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*The World Is Upside Down*

Bill Holter (billholter.com), referencing gold/silver, says *the world is upside down*. I take that to mean, in a time of peril rivaled only by the Cuban Missile Crisis (now on a much bigger/more deadly scale), the price of gold/silver dropped (as if by intention), when rationally, during times of dangerous crisis, gold/silver prices would rise, rather than fall.

Ukraine is perilous—NATO has lost the war. Ukraine is out of men, as Russia advances farther/faster, and Putin warns that NATO bases from which US/UK long-range missiles target Russia are now targets themselves. Yet, the US/NATO attacks persist.

There is a certain lunacy at play in this scenario. This is the same Ukraine about which Obama lectured his subordinate, Blinkin, to not create the perception that Ukraine, no matter how well-armed, could take on a more powerful/populated Russia.

I'm assuming that warmonger Blinkin, who over 2 years hasn't spoken with his Russian counterpart, Lavrov, calls the shots. There's others—but my money is on Blinkin.

As if Obama, in his manifold narcissism, wasn't bad enough, Blinkin has to outdo him. And, as if that weren't bad enough, the peace candidate, Trump, has elevated Sebastian Gorka (and others just as bad), to positions of power. Gorka came at Putin: *You will negotiate now or the aid we have given to Ukraine so far will look like peanuts*. Why is Trump allowing this fool to speak in this manner? Most of the world does not hold that view of Putin, and this moron, in a *bad tie*, undercuts Trump's peace platform.

'Peanuts, Gorka?' The funding we've supplied to Ukraine helped bankrupt the US, and if you knew anything about the state of US/NATO military supplies, you would know there is nothing left to give. As for UK/French, *boots on the ground*, in Ukraine, their forces are not sufficient to defend the Texas border against illegal immigration.

Giving Trump some benefit of the doubt (for which I'm getting *worn and weary*), he (with his appointments), either wants to appear *a bit the loon* to adversaries, for a better negotiating position, or the same bad judge of character we got to know—1st term.

We elected Trump to end UKR hostilities, knowing he has no *Trump card*. Crimea is history and Donbas is lost. Everything up to the river is to be Russia. Putin might allow Ukraine to keep Odessa, but that's it. Because the US needed Russia as eternal enemy, it decimated Ukraine, resulting in 10M having emigrated—1M dead and wounded.

We voted for Trump to address the lies—Ukraine was never winning/NATO was responsible for the war. If Trump cannot, at least tacitly admit to the facts, there's no way

his hubris can come to reasonable terms with Putin during his 1st 24 presidency hours.

Can Trump pacify UKR over any amount of time, or has Putin written him off as part of the problem? The real problem is historical. In 2017, Trump abandoned the INF treaty, and while the US *whiled away* the hours, with no thought to allow Russia a seat at the table, Russia went all in, developing medium range hypersonic missiles that can reach anywhere in Europe/much of US, in a matter of minutes. Weapons we can't stop.

We can barely identify them in flight—and we have none. Oh, we will—maybe in a few years—but this is now. The US (w/out nuclear option), has Mr. Putin (who doesn't bluff), being pushed by a more hawkish Kremlin to go after launch bases in Poland/Romania. As with our Ft. Knox gold, remaining options for the US—are but sad fiction.

We voted for Trump, not to streamline agencies—but get rid of them. There is no departments of Commerce/Agriculture/Education in the Constitution. There is not CIA/FBI/HS (bane on American rights), in the Constitution. There are not police in the Constitution. Citizen members of state militias, enforce laws/quell insurrections/stop invasions.

Trump must get it that the 2020 election was conducted at behest of intelligence agencies—lined-up to insure his defeat? That the CIA is supposed to provide information, not direction, for the president. Don't make intel agencies efficient—abolish them.

Squaring the circle, Western nations bellowing about threats to democracy/freedom, are liars. They are the same ones that abolish/censure up-and-coming candidates and political parties. And instead of taking the blame for it—they accuse and charge Trump.

For the left, Trump is viewed the way both American political parties view Russia/China. He is not an adversary—he is the enemy. It doesn't matter if Russia was driven by the West to invade Ukraine. It doesn't matter if Taiwan belongs to China. The die is cast. Each nation is our murderous and soulless enemy—to be stopped—at all costs.

Are things going to get better? Will Trump rein-in his appointees such that peace can be achieved in Ukraine? My question was whether Trump would use his powerful position as an advocate for Israel, to do things that would preserve Israel through peace? Now my question is whether he can make peace with Russia. Does he even intend to?

I began this article with an *upside-down world* in which gold/silver ought to be flourishing. There is no rational reason, especially for the price of silver, to be where it is. Over the same period that gold is up 40%, silver is down 30% from its high. Why? Elites discovered that rather than attack gold, attack the little brother, silver—instead.

These attacks on silver, for elites, have a desired result of affecting the gold price, negatively. And there is nobody among elites that does not benefit. Reputation of the dollar is held together each time gold/silver get whacked. Will China/BRICS complain about less expensive precious metals? No, they buy-up all the reduced-priced metals.

When will this end? Not until something shakes the global populace such that they run to the genetic safety of gold/silver. Until then, governments, using entities such as Comex, will continue to control gold prices. Meanwhile, China accumulates cheap gold.

In the 1960s, mining accounted for 20% of GDP. Now it's 0.5. The US is a remake of the *Grasshopper and the Ant*—we fiddle on as 1st white snowflakes interrupt summer.

As for gold we don't have, I rely on my friend Roger: *8134 tons of gold not seen/verified since Arthur (Fonzie) rode his BSA motorbike in Happy Days, is likely non-existent.*

There is no excuse for not having a stash of silver. 1 ounce costs about the same as some snuff/cigarettes. If I had nothing, I would work 1 extra shift a week—for an oz.

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