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As Above—So Below

What do we do with gold down \$100 and silver up a buck? We can wait to hear what Bill and Andy have to say, or we can just cut to the chase. Gold goes down 100 bucks because some steam gets let out of the pressure cooker. With silver at 100/1 ratio to gold, and silver being used up, keeping the price of silver down is a finger in the dike.

It's the interpretations that are fun. Trump, as part of his grand, chess master plan make a pivot, accounting for the movement of the metals. Or, Trump, with no idea what he's doing, on the same side with whatever Netanyahu says, blusters/blunders onward.

As above—so below, in a world turned upside down. Wherein, like the disappearing middle class, rational beings now occupy only the short middle along a continuum, crushed upon from both the right/left by mindless, unquestioning ideologue hordes.

The crush is not aghast when Trump has 75 nations line-up to *kiss his ass* and call him 'Sir'. And not abjectly disappointed when JD Vance talks about borrowing dollars from Chinese peasants to buy goods made by Chinese peasants. Instead, I'm accused of going after Trump too early. Give him some time—is Trump giving the world—time?

It's too bad Trump was attacked so harshly by the left because, like many who've been victimized, he's opting (like Bibi) to be a victimizer—with a mandate to make for a return to the American way—except Trump is not a Constitution/Bill of Rights advocate.

Some years back, I travelled to Pierre, South Dakota, where the unimaginably wide, Missouri River winds its way through the middle of town, along the Lewis/Clark Trail.

At the time, Kristi Noem, the governor, was considering a run for president, and, being disassociated with reality, I thought I might advise her to go her own way—not be such a Trumper. While there, what I found were locals who did not care for her, beginning with a chain-link fence she had installed between governor's mansion/river.

As it turns out, for what she wanted, she had chosen the right path. Cleaving onto Trump, she is now the head of the most bloated and useless appendage of US tyranny. HS. At a cost of \$60B a year, it does nothing noticeable for the US, unless one agrees with Trump and supports Kristi's brownshirts pulling 1400 students (largely unnoticed), from colleges, having student visas removed/imprisoned/deported home—or worse.

This is domestic application of the 'as above—so below' model for US policy. First, you get a president with little intention to address campaign promises, who instead, having adopted Israel genocide madness, does his part to quell 1st Amendment

redress of grievances—putting a stop to free speech. And because the American body politic is so stupid, a mean little snark, Marco Rubio, implemented by Noem, moves, under a curtain of obscurity, bringing fear to any students protesting against genocide.

That's domestically. On the global front, consider Ukraine. The reason Russia invaded Ukraine was not NATO infringing on its borders. That would have been illegal under the UN Charter. Russia invaded for something legal under the UN Charter.

What happened to Russians who found themselves displaced after the Soviet Union collapsed, within the borders/control of nations—nations often hostile to Russians? They were 2nd-class (or not) citizens, subject to abuse. In some places (Lithuania), they were not eligible for a passport. Worst of all for Russian speakers—was Ukraine.

With the US sponsored coup of 2014, UKR Russians were subject to slaughter—14K were killed. (In 2024, Ukraine passed a law wherein Ukrainian Russians did not have Ukrainian rights). In 2022, after 8 years of injustice for Russians—Putin went in.

The art of the deal concerning Ukraine is bullshit—as in backdating the check the US wrote for UKR to destroy Russia—now re-written to take away Ukrainian sovereignty.

Trump says tariffs are to balance trade? Not true, his tariffs coerce others to pay for an US profligate-spending joy-ride. Under his policy, nations selling more to the US than they buy (from a nation with ever-diminishing production), are deserving of blame.

African nations with an unfavorable trade deficit with the US are tarified. Some poorest nations get highest tariffs. Meanwhile, China place no tariffs on African nations.

Americans on the left/right play the lead roles in *Dumb and Dumber*, and it is yet to be decided which political party will prevail in the number of humans murdered and bankrupted. Just in case you were thinking that under Trump, DEI have been traded for meritocracy, the success measure is whether/not you support Trump—unconditionally.

If Trump prevails in the tariff war the world will be degraded by his actions. He will not rectify a wrong with reciprocal tariffs. He will have *unilaterally*, strong-armed the world to take the blame for a 2nd Roaring 20's, lifestyle/spending. Any nations taking a knee to this madness need be aware that neither US nor Trump is agreement capable.

Who in American history, is Trump patterned on? Obama was made in the mold of Woodrow Wilson, exhibiting deep inhuman undercurrents. Trump is more the dumber version of Teddy Roosevelt, walking softly, but without the big stick—he thinks he has.

Many of my readers are fans of Trump—or at very least find him wildly entertaining. I might join in, were it it not for an aversion to human suffering. How can Americans support Trump's strong-arm tariffs or Yemeni murder? Have we lost our hearts/souls?

Will adding another trillion to the US debt make America great again? The Pentagon budget reminds me of a description by Hunter S. Thompson from *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, where he talks about a hill west of Vegas, where, if you stand on the top, you can see where the wave of the 60's broke and receded—never making it to Vegas.

That wave is the Pentagon budget, that either gets cut in half, because we come to working relationships with Iran, Russia, and China—no longer necessitating ever-greater weapons spending. If Trump wants a legacy of peace, he has to go against his oligarchs, because the Pentagon does nothing to 'defend' the USA. The US military has a mission and a primary function—to interfere in the sovereignty of other countries.

I ran into an old friend (we'd sing Kansas City at parties), told him I'd driven to Daytona Beach/back. No red states for him. 12 yrs of Obama/Biden—that's his reality?

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