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The Western World—An Exercise in Self-Cancellation

Could the Germans be any more stupid? Fine German engineering, developed over more than a century, runs on 'calories'—the measure of energy. In a world relying on calories and energy, reducing population simply requires reducing available calories.

Germany is exercising a self-cancellation of Germans. They shut-down their nuclear plants and got rid of nuclear energy. The enriched uranium they were using was energy they accessed from Russia. 2 major pipelines, NordStream 1 and 2, connecting Germany with Russian energy, now dormant or non-certified, may no longer supply NG.

Proposed replacements for NG include coal and wood. Coal can be procured from other sources, but Germany's coal has come from Russia. Firewood from Siberia.

Germany and the United States are each examples of how quickly ideologues can destroy a nation. Because of a perceived need to combat 'climate change', through divestment or fossil fuel disallowance, the elite have taken steps to ban anything supportive of that industry—regulating, pulling permits and nullifying previous agreements.

Is this a virtual 'death wish' (maybe a 'death threat' for common folk), evidenced by there being no planned transition from fossil fuels to a more sustainable energy source? Yet another absurdity from a nation of engineers, since independent energy analysts have been warning and advising for decades that we would need most of our fossil-fuel reserves, over decades, to make any transition to clean, sustainable energy.

For the German 'Greens' to shut down nuclear energy without a national debate that involved the German people and industry typifies an advanced EU tyranny because, "to be bearish energy is to be bullish illogical thinking". Supply problems, caused by denying energy needs, with a solution of reducing demand for energy—does not work.

Energy needs get met. No matter the ideology in the way, human beings find a way. Russian energy will get accessed through 3rd parties at a greater cost. Germany has enormous energy needs, and by curtailing (without a plan), the purchase of Russian energy, whether it be over a Ukrainian war, or insistence on a stop 'climate change' policy, it ends in economic collapse. Adopting both of the 2 reasons is that 'death wish'.

With commodities, price dictates outcome, and unless price action is forcibly controlled, markets set price. In a commodity surplus, prices fall, with shortage, prices rise.

How dense must the elite be to think that the West can band together to dictate what Putin can charge for Russian commodities? Janet Yellen (who needs to go away),

travels to Asia to garner support for a 'cap' on what Russia charges, to control US prices. But energy finds its way where it is needed, so attempting to 'cap' price is nuts.

The West has a belief that it has to do something to stop Putin, though the West (mostly the US), caused the war in Ukraine. But assume Putin has to be stopped. How do they do that? Putin funds his war using currency generated from energy sales—energy the world cannot live without. That leaves the West with 1 peaceful solution: go on a wartime footing and ramp-up production (for a limited time), of oil-based energy—pipelines, contracts, fracking, etcetera. And Biden gets credibility for getting on board.

Because belief for climate change policy is paramount, an energy ramp-up cannot happen. Instead, the West operates in a world of make-believe—cheap energy without drilling. Solutions based on reduced demand, windfall profits tax, and revoking permits.

Each of which raises the price of oil. If US production decreases demand for Russian oil, Putin suffers. If Western need/demand for oil increases, that helps Putin. Western behavior that raises the price of oil, enables Putin. Any action that decreases the price of oil, stifles Putin. US policy is a reduction to absurdity: The left is enabling Putin.

The West, with its long habit of relying on financialization rather than productivity has not a clue about realities at hand. Putin has all the power because he has the goods.

The problem cannot be solved in the way we dealt with our automotive industry. When GM could no longer make a profit on vehicles, they adopted a credit scheme, GM Credit, as its profitable arm. But, without productivity—the end game is bankruptcy,

The US model is to find a way forward in which Americans suffer nothing. Even though a belief in and an advocacy for ending 'climate change' brings an end of empire—nothing will change. Electric cars do not run on electricity or NG, they run on coal—and coal is dirty. Without Russian energy, shifting reliance to coal will result in 2 things: a much dirtier world than one powered by natural gas—and soaring coal price.

Hard realities need to be faced: EU 'greens' need to demonstrate a need to quit using diesel and nitrogen-based fertilizers, and have a reasoned plan to assist European farmers in that process—or be viewed for what they are—lunatic fringe. Without an energy supply commensurate with oil, the world produces only enough 'calories' to sustain a billion or so humans. Ask hard questions: is anti-nuclear, in the end, anti-human?

We common folk do not want our planet degraded, but the fools at Davos are not the answer. Nor are 'run of the mill' economists that don't see the exponential curve we are on, and cling to a view that a non-productive West, living in dreamland, can, through manipulating interest rates, cure the ills that pervade our economic/political system.

It's better we go the other way—expecting the worst to get here sooner than we thought. With that thought in mind, I sold my last motorcycle yesterday. Not because I needed the dollars, but because I ride across the country on backroads, and I no longer trust what may be that future. Delivering the bike in the back of my truck, 2 hundred miles up I-5, I jockeyed with insane drivers, trucks with windows tinted almost black, changing lanes as if the interstate were NASCAR—and no signaling necessary.

That's now. What will it look like when the economy crashes, and what will be the temperament of drivers out on the road? 65 years without sliding on the pavement, tells me it's time to quit. I'll still do the backroads—with some steel surrounding me.

The cash from the bike got me 344 oz. of silver and 2 dollars back. A good trade.

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