historian put it: “When the 11th century began its fourth decade, Canute was, with the single exception of the Emperor, the most imposing ruler in Latin Christendom. ... [H]e was lord of four important realms and the overlord of other kingdoms. Though technically Canute was counted among the kings, his position among his fellow-monarchs was truly imperial. Apparently he held in his hands the destinies of two great regions: the British Isles and the Scandinavian peninsulas. His fleet all but controlled two important seas, the North and the Baltic. He had built an Empire.”[4]
Hoysala Empire India	Belur, Halebidu	1026	1343	317		
Great Seljuq Empire	Aral Sea, Asia Minor, Persia	Nishapur and later on Rey	1037	1194	157	Turkish empire, predecessor of the Sultanate of Rum.
Western Xia dynasty	China	Xingqing	1038	1227	189	Also called the Tangut dynasty.
Almoravid dynasty	Morocco	Aghmat (1040–1062), Marrakech (1062–1147)	1040	1147	107	
Uyunid Emirate Arabian	Al-Hasa, Qatif	1076	1253	163		The Uyunids were a Sunni Arab dynasty that ruled Bahrain for 163 years, from the 11th to the 13th centuries.
Khwarazmian dynasty	Persia	Urgench	1077	1221	144	
Jin dynasty (1115–1234)	Northern China, Manchuria	Huining, Zhongdu, Kaifeng	1115	1234	119	Also known as the Jurchens, were the ancestors of the Manchus who established the Qing dynasty.
Almohad Caliphate	Morocco	Marrakech, Seville	1121	1269	148	

Ethiopian Empire	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	1137	1974	837	
Ghurid dynasty	Afghanistan	Firuzkuh	1148	1215	67	
Angevin Empire	England, France	No official capital. Court was generally held at				
Angers and Chinon	1154	1242	88			
Ayyubid dynasty	Middle East	Cairo, Damascus, Hama	1171	1341	170	Founded by Saladin, See also List of Muslim states and dynasties.
Second Bulgarian Empire	Balkans	Tarnovo	1185	1422	237	Successor of the First Bulgarian Empire. Under the Tsars Kaloyan and Ivan Asen II became the most powerful state in the Balkans.
Grand Duchy of Lithuania	Lithuania	Vilnius	1200	1569	369	It was the largest state in Europe in the 15th century.
Latin Empire	Thrace, Asia Minor	Constantinople	1204	1261	57	See also Latinokratia.
Empire of Nicaea	Bithynia	Nicaea	1204	1261	57	Successor state of the Byzantine Empire.
Empire of Trebizond	Pontus	Trebizond	1204	1461	257	Successor state of the Byzantine Empire and a client state of the Kingdom of Georgia.
Delhi Sultanate	India	Delhi	1206	1527	321	
Mongol Empire	Mongolia	Karakorum	1206	1368	162	Split into four empires (Yuan dynasty, Ilkhanate, Chagatai Khanate and Golden Horde). Largest contiguous land empire.
Empire of Thessalonica	Epirus, Kingdom of Thessalonica	Thessaloniki	1224	1246		
42	Evolved from the Despotate of Epirus.					
Chagatai Khanate	Transoxania	Almaliq, Qarshi	1225	1687	462	Division of the Mongol Empire.
Ahom Dynasty	North East India	Charaideo, Garhgaon, Rangpur (Ahom capital), Jorhat				
1228	1838	610	It is well known for maintaining its sovereignty for nearly 600 years and successfully resisting Mughal expansion in Northeast India.			
Mali Empire	West Africa	Niani, later Ka-ba	1235	1610	375	A Mandinka empire founded by Sundiata Keita.
Tlemcen	Algeria	Tlemcen	1235	1556	321	Zayyanid dynasty

