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From the Editor

"The love of money is the root of all evil", a phrase often misquoted by leaving out the first part of the scripture- "**The love of money**". We need it to live, work, play, and pay. Those who wish to see us dig ourselves into a bottomless pit of debt, only smile as the system slowly turns on itself. Our currency, once held in high regard and backed by precious metal, now is being dumped in the "open market" for Euros. Banking lenders from the housing market fold under the failed policies of an institution created in darkness (the Federal Reserve). The manufactured decline of our beloved greenbacks is encouraged by the "Globalist Banksters" who crave the consolidation of North America. This is the harsh reality we must all face. Rome is burning and Nero is fiddling.

What are you doing? Can you see the flames inching ever so close to your home? Or, are you distracted by the glowing box that is transmitting NWO propaganda to the pleasure centers of your brain? Have you thought to call on the bucket brigade because the flames of Rome have reached your estate?

Of Course you have. You are not distracted; you are awake, alert and running through the streets informing your neighbors that our town is in trouble! You are going house to house calling the men to gather their buckets and run with you to the well. The women are protecting their homes while their Husbands battle the blazes. Right??

As informed Americans, it is our duty to gather the people and alert them to the fires that threaten our existence. It seems at times, that we are already surrounded by the flames with the sensationalism and gloom of our collapsing currency. The Elite only fan the flames, whereas we must extinguish them. This, our 4th issue, is a tool for you to alert the people to the economic state of the union. Put out the flames, which the Elite use to scare us. Grab your buckets and plunge them into the well of the cold wet truth.

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MICHAEL BADNARIK

Constitutional Discipline

When my brothers and I were very young, one of our neighborhood friends taught us a wonderful, new word: ALLOWANCE. To our amazement, we discovered that a boy who lived near us was given money once a week so he could buy stuff! Without parental supervision!

As we sat at the table for lunch, we presented this great idea to our parents, who listened patiently (no doubt trying to suppress their laughter) as we outlined our youthful financial hopes and dreams.

We were told that IF we were granted an allowance, we must learn to “spend our money wisely,” otherwise our bubble gum bonanza would end. Wisely waiting until we finished our vegetables, Mother announced that we would give the new system a try, and Dad produced one crisp dollar bill for each of us. We rushed out the door, mounting our bicycles like motorcycle cops in hot pursuit of a race car in a school zone. My mother yelled after us, “Where ‘ya goin’ in such a hurry?!” With complete candor we shouted back, “To spend our money wisely!”

Sadly, most adults don’t understand money any better than the average pre-teen. The old joke about, “I can’t be overdrawn. I still have checks left,” is not far from the truth. Consumer debt in the United States increased 41% during a recent five-year period and personal bankruptcies have doubled during the last decade, according to some Internet sources.¹

John Adams wrote to Thomas Jefferson saying, “*All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America rise, not from defects in their Constitution or Confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation.*”

A logical first step in correcting our downright ignorance would be to ask the question, “What IS money?” My answer to that is “bartering made easy.” Originally, people would meet at a convenient market place, not too unlike our modern-day swap meets. One person might bring chickens, another would bring bushels of corn, while still another would bring recently baked bread. Trading chickens for corn or bread presents both buyer and seller with the age-old dilemma of comparing apples to oranges.

Money solves the barter problem by reducing fractions of a commodity to their lowest common denominator. It is not immediately obvious that ONE

/ LOAF of BREAD is equal to TWO / THIRDS of a CHICKEN. Converting both commodities to their lowest common denominator - perhaps ounces of silver - we might find that the LOAF cost two ounces of silver, whereas the CHICKEN costs three ounces. When everything is measured in the same, familiar units, calculating our transactions is faster and easier and giving change isn’t nearly as messy. (Who wants to put wet chicken fractions in their pocket?)

If we agree that money is a huge improvement over direct barter, the next question to ask is, “What could we use for money?” Fortunately, history has already answered this question for us. Nearly every culture has settled on gold and silver at some point. But why?

