Sometimes, along a stream, a few flakes in the pan catch a ray of sun and glisten, but more often gold is that dull yellow sheen. For all our lives, gold was there, starting with 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'the yellow brick road'. In the book, Dorothy's shoes were silver.

Gold is a barometer for human existence—its apex, affiliated with a gold standard—its nadir, associated with runaway credit and debt. For those who wait for gold to return as the measure of money, with ever-less patience—present circumstances are telling.

Were I to pick a number out of the air for a true price of gold (I'll shoot from the hip)—call it $25,000 an ounce. I know that's contentious because 'reality for gold' is likely 'bid' but 'no ask' (you bid for it but nobody is selling)—which makes gold unobtainable.

Back to human existence: never in the course of history have so many morons gotten control of the 'levers of power'. Not everybody, thankfully, but enough to make for a 'terrifying tomorrow'—when neither gold nor anything else might make much difference.

I referred earlier to gold and silver stackers as 'ever-less' patient. Some have been waiting the best part of their economic lives for silver to settle into a reasonable ratio to gold—priced at or above the cost of mining silver into those shiny, little round ounces.

We know that for those that held onto stocks after the crash of 29, it was 1954 before the stock market average made its way back to 29 levels. A quarter of a century (the major part of a financial lifetime)—floating a lifeless asset on a windless, dead sea.

Are gold/silver markets being suppressed? Bob Moriarty doesn't think so. I put myself as a 'centrist' in that discussion. Elites do all in their power to control markets as seen with the 'Exchange Stabilization Fund', coming with government funding to stabilize a market in turmoil. Since they have that going on—why not control gold/silver?

I assume they do just that at Comex and the London exchange. But that control is limited. The gold/silver markets represent a sliver of total markets, and silver being the cheapest asset in human history has more to do more with idiots 'pulling the levers'.

Think on being a kid in a family where everything seems 'hunky-dory'. But you're just a kid and you don't understand that your parents, for decades, have lived beyond their means, transferring un-payable balances from maxed-out cards to new ones—often. And each new card, with a higher spending limit, comes with a higher interest rate.

That describes the credit/debt binge that the US (and the Western world), has been on since we 'closed the gold window' in 1971. It also describes why silver (for sure),
and gold (with an explanation), have languished in 'out-of-control' markets where monkeys throwing darts hit bullseyes—and nouveau-rich neighbors travel and remodel.

Why I say gold needs an explanation is because 'silver follows gold', and gold has been 'cast' during the credit/acquisition surge, as a 'barbarous relic'. Even its run-up from $250 to $2000 was rendered dubious because it then fell back to $1050. Meanwhile real estate/stock market (supported by new credit cards), surged straight ahead.

So what's in store for gold? Think about the economic and political fiasco in front of us—and you tell me. The US and EU used to be highly productive—while maintaining military might. That's over with: the EU has no military to speak of, and Britain's military fits nicely into a Super Bowl stadium. The US Army is but a shadow of its former self.

A lesson is being laid-out for us with Belt/Road: naval power is passe, made up of 'floating bathtubs' that are so very vulnerable. Based on that comes the question: what will it take to defeat Russia (that had no plans to invade Ukraine), China (that had no plans to invade Taiwan), and the entire Muslim/Arab world, who were not looking for a fight? And, at the same time—secure the Southern border/deport illegals from the US?

The answer is in a George Harrison song: 'It's gonna take money—a whole lot of spending money.' Fine, but we don't have any money. The welfare state depended on a 5/1 ratio of workers to retirees/recipient—a ratio that has now become a bad joke. Instead, the US is a 70% consumption economy—and consumption is not investment.

With just a few in Congress to even bring up our bankruptcy, we hide and lie about the facts: the new 'Speaker', Johnson, wants to combine funding for our southern border with support for Kiev. Ain't that special—illegals swarm unless we payoff Zelensky.

I got a call from a family member today about whether or not to take 2-year paper at 4.2%. I wasn't in the mood for it and told him the only reason he would even consider taking on government debt at 4% is because he has never seen the bottom fall out. All he sees is Donald Duck qualifying for a bank loan to buy a Santa Barbara estate.

What he doesn't know is that, nationwide, it's easier to find a handyman than any time in a decade. What he doesn't know is how stretched are 'supply chains'—and how many nations want the US cut out of 'supply chains'—which includes all 'fossil fuels'.

The fix is easy: string-up Fauci (legally), and every little bastard that signed on to his mayhem. Tell Putin that we get it: that all he wanted was to have Russia's security guaranteed. Sorry, we made a mistake that sadly cost half a million mom's—their boys.

Level with China: we know you had no plans to invade Taiwan, but without our bluster and threats, the rest of the world might see that we have become nothing. Along with that, disband the FED, FBI, HS, etcetera as felons for crimes they've committed.

Tell the EU, UN, WHO, and WEF that none of their agents had best visit the US where they will be under multiple indictments. As for Israel: Ron Paul stood up/said in the House, years ago,—without a solution that involves dignity for Arabs—go it alone.

How many of those things are on the docket to be dealt with in 2024? None, but already, the 'left' has started down a long road (Ballot-Harvesting Dr.), towards election.

I've said it before—and often: Arm yourself because this thing is just beginning. Know your state's rights involving self-defense. As important as protecting loved ones physically, is protecting them economically. The only things that matter are real things—things you can touch/eat—and up near the top—is gold and silver. It's cheap, available, but like 'steel bathtubs' on a hypersonic sea—it might disappear from the horizon.

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