Golden Horde	Central Asia	Sarai Batu	1240	1502	260	Break-away state of the Mongol Empire.
Marinid dynasty	Morocco	Fes	1244	1465	221	
Mamluk Sultanate	Egypt, Syria	Cairo	1250	1517	267	See also Islamic Empire.
Ilkhanate	Persia	Maragheh, Tabriz, Soltaniyeh	1256	1335	79	Division of the Mongol Empire.
Yuan dynasty	China, Mongolia	Dadu	1271	1368	97	Division of the Mongol Empire. The Yuan emperors had nominal supremacy over western khanates.
Cebu Rajahnate	Philippines	Cebu City		1279	1565	286 An Indianized state founded by a minor Chola prince.
Khilji dynasty	Afghanistan	Kabul, Delhi	1290	1320	30	
Majapahit Empire	Indonesian Archipelago			Majapahit, Wilwatikta	1293	1527
234	Founded by Raden Wijaya.					
Ottoman Empire	Anatolia	Söğüt, Bursa, Edirne, İstanbul	1299	1922	623	Predecessor of the Republic of Turkey.
Vijayanagara Empire	South India	Vijayanagara	1336	1646	310	The founding of the original kingdom was based on the principality of Anegondi.
Songhai Empire	West Africa	Gao	1340	1591	251	Former vassal of the Mali Empire which became one of the largest African empires in history.
Serbian Empire	Balkans (Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Epirus, Thessaly, Albania)	Skopje, Prizren	1346	1371	25	Founded by Stephen Uroš IV (Dušan the Mighty), fell into feudal disarray after his death.
Jolof Empire	West Africa	Linguère	1350	1549	199	Also known as the Wollof Empire. Succeeded by the Kingdom of Jolof (1549–1875).
Hanseatic League	North and Baltic Sea	Lübeck	1356	1648	292	Alliance of German and Baltic merchant city-states.
Duchy of Burgundy	Western Europe	Dijon	1364	1477	113	Theoretically vassal of France. Ruled a very large territory from Alps to North Sea.
Bruneian Empire	Borneo	Not specified, possibly Kota Batu		1368	1888	520 Lasted until it became a British protectorate in 1888.

Ming dynasty	China	Nanjing (1368–1421), Beijing (1421–1644)	1368	1644	276	Founded by Zhu Yuanzhang the Great Marshal.
Northern Yuan dynasty	Mongolia, North China	Shangdu, Yingchang, Karakorum	1368	1635	267	Created after the expulsion of the Yuan dynasty from China proper in 1368.
Timurid Empire	Uzbekistan, Persia and Central Asia	Samarkand, Herat	1370	1526	156	Persianized form of the Mongolian word kürügän, Turko-Mongol Empire.
Bornu Empire	Nigeria	Ngazargamu	1387	1893	506	The continuation of the Kanem Empire.
Kalmar Union	Scandinavia	Roskilde then Copenhagen	1397	1523	126	Personal union of Denmark, Pomerania, Norway and Sweden.
Oyo Empire	Southwestern Nigeria	Oyo-Ile	1400	1905	505	
Spanish Empire	Iberian Peninsula	Madrid	1402	1975	573	Was founded with the conquest of the Canary Islands. It was the first global empire.
Portuguese Empire	Portugal	Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro (1815–1821)	1415	1999	584	Was one of the first global empires and the longest lived of the colonial Western European empires. See also United Kingdom of Portugal, Brazil and the Algarves.
Duchy of Savoy	Savoy	Chambéry then Turin	1416	1713	297	Theorically member state of Holy Roman Empire then vassal of France. Ruled a territory from Romandy to Nice.
Aztec Empire	Mesoamerica	Tenochtitlan	1428	1521	93	The capital of Mexico, Mexico City, is built on the ruins of Tenochtitlan.
Later Lê dynasty	Vietnam	Đông Kinh	1428	1789	361	
Inca Empire (Tawantinsuyo)	Andes (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, parts of Chile, Argentina and Colombia)	Cusco	1438	1533	95	The largest empire in pre-Columbian America.
Benin Empire	Nigeria	Benin City	1440	1897	457	
Crimean Khanate	Black Sea	Bakhchysarai	1441	1783	342	One of the last Turkic kingdoms, annexed by Russia.
Lodi Sultanate	Afghanistan	Delhi	1451	1526	75	
Safavid dynasty	Persia	Tabriz, Qazvin, Esfahan	1501	1736	235	
Akwamu	West Africa	Akwamufie, Nyanoase	1505	1867	362	