Part of the answer is because it is scarce. Scarcity makes it inherently desirable and therefore, inherently valuable. The adage that demand is inversely proportional to the supply is demonstrated by the “Tickle Me Elmo” phenomenon:

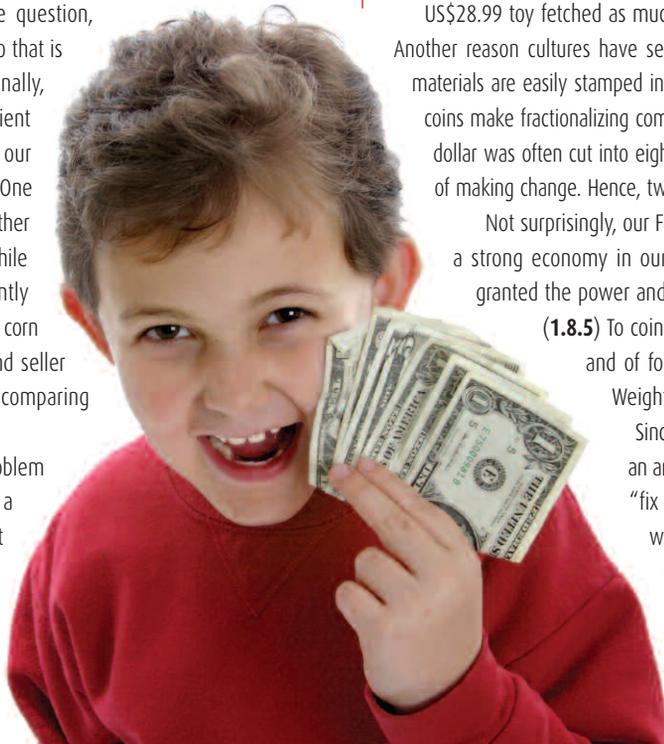
In 1996, the Tickle Me Elmo was the “must have” toy. Many parents literally fought other parents in North American toy stores to purchase one of these toys for Christmas. The short supply of the toy, due to unexpected demand, meant that stores hiked the price on the dolls drastically. Newspaper classifieds even sold the plush toy for hundreds of U.S. dollars. People reports that the US\$28.99 toy fetched as much as \$1500.²

Another reason cultures have selected gold and silver is because these materials are easily stamped into coins of uniform weight. Different size coins make fractionalizing commodities even easier. The Spanish milled dollar was often cut into eight pie-slice pieces called “bits,” as a way of making change. Hence, two bits are equal to a quarter dollar.³

Not surprisingly, our Founding Fathers were eager to establish a strong economy in our new nation. Therefore, Congress was granted the power and responsibility...

(1.8.5) To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

Since an ounce of gold was “regulated” to an arbitrary number of “dollars,” the power to “fix the standard of weights and measures” was necessary to define and establish an official “ounce.” The phrase “to coin money,” also implies the use of gold



and silver, whereas the States are explicitly forbidden from using anything else.

(1.10.1) No State shall [] coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts;

There are very few crimes identified by the Constitution. Even murder is left to the individual states to punish as they see fit. However, Congress does have the power:

(1.8.6) To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

Counterfeit is an imitation intended to be passed off fraudulently or deceptively as genuine. If you and I were to spend the afternoon printing twenty dollar bills "out of thin air," we could trade our phony money for corn or bread, even though we never traded chickens for them in the first place. When the Federal Reserve creates money "out of thin air," it is worthless, and the money you have in your wallet becomes worth less.

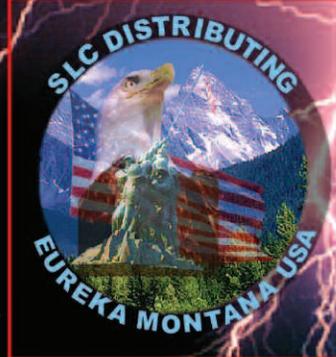
My brothers and I eventually learned to spend our money wisely - the moment we joined the workforce and had to MAKE the money.

Our economy has already started to fail. Our response should be to eliminate the Federal Reserve System that has a monopoly on counterfeiting our money. Americans should grow up and learn the lessons our Founding Fathers taught us - lessons conveniently documented in the Constitution.

