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The Sick Society

If we're not being paid in gold and silver, and we are not, we are like okies out of the dustbowl, paid in script that only spends at the company store. But, for now, we are more free than were Americans between 1933/1974 when it was illegal to own gold (constitutional money). Non-compliance came with $10K fine/10 years in jail. Paid in dollars, backed by US good faith and credit that put an end to constitutional money—defines slavery.

Slavery ain't what it used to be. To subject Americans, who have more military type weapons than the military/police, is not feasible—especially when the economy collapses and citizens know they have to fair for themselves—with no one to call. For that reality, the elite have to utilize a different plan.

Given that reality, slavery has to be imposed, economically—the objective of government-controlled digital currency/stable coins. Make it appear that citizens retain power to purchase when access to funds and the system depends entirely on elite discretion. Questioners will not be welcome.

Reaching for an analogy, Rome, with 25 new emperors over 60 years, found it necessary to degrade silver coins with base metals to pay the military. 50 years later, coins paid to the military contained no silver. Commerce went along as usual as long as the coins still spent and bought. But gradually, merchants became unwilling to take non-silver coins in trade for goods.

So it is with the US dollar, once backed by gold, now degraded to where it's lost 97% of its purchasing power since the inception of the Fed in 1913. The plight of the dollar is analogous to degraded silver coins. The human condition is subject to the same plot—only the implementation changes.

In our situation, the US economy is getting ready to unwind. (if you haven't already—read my last article: *The Fear Factor—Factor*). The unwind will be measured by a rapid rise in gold/silver price. At the same time as we enter deep recession because rate cuts became inevitable. An already bankrupt US raises rates, and foreign funds strengthen the dollar through bond purchases. But the inevitability of lower rates needed to save the economy, brings on recession—and an end to foreign bond investment.

Because Fed policy is built on financialization and not production, to have any chance at turning the economy around would require the Fed to hike rates, possibly another 3 1/2%, which would drive unemployment up 2%, while shrinking the GDP 4%.

With $365T of global debt, there aren't the dollars (currency), to pay/service the debt. The bigger the debt, the more bonds that are needed. And more bonds require more currency to support the bonds. Where does the currency come from? From nowhere—it's phony, unbacked, counterfeit.

Assuming the elite intend to enslave us by controlling whatever wealth we possess, our only safety is in precious metals. It won't matter that we have dollars, stocks, or real estate—they can take control of all that. They can debank us. They can impose digital lockdown, take control of our funds, calling our loans, and tax us out of real estate and personal property.

Lots of silliness out there, as seen in speculations as to the demise of gold. Bad analogies abound—younger buyers having little interest in classic cars from the 50s/60s. bid-up cars their parents drove (Plymouth Volare), In

the same way, gold has become a monetary relic for younger Americans who prefer crypto (bitcoin). Either that or *they simply care less*?

There's an obvious problem with the analogy—American cars became crap in the decades beginning with the 70s, and just because your parents drove one does not a classic make. Rolled off the line junk, and junk now. The same goes for bitcoin. It began as nothing but an algorithm and it remains an algorithm, but an algorithm that AI (with its mission to control the virtual world), will find a way to use, to control/take from you, what is yours.

Economically, things have never been this bad. Decades ago, the Fed/elite goal was to get interest rates from 1% to 2%. Now it's the opposite, from 4% to 2%. But getting interest rates to 2% crashes the economy Getting interest rates to 2% drives away the few bond purchasers that remain, and results in a US, crushed under unserviceable debt. So, a 2% interest rate won't happen because raising interest rates, slows/ends production.

An apt analogy for our situation is plotted in Plato's *Republic*. Socrates, in Book 1, describes the 9 Books that follow as a *sick society*. Those 9 Books describe an America deprived of constitutional money, where power mandated to citizens has been transferred to elites—who view us as slaves.

Given that the founders were correct about the abjectness of human nature, what can we expect? Not much. Our political leadership offers no fixes.

Americans are coming to awareness. MAGA is pulling back from Trump. We are children entering adolescence. Steinbeck described what's befallen us in *East of Eden*: *a child first catches adults out when it first walks into his grave little head, that adults do not have divine intelligence. Their judgments are not always wise. The child is thinking that his world has fallen into panic desolation. The gods are fallen and all safety gone, and there is something about the fall of gods—they crash and shatter or sink deeply into green*

muck. It's a tedious job to build them up again—they never quite shine and the child's world is never quite whole again. It is an aching kind of growing. America is shattered, with no remedy that won't hurt—real bad.

It would be remiss of me to not mention today as the 1st day gold and silver are making a recognizable effort towards an upward trend. Whether that holds, or we first get more pain, will decide if naysayers get to drone on—or are soon to be shut up. But, even if an uptrend is set in motion, remember that an irrational economy can last longer than we can remain solvent.

Something else I'm thinking about. Our concerns about precious metals has to be made understandable—which can only happen through simplification. Actual value and function belonging to gold/silver will be achieved in lockstep with the collapse. So as long as elites can pull the wool over our eyes—we stand watch. But with an understanding: in the end—we prevail.

We wait on the fear factor-factor to take hold in the average citizen, when we realize there is no one coming to help—and there's no one to call on except a network of friends.

Another thing to simplify is the relationship between gold and silver. That ratio was coming down, then silver got trashed, driving the ratio back up towards 100/1. Historically, the ratio can be described as 1/2/3. 1 is a 100/1 ratio; 2 is a 50 to 1 ratio. 3 is a 30/1 ratio. Does that make sense?

When considering availability/processing etcetera, 100/1 is the apex of a sick society. 30/1 describes the condition where silver goes ballistic, playing catch-up wth gold, to assert its real value—which is 50/1. If that sounds low, do the math. Gold at $5,000—$100 silver. Gold at $10,000—$200 silver.

For my next article, I'm wondering what became of European enlightenment, and the United States—respected across the world for rule of law.

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