Toungoo dynasty	Toungoo	Myanmar	1510	1752	242	
Empire of Great Fulo	Senegal	Tekrur	1514	1776	262	
Mughal Empire India	Agra, Delhi	1526	1758	232	Founded by Babur. “Mughal” is a Persian word for the Mongols.	
Madurai Nayak dynasty	South India	Madurai,	1529	1736	207	
Branched out from the Vijayanagara Empire by Viswanatha Nayak.						
Thanjavur Nayak dynasty	South India	Thanjavur	1532	1673	141	
Founded by Sevappa Nayak.						
French colonial empire	France Paris	1534	Present	486 as of 2020	Some consider the Empire ending with the end of French presence in Vanuatu (see New Hebrides) Empire continues in the form of Overseas France.	
Danish colonial empire	Denmark (as Denmark–Norway	1536 – 1814)	Copenhagen	1536		
1953	417	See also Danish overseas colonies.				
Kaabu Empire	West Africa	Kansala	1537	1867	330	Also written Gabu, Ngabou, and N’Gabu’.
Saadi dynasty	Morocco	Marrakech	1554	1659	105	Destroyed the Songhai Empire.
Dutch Empire	Netherlands	Amsterdam	1568	1975	407	See also Dutch East India Company and Dutch West India Company.
Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth	Poland, Lithuania		Kraków	1569	1795	226
It was formed by the Union of Lublin in 1569, between the Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. It was one of the largest and one of the most populous countries of 16th and 17th-century Europe, with some 390,000 square miles (1,000,000 km2) and a multi-ethnic population of 11 million at its peak in the early 17th century.[6][7][8][9][10][11]						
Ramnad Sethupathis	India	Ramanathapuram	1590	1979	389	
Gorkha Empire	Greater Nepal	1600	1850	250	Unification of Greater Nepal. State maintained as an empire between 1600 and 1840.	
British Empire	United Kingdom	London	1603	Either surviving to Present or ended in 1997 417 as of 2020 or 394 as of 1997 The largest empire in world history. Precursor to the modern Commonwealth of Nations. Empire (though the word empire has fallen into disuse when describing British overseas possessions) still continues in the form of British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II remains as sovereign. Some consider the		

handover of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997 as the end of the British Empire.[1]

Swedish Empire	Sweden	Stockholm	1611	1721	110	See also
Swedish overseas colonies.						

Qing dynasty	China	Shenyang, Beijing	1644	1912	268	Last dynasty of the imperial period.
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Commonwealth of England	British Isles	London	1649	1660	11	Short puritan and republican period in Britain. The Cromwell's army conquered Ireland and Jamaica.
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Rozwi Empire	Southern Africa	Danangombe	1660	1866	206	
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Ashanti Empire	West Africa	Kumasi	1670	1902	232	
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Maratha Empire	India	Raigad, later Satara	1674	1818	144	Founded by Shivaji Maharaj, also known as the Maratha Confederacy.
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Omani Empire	Oman	Muscat	1698	1856	260	See Oman.
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Lakota people	Great Plains	Great winter camps	1700	1877	circa 177	Main Native power in North America until Black Hills annexation by United States.
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Kingdom of Prussia	Germany	Berlin	1701	1871	170	Was a great power during the 18th century. Unificated Germany after the War of 1870 against France.
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Hotak dynasty	Persia	Isfahan	1709	1738	29	
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Kong Empire	West Africa	Kong	1710	1898	298	Also known as the Wattara Empire or Ouattara Empire.
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Bamana Empire	West Africa	Ségou	1712	1861	149	Also known as the Bambara Empire or Ségou Empire
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Russian Empire (Romanov)	Russia	Saint Petersburg		1721	1917	196
Successor state of the Tsardom of Russia.						