¹ <http://moneycentral.msn.com/content/SavingandDebt/P70581.asp>

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tickle_me_Elmo

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two_bits



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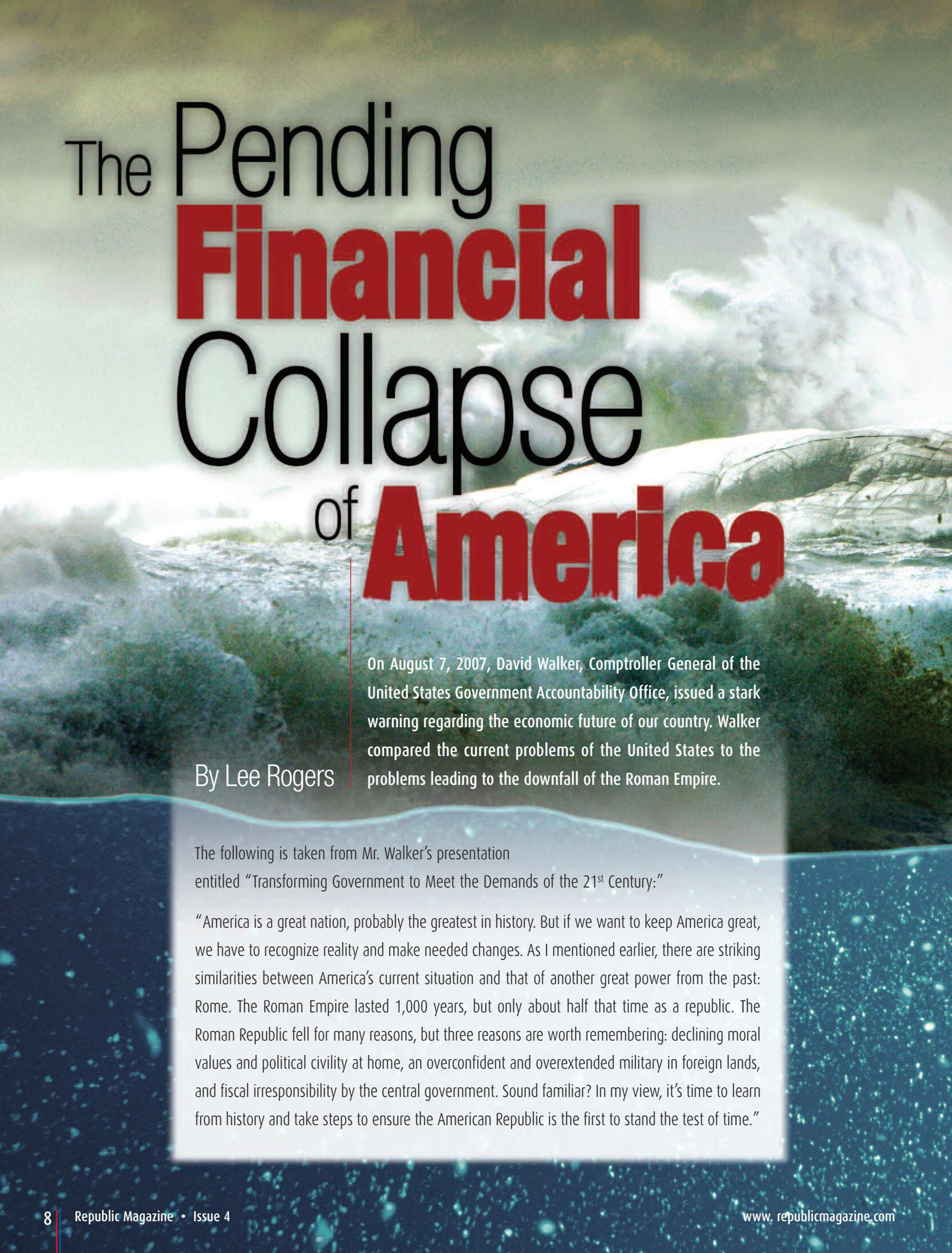
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The Pending **Financial** Collapse of **America**

On August 7, 2007, David Walker, Comptroller General of the United States Government Accountability Office, issued a stark warning regarding the economic future of our country. Walker compared the current problems of the United States to the problems leading to the downfall of the Roman Empire.

By Lee Rogers

The following is taken from Mr. Walker's presentation entitled "Transforming Government to Meet the Demands of the 21st Century:"

"America is a great nation, probably the greatest in history. But if we want to keep America great, we have to recognize reality and make needed changes. As I mentioned earlier, there are striking similarities between America's current situation and that of another great power from the past: Rome. The Roman Empire lasted 1,000 years, but only about half that time as a republic. The Roman Republic fell for many reasons, but three reasons are worth remembering: declining moral values and political civility at home, an overconfident and overextended military in foreign lands, and fiscal irresponsibility by the central government. Sound familiar? In my view, it's time to learn from history and take steps to ensure the American Republic is the first to stand the test of time."



