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*The Struggle Between Truth and Lies*

Tonight it seemed my thoughts for an article were disparate and unconnected, until I saw the underlying theme—truth and lies. Empires end in lies. To hold onto control, because they no longer produce power that allows control, the lies become ever-present.

Today, our republic is besieged on 2 fronts: ever-present lies spread by the media, without scrutiny, and a constant attack on the 1st Amendment, which since our founding has assured Americans freedom to speak the truth so as to sustain the republic.

The US Government, functioning on lies and attacking free speech, has besieged American liberty. Now, from the left, free speech is battered to where we might see criminal charges (more assassinations), for a crime of making someone uncomfortable.

On the right, there exists a possibility Trump criminalizes criticism of Israel or Zionism.

US law, governing free speech was a Supreme Court finding, 1919, curtailing speech that posed 'clear/present danger', which was used to justify broader speech restrictions. 50 years later, 1969, the court sought a higher bar (*Brandenburg v. Ohio*), with free speech curtailed only if it calls for violent action/'imminent lawless action'.

Living at the end of empire, we are besieged by arguments intended to subvert the law of the land, purposed to render the Constitution/Bill of Rights/Supreme Court findings—null and void—or ignored. And with an elite takeover using AI—the threat rises.

Before that happens, the US empire, already in its death throes, will succumb to economic collapse or military defeat. To forestall reality, elites are pulling-out all stops to retain control, which will result in a 3rd-world US hell-hole. Another Haiti? Or worse, like Israel, the US will be left with but one option, nuclear weapons. Will we use them?

That's the bad side. Is there a good side? There is, sound money, gold and silver. Any hope for a gold/silver standard rests in strong global hands outside of the West. Global South has the gold while the West holds historical lows, with less than 1% of Americans having taken steps to protect themselves for what comes our way. Still, BRICS holding the gold, and controlling the credit, could force the West to face reality.

In term of my personal history with silver, years ago I decided to make silver my bank account, at a time when Silver Eagles could be had for \$12 (they are now in the low \$40 an ounce range). And viewed from a shorter time perspective, I recently sold a Jetta for \$10K—proceeds from which I bought silver. That silver buy-in is now up 25%.

Here I need to shift to BRICS. I have a few friends and readers who see BRICS as a tool of China. They see China sharing the same aspirations as the US—complete control of the world with little or no regard for the people or for nations. Is that the case?

An answer may be found in a shift in the relationship between India and China who have been fighting a border dispute (involving a small shard of land), for decades. Complicated nationalism fuels the conflict, but principles laid out recently in the Shanghai Cooperative Organization (SCO), 2024, of-

fer resolution. At the behest of China, those principles call for recognition of national sovereignty and fair business practices.

In the West, under endless barrage of lies concerning BRICS (Russia/China/Iran), SCO principles are not news, instead, widespread propaganda that China is evil, fosters a bought/sold West idea: governments all function under a same evil mission.

Is it true? Setting the principles for BRICS, China finds itself in a put-up or shut-up situation. China's reputation rests on whether or not it plays a principled game. If China isn't seeing a future in a fair, playing-field, business model, it has set itself up to fail.

Back to our economy: watching closely, with a premise that at the end of empire it's all lies, I began speculating what elites might do to lie their way out of a dollar collapse. Getting closer to the truth requires a couple of axioms. 1st, devoid of empathy, elites have no concern for the suffering they're willing to inflict on citizens. 2nd, no lie is too big to be told. Given those 2 axioms, it's not so difficult to follow the bouncing ball.

Beyond sociopaths, psychopathic elites either have no concern for the pain they inflict or better yet, they're only fulfilled after inflicting great pain. So what might they do? Here's a thought, because treasuries are based on nothing, yet interest paid varies depending on who you are—maybe Americans are dumb enough to buy into anything?

So what might elites do: revalue gold that doesn't exist—without an audit. Conduct a kind of an audit that's more a video shoot, because it's not about the audit—it's about a reset of gold extinguishing half of the national debt—over the weekend. Happy days are here again! Whether or not the gold exists is at best—a secondary consideration.

Then there's stable-coins, priced 1 to 1, with dollars/treasuries. But there's a catch. As soon as enough stable-coins have been sold into weak Ameri-

can hands, do an FDR on steroids, downgrading stable-coins to balance the federal budget, unfortunately destroying the savings/wealth of Americans. Elites will then promise, they'll fix it later.

But it won't get fixed. Rate cuts will only be a short term fix for this fall because 2026 will likely bring more inflation. How so? For the past few years the US economy has been contracting at a yearly 3%. Spending is up under Trump, and without tariff revenue, spending abides—3rd worst August deficit in US history—1&2 were covid years.

Instead of tariffs/stable-coins being our savior, they will result in ushering in hyperinflation of the dollar, for which history will allot Trump a good deal of the credit. As for ideas coming from Trump/Bessent to use federal lands for low-cost, 1st time buyers, these guys are deep into the cronyism that stole the wealth of the US middle class.

FDR, re-priced gold, reducing dollar purchasing power by 41%. Was he looking out for Americans when he did that? You think the Trump administration looks-out for you?

Built into the mix, there are signs why we likely lose the battle for liberty. Whatever we think of the dollar, it's a real thing we hold in our hand—something in our possession. Now, at all major sporting events, cash is disallowed. Cash is just too much trouble when considering armored cars—all the bother. Cash only worked before insta-pay.

It all points to a cloud-based, dollar Treasury market disguised as a payment system.

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