Sikh Empire	Punjab region, India	Amritsar		1733	1849	116	Preceded the British Empire in the Indian subcontinent.
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Afsharid Dynasty	Persia	Mashhad	1736	1796	60	Founded by Nader Shah, at its peak expanded Persia as far west as Baghdad, and as far east as Delhi.
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Durrani Empire	Afghanistan	Kandahar, Kabul		1747	1823	75
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Zand dynasty	Persia	Shiraz	1750	1794	44	
Konbaung dynasty	Myanmar	Mandalay	1752	1885	133	
American Empire	United States	Washington, D.C.	1776	Present	243	The concept of an American Empire was first popularized during the presidency of James K. Polk who led the United States into the Mexican–American War of 1846. In recent times the concept has been revived to refer to the sphere of influence of the United States by its critics.
Tây Sơn dynasty	Vietnam	Phú Xuân	1778	1802	24	
Siam Empire	Thailand	Bangkok	1782	1932	150	
Qajar dynasty[citation needed]	Persia	Tehran	1794	1925	131	
Nguyễn dynasty	Vietnam	Phú Xuân	1802	1945	143	Was the last ruling Vietnamese dynasty.
Austrian Empire	Austria	Vienna	1804	1867	63	Preceded by the Holy Roman Empire.
First French Empire	France	Paris	1804	1814/1815	10	
Sokoto Caliphate Konni (1850, 1903)	West Africa	Sokoto (1804–1850), (1851–1902), Gudu (1804), Birnin 1804 1903	99			
First Empire of Haiti	Haiti	Port-au-Prince	1804	1806	2	First Haitian Empire, Jean-Jacques Dessalines declared himself Emperor Jacques I.
Zulu Empire	South Africa	KwaBulawayo, Ulundi	1818	1897	79	
Massina Empire	West Africa	Hamdullahi	1820	1862	42	
First Mexican Empire	Mexico	Mexico City	1821	1823	2	Preceded the Second Mexican Empire which was short lived (1864–1867). See also Mexican Imperial Orders.
Empire of Brazil	Brazil	Rio de Janeiro	1822	1889	67	Established after Pedro I of Brazil declared the independence of Brazil from Portugal.
Gaza Empire	Southern Africa	Not specified	1824	1895	71	
Toucouleur Empire	West Africa	Ségou	1848	1893	45	
Second Empire of Haiti	Haiti	Port-au-Prince	1849	1859	10	Second Haitian Empire, Faustin Soulouque is proclaimed Emperor Faustin I.

Second French Empire France Paris 1852 1870 18

British Raj Indian Subcontinent Calcutta (1858–1912), New Delhi (1912–1947) 1858
1947 89 Governed by the Crown and part of the British Empire. Queen Victoria was
proclaimed Empress of India in 1876.

Second Mexican Empire Mexico Mexico City 1864 1867 3 Succeeded the
First Mexican Empire which was short lived (1821–1823). See also Mexican Imperial Orders.

Austria-Hungary Austria, Hungary Vienna, Budapest 1867 1918
51 Often referred to as the “Austro-Hungarian Empire”. Formed out of the Austrian Empire as a
result of the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867. Officially a real union of the rump Austrian
Empire (Cisleithania) and the Lands of the Crown of Saint Stephen/Transleithania. Ruler was therefore
referred to as Kaiser und König (“Emperor-King”, literally “Emperor and King”).

Empire of Japan Japan Tokyo 1868 1947 79 Emperor’s government took
control of the country in 1868. Regional hegemony in East Asia ended in 1945. The new constitution of
1947 formally abolished the empire.[3]

German Empire Germany Berlin 1871 1918 47 See also German
colonial empire.

Wassoulou Empire West Africa Bissandugu 1878 1895 45 Also known as
the Mandinka Empire.

Congo Free State actual Congo-Kinshasa Vivi then Boma 1885 1908 23 Private
kingdom of Leopold II. Annexed by Belgium after the revelation of committed atrocities in rubber
plantations.

Italian Empire Italy Rome 1885 1943 58 See also Italian imperialism under
Fascism.

Korean Empire Korean Peninsula Hanseong 1897 1910 13 Was the last
ruling Korean dynasties.

Belgian colonial empire Belgium Brussels 1901 1962 61 Overseas
possessions were referred to as “the colonies” rather than an empire.

Empire of China China Beijing 1915 1916 1 Was a short-lived attempt by
Yuan Shikai to reinstate the Imperial Monarchy.