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It is clear that Mr. Walker believes that our country is facing severe financial turmoil and he is correct on all accounts. In order to fully understand what we are facing in this country, it is necessary to look at important events in the history of money and see how they pertain to what is happening today. We will start with the example provided by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The collapse of the Roman Empire undoubtedly draws similar parallels to what is happening in America today. Rome fell to the barbarians because of economic problems that were created by excessive taxation, inflation, degradation of its society, and government regulation. Rome could no longer sustain its military empire because, many years before its eventual downfall, the state slowly began debasing the realm's coinage. This policy was first implemented under the Emperor Nero and continued under his successors, which resulted in inflation because debased coins with less value were chasing the same goods and services. The people of Rome hoarded the coins with pure precious metal content and used the coins that had its precious metal content debased to pay for everything else, including taxes. As a result, there was less of the real money, and more of the debased coinage in circulation. In effect, this reduced the supply of money and created severe economic hardships for the people of Rome. This policy resulted in the government collecting less revenue and, in the end, the state could no longer afford to pay the military, which resulted in the fall of the Roman Empire.

Rome prospered when there was a plentiful supply of pure gold, silver and copper coins circulated for the benefit of the Roman people. That's because the Roman monetary system during this time was based off of hard money that stored value and operated in a free market away from the manipulation of special interests. It also took time and effort to debase the coinage because the Romans

had to physically change its content. The same concept of inflation applies today. The only difference is that the process of inflation and monetary devaluation is accelerated because most money today is stored on computers and transferred on high-speed networks.

The collapse of the Roman Empire is a good example of how an economic system can fall apart as a result of currency debasement, even if hard money like gold, silver and copper is used.

Amazingly, fiat monetary systems established after the rise and fall of Rome actually make the coinage debasement that occurred in Rome look honest in comparison. Fiat monetary systems are established when a government declares as legal tender items such as paper notes, tally sticks or an item that has no value, yet is not directly backed or redeemable for tangible items like precious metals. Throughout

history, special interests have taken control of the power to issue fiat currencies for their own profit. Today, it is the bankers that have played this role of the special interests that have manipulated the monetary system for their own personal gain.

The first bankers were actually goldsmiths. During the middle ages, goldsmiths stored people's gold for safekeeping and issued a paper receipt that customers could use to retrieve their gold at a later date. Soon the paper receipts themselves actually began circulating as if they were gold themselves. The goldsmiths began to realize that they could simply create additional paper receipts and use them as money because they knew customers would not demand all of their gold at one time. As a result, more paper receipts circulated than there was gold in storage. The goldsmiths even started charging interest on loans, which allowed them to accumulate more and more wealth. It also allowed them to control the supply of money, which they manipulated for their own profit. In other



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words, these goldsmiths created money out of thin air. Essentially, the same basic system used by the goldsmiths is used today by the world's central banks with the exception that the pieces of paper we trade for goods and services are backed by nothing. The manipulation of the money supply creates booms and busts that allow wealth to be consolidated in the hands of the few.

In fact, the Rothschild family used the same basic system that the goldsmiths developed to gain their fortunes in Europe in the 1700s and 1800s. The Rothschild family for years has dominated the European financial system and is believed to be the driving force behind the eventual formation of the private Federal Reserve central bank here in the United States.

Fiat currencies can be used for the public good, so long as they are not manipulated by special interests for the purposes of consolidating wealth. The only problem is ensuring that special interests do not gain hold of the power to issue fiat currency and use it for their own selfish purposes. Unfortunately, history has proven this to be the norm. One such example of a successful fiat currency is the American colonies use of Colonial Scrip, which was paper money that the colonies used during the mid-1700s. Due to the lack of gold and silver coins, the colonies created paper money interest free as was needed for the purposes of trade and commerce. The paper money was created for the public good and as a result the colonies prospered.

Ben Franklin was quoted as saying the following when asked how he accounted for the prosperity in the American colonies:

“That is simple. In the colonies we issue our own money. It is called ‘Colonial Scrip.’ We issue it in proper proportion to the demands of trade and industry to make the products pass easily from the producers to the consumers. In this manner, creating for ourselves our own paper money, we control its purchasing power, and we have no interest to pay to no one.”

After the British learned of the colonies prosperity as a result of the issuance of their own money, they declared the issuance of Colonial Scrip illegal which sent the colonies into a depression. Taxation without representation did play a major role in the American Revolution, but founding fathers like Ben Franklin believed that the British ban on the issuance of paper money in the colonies was the primary reason for the American Revolution. The ban limited the supply of money and forced Americans to pay taxes only in gold and silver coinage, which at the time was not very plentiful in the colonies.

During the Revolutionary War, the colonies began issