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*The End of Values?*

The West is a befuddled group, with many of us trying to figure out what is happening. The only way to understand it is to reduce the complexity to common denominators—do the Yogi Berra thing—offering up what first seems absurd—but turns out to be true.

The problem for the West is a gradualism that began in the 1970s that altered who we are, making us unrecognizable to our former selves. And when presented with the truth, we either scoff or we become mute, in disbelief, considering that it might be true.

In the 1970s a mission was launched to trade traditional American values for technocracy—and it was done by design. The architect was a Polish-American, Brzezinski, who ushered in the new corporatist future—one in which nations would cease to exist.

To trade national identity for technocracy required we give-up traditional values to monied interests—in return we get a better life—if a better life is judged by rising GDP?

The vehicle employed to mesmerize Americans was identity politics, which divided (conquered) us. Taken to the extreme, it became wok-ism—a permanent state of division. Against this process came a resistance, a smattering in the US, more-so, globally.

The corporatism battleground became the Middle East, where technocracy was defined as normalizing with Israel (and the non-values of Zionism). That enterprise, of course, involved the US—but the US had bigger fish to fry. We went fishing in Ukraine.

Getting back to scoff and disbelief, the war in Ukraine is epicenter for what I'm postulating—a war of corporatism against values. Western Ukraine identifies with valueless technocracy of a dying Europe—Eastern Ukraine identifies with Russian (Slav) values.

Unfortunately for the West, the Ukraine war is one of values against valuelessness. Russian values are about nationalism, where the security concerns of Russia comes first. Russia is a nation of family and religious values, and of real money (gold) values.

One good look tells the story. The decent of American values is gauged by the graft-slime that is the Biden family. Ukraine was chosen as the place where Russia would finally succumb to corporatism under CIA cesspools across Ukraine—and bio-labs.

Ukraine is lost to the West, and now Trump has to somehow fashion the end of that as a win for MAGA. Surrounded by corporate/Zionist neocons, the best he can offer as an initial play is a cease-fire or a frozen battleground. Russia, under no circumstances will agree to such proposals. Only permanent peace will serve—and Putin is driving.

What can Trump do to appear a winner, with a semblance of making America great

again? He has to go against his advisors and go big—bringing Russia into the fold. He has to understand that Russian values and its real money economy cannot be marginalized as we did to North Korea, refusing permanent peace—way back in the 1950s.

This is a different world—even since Trump's 1st term. The resistance to anti-nationalism, corporate technocracy, is huge. Amounting to a different board-game where the West can't take on Russia, which is willing to end the world rather than give up its values. And with Russia as possibly the predominant military/nuclear power in the world.

Now we have Syria—a most interesting case. Syria has been taken over by *beheaders in suits*, in an attempt to destroy resistance/nationalism, so as to normalize with Israel. But Syria, part of the *resistance*, is 20-some million citizens, held a bay by 30K jihadists, supported (for personal gain), by US/Turkey/Israel. This isn't played-out.

That brings to mind again—Yogi Berra: *It ain't over till it's over*. And the war between corporatism and values is just beginning. The US is to be a battle ground—but in the struggle, the US as just 1 member in a multipolar world—maybe not that big a factor.

To fight a global war a nation has to be unified. We are not. A people need common values they ascribe to. We have but a few. I'm not a Christian but I'm also not an idiot. The Russian people, united around Christianity, will kick ass on a bunch of atheists.

Russia is thriving—it's middle class grows by the day. They adhere to gold. They have no dollars, only gold. And we likely have none. Part of what happened in the 1970s was a devaluation of American by unconstitutionally taking away our gold standard—in a trade for *a day at the beach*. Look where that got us—the brink of disaster.

There's plenty to worry about. China, following the US model, has itself in economic turmoil, maybe more likely to normalize with the West than is Russia? But I'm doubting it. When push comes to shove, China and Iran know what the US has in store for them.

Iran is a big one. Trump is riding the *buffoon train* when it comes to Iran. Iran, that pits itself against colonial powers is judged, for that reason to be a terrorist, by corporate interests—and Trump is on board. The biggest treat to human extinction for now is not Ukraine (soon to be history), but Iran—which must be destroyed for who they are.

How does this play out? My betting line is for the West to lose big—85/15. And if the 15 wins, we get *The Hunger Games*. For a moment imagine what an atheist, valueless America looks like. It's not pretty—Roman Colosseum with lions every other weekend.

Lets talk about money. A friend, today, sent an article showing that the premium on 90% junk silver is down to nothing. The silver has a value but nobody wants junk. Why not? Because we won't need stupid dimes for barter. For God's sake—this is America!

While the price of gold maintains, sometimes rises, silver comes under great pressure. Why is that? Silver is the poor man's gold—and the guy on the street doesn't matter. Besides, the silver market is slim and can be efficiently attacked. Doing so, the price of gold is held down. But it won't matter—junk will soon be have highest premium.

The only problem for us old guys is we might not live long enough to see inevitability play out. For it to really play-out we might have to experience the outcome in Ukraine, Syria, Iran—maybe even China. The outcome will come to reality, but maybe before it plays-out globally, we get to see a small rise in the silver price. Maybe the \$200 level?

Will America gets its values back? I don't know—but I surely hope so. But our economic values are there to be had. Silver, which might save us, is under \$30. For now.

I haven't written on Pharma lately. My next article: 2 concepts: *Informed—Consent*.

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