Kingdom of Romania Romania Bucharest 1920 1944 24 Following the
post–World War I treaties that ratified its borders (the last one being the 1920 Treaty of Trianon), the
newly-enlarged Romanian monarchy was rated by the Comintern as a multi-national imperial state that
subjugated ethnic minorities.[12][13] Indeed, according to the 1930 Romanian census, just over 28% of
Romania’s inhabitants were not ethnic Romanians. Non-Romanians formed the majority in 14 out of

Romania's 71 counties. In 11 Romanian counties, Romanians formed less than 40% of the population: Caliacra (22.6% Romanians), Cernăuți (21.8% Romanians), Cetatea Albă (18.5% Romanians), Ciuc (14.4% Romanians), Durostor (19% Romanians), Hotin (35% Romanians), Ismail (31.9% Romanians), Odorhei (4.9% Romanians), Storojineț (33.9% Romanians), Timiș-Torontal (37.6% Romanians) and Trei Scaune (16% Romanians).

Soviet Empire	Soviet Union	Moscow	1922	1991	69	A political term for the sphere of influence of the Soviet Union used by its critics.
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Pahlavi dynasty	Persia	Tehran	1925	1979	53	The last Imperial dynasty of the Persian Empire.
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Manchukuo	Manchuria	Hsinking	1932	1945	13	Created as a puppet state of the Japanese Empire, with Emperor Puyi (the last emperor of the Qing dynasty) installed as nominal regent and emperor.
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Third Reich	Germany	Berlin, Hamburg (1933–1945), Flensburg (1945)	1933	1945	12	Nazi Germany signed a treaty (Tripartite Pact) with the Japanese and Italian Empire.
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Central African Empire	Central African Republic	Bangui	1976	1979	3	President Jean-Bédél Bokassa declared himself Emperor Bokassa I in 1976. Along he proclaiming the empire as a constitutional monarchy.
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Zhou dynasty	China	Fenghao, Wangcheng, Chengzhou	1046 BC	256 BC	794	Zenith of bronze age in China.
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Kingdom of Israel (united monarchy)	Israel	Jerusalem	1050 BC	586 BC	486	Considers the Start of Saul's reign, through the dual kingdoms of the Kingdom of Israel (Samaria) and the Kingdom of Judah, until the Babylonian conquest of Judah.
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Pontic Empire	Pontus	Amaseia, Sinope	120 BC	47 BC	73	Mithridates VI had the title: King of Kings.
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Hittite Empire	Anatolia	Hattusa	1460 BC	1180 BC	280	See also Syro-Hittite states.
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Mitanni Empire	Syria, Iran, Iraq, Turkey	Washukanni	1500 BC	1300 BC	200	
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Egyptian Empire	Egypt	Various, including Thebes, Akhetaten, Pi-Ramesses, Memphis	1550 BC	1077 BC	473	See also 18th Dynasty, 19th Dynasty & 20th Dynasty.
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Dacian Empire	Romania	Sarmizegetusa Regia	168 BC	106	274	Reached its territorial expansion under King Burebista (82 BC – 44 BC).
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Shunga Empire	India	Pataliputra, Vidisa	185 BC	73 BC	112	Magadha dynasty that controlled North-central and Eastern India.
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Armenian Empire Great took the title King of Kings.	Armenia	Tigranakert	190 BC	428	618	Tigranes the
Babylonian Empire 300 See also Neo-Babylonian Empire.	Mesopotamia	Babylon	1900 BC		1600 BC	
Assyria	Mesopotamia	Assur, later Nineveh	2025 BC	609 BC	1119	
Han dynasty Bang the High Ancestor.	China	Chang'an, Luoyang, Xuchang	206 BC	220	426	Founded by Liu
Qin dynasty period.	China	Xianyang	221 BC	206 BC	15	First dynasty of the imperial
Satavahana dynasty 450 An Andhra dynasty which preceded the Vengi dynasty of Andhra.	India	Amaravathi village, Guntur district	Dharanikota	230 BC	220	
Akkadian Empire Empire On The Earth.	Sumer	Akkad	2300 BC	2200 BC	100	The Second
Parthian Empire Nisa	Persia	Various, including Asaak, Hecatompylos, Ecbatana, Ctesiphon,				Third Iranian empire, Founded by Arsaces I.
Roman Empire Kingdom, The Roman Republic and the Byzantine Empire, direct Roman states lasted from 753 BC until 1453 AD, 2206 years.	Italy	Rome, Constantinople	27 BC	1453	1480	Together with The Roman
Elamite Empire Known Empire On The Earth In History.	South West Iran	Susa	2800 BC	300 BC	2500	The First
Ptolemaic Empire	Egypt	Alexandria	305 BC	30 BC	275	See also Diadochi.
Seleucid Empire 249 See also Diadochi.	Persia, Mesopotamia, Syria	Seleucia, Antioch			312 BC	63 BC
Mauryan Empire Chandragupta Maurya. The Mauryan Empire became the largest ever Indian empire under Ashoka.	Ancient India	Pataliputra	321 BC	185 BC	136	Founded by
Macedonian Empire Alexander the Great.	Macedonian Kingdom	Pella	334 BC	323 BC	11	Founded by
Goguryeo Predecessor of Balhae and Goryeo.	Korea[2]	Jolbon, Gungnae City, Pyongyang		37 BC	668	705

Second Athenian League Ancient Greece Athens 378 BC 355 BC 23 Second Athenian League, headed by Athens primarily for self-defense against the growth of Sparta and the Persian Empire.

Chera dynasty South India Vanchi Muthur, Karur, Kodungallur, Kollam. 400 BC 1729 2129 A Tamil (Later, Malayalam) dynasty which includes Early Cheras, Medieval Cheras, Kodungallur Cheras and Venadu Cheras.

Chola dynasty South India Uraiyur, Pazhaiyaarai, Thanjavur, Gangaikonda Cholapuram 400 BC 1540 1940 A Tamil dynasty which includes Early Cholas, Medieval Cholas and Later Cholas till the reign of Virasekhara Chola (opponent of Nagama Nayak).

Pandya dynasty South India Madurai, Korkai, Tenkasi, Tirunelveli 400 BC 1759[5] 2159 A Tamil dynasty which includes Early Pandyas, First Empire, Second Empire and Later Pandyas of Tenkasi and Tirunelveli.

Nanda Empire India Pataliputra 450 BC 350 BC 100

Athenian Empire (Delian League) Ancient Greece Delos island 478 BC 404 BC 74 Also known as the Delian League. It was an association of Greek city-states.

Roman Republic Italy Rome 509 BC 27 BC 482 Predecessor of the Roman Empire. Technically a Republic, had imperial holdings throughout its existence.

Achaemenid Empire Persia Various, including Pasargadae, Ecbatana, Persepolis, Susa, Babylon 550 BC 330 BC 220 The first Persian empire, and the largest one in classical antiquity, founded by Cyrus the Great.

Median Empire Persia Ecbatana 625 BC 549 BC 76 First Iranian empire, Founded by Deioces.

Neo-Babylonian Empire Mesopotamia Babylon 626 BC 539 BC 87 See also Babylonia.

Kanva dynasty India Pataliputra, Vidisha 75 BC 30 BC 45 Replaced the Shunga Empire.

Kushite Empire Egypt, Nubia Not specified 760 BC 656 BC 104

Carthaginian Empire North Africa Carthage 814 BC 146 BC 504

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The issue of “Romanian imperialism” (as Romanian leading politician Iuliu Maniu put it) was further exacerbated by the 1941 creation of the Romanian Transnistria Governorate from parts of the Ukrainian SSR, under the rule of “Conducător” Ion Antonescu.[14] These new borders lasted until 1944. According to the 1941 Romanian census, 21 out of the now 73 Romanian counties were inhabited by a non-Romanian ethnic majority, including all of the 13 Transnistrian counties (the entire Transnistrian region was over 75% Ukrainian). Two of the 21 counties did have Romanian plurality (meaning that the Romanians were the largest ethnic group, but still less than half of the county population).

