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A Not Punch and Cookies World

During the mid-60's, I found myself, as a non-Christian, yeoman (secretary), for a Protestant chaplain on a Navy base in Sicily. Sunday mornings, the faithful would gather to hear his sermon and a punch and cookies social following the service. At times, a visiting chaplain, known for poignant sermons, would swell the congregation. Mostly, the sermons were of common ethical themes—the rewards that come from a just life.

Sometimes I hear from readers that Bill Holter (and myself), so often re-iterate a message about a necessity to own silver and in the form—junk silver, pre-65 silver dimes/quarters, that we're accused of sermonizing. Though Bill updates, reflecting present realities, his message about pre-65 dimes is basically the same one he's offered for a decade.

Bill, like myself, sees bad things coming, so it doesn't much matter to him that what is referred to as *junk silver* is out of fashion at the moment. He remembers when the premium on junk was above \$12, and not as it is now—spot or even below spot. Back when one sold to dealers and got spot price plus, rather than 4 or 5 bucks under spot.

Holter knows this is a short-term phenomena—as in the eye of the a hurricane, because when it all comes down, and it will (sooner than you might think), the dollar will become a historical relic and pre-65, junk silver dimes

will become—coin of the realm.

Think about it, what else other than junk silver will be there as a barter item? Booze and bullets, for sure. But dealing with farmers at the market, there will be nothing to rival recognizable, real, used dimes that have circulated for decades in pants pockets.

As Bill reiterates, 1000 oz bars will do you no good at a farmers market. Neither will a silver oz, in a world where there is no change, and where the price of silver is \$250—and all you have is 1 oz coins. In that world, pre-65 junk silver is clearly a no-brainer.

Tuning in on a Sunday morning where you hear 30 minutes of Bill and you think: I've heard this from him before—that's not the question that matters. It's whether or not you understood, heeded his warning, and bought a big bag of dimes. If you did, okay, you've heard much of this before. But if you didn't, you haven't been paying attention.

Bill lays out why junk silver is so cheap. Much of it was held by those with no motivation to sell. At \$50, they got motivated. Dealers were besieged with dimes and quarters that they sent to refineries to be melted down, for which they gained a few percent on the trade. But soon refiners became overloaded to the point where they are now refusing more junk silver. As a consequence, your dealer offers less than spot for dimes.

But this will not last—silver dimes will come to be a prized asset when the economy and the dollar goes down. Junk silver is far better than bitcoin for 2 reasons: bitcoin, like junk silver, is of a fixed quantity that can't increase, but pre-65 silver availability, diminishes because of meltdown. And unlike bitcoin, silver in your hand/pocket—is real.

An underlying reason junk silver is so cheap is a West, fully under propaganda, with citizens relying on experts to tell them that everything is okay.

The US economic spokesperson, Scott Bessent, is an oligarch—best described as a hype machine. Without a plan other than to stop Russia/China, at all costs, only speeds dollar collapse. The US Empire acts as decider of who can trade what and with whom. At Trump's bidding, the Dutch, until now careful to make distinct, politics and commerce, are giving supply chains, national security, military status—as an excuse to steal Chinese assets.

How bad will it get? Watching Ken Burns, PBS, 'American Revolution', I'd forgotten how close the colonies came to losing the war. Without George Washington (who advocated Indian slaughter/return of slaves), we would have lost a horrendous war that lasted (not just one impossible winter at Valley Forge), but eight long years. Washington, not a good tactician, was defeated by the British often, but like Russian General, Kutuzov, who defeated Napoleon, each was victorious, deliberately saving his army rather than defeating the enemy. In the same way, Bill Holter is looking out for you.

As with that conflict, what lies ahead for the United States could be far worse. If you have the courage for it, read some Cormac McCarthy who portrays a world where unabated evil comes as a consequence of strife. And strife is what America is scheduled to experience, when millions of armed/entitled Americans become hungry and cold.

Just as Ukraine, at zero degrees, is about to face winter with virtually no electric grid, the US will arrive at the same situation without missiles taking out our grid. Our electricity and natural gas will be unavailable because of a lack of viable currency to pay for it.

It's time to wake up. The Trump Administration is fighting a rhetorical, rear-guard action, where they likely know the outcome is hopeless (ironically, Trump may not know it), but some of them know. Rubio knows when he gets off the phone with Lavrov that the jig is up—that there's nothing to be

done to stop the war other than throwing in the towel on Ukraine. Or face the consequences of a starving/freezing Ukrainian people.

Another aspect of Holter's decade-long message is the freezing of credit. It takes maybe 7 lines of credit to get a loaf of bread to a supermarket shelf. Not just bread—everything runs on credit. And when the hype no longer works—the dollar crashes.

The collapse will pervade lives of every American. Instead of negotiating for a new, Honda we'll scourge for food/fuel, while roving gangs/elites come for what you have.

That's the real civil war—the savers/preparers defending themselves against the morally bankrupt who assume, like politicians—they are the entitled. If you can't admit to this reality, you are likely lost. If you do admit to it and have made preparations, you are still at great jeopardy, as were the patriots in the 1770s. Musket balls have no conscience—neither have the malignantly entitled who rationalize taking what is yours.

Bill Holter recommends on his site that you click on 'Grizzly's Corner', a deep dive into prepping. Given the reality that none of us is prepared for what comes, take a look.

Editing this, I've said most of it before—so this is my sermon. What's my fondest hope? After the strife that comes our way, we return to a localized America, where control is taken back from federals/states—back to a constitutional, punch and cookies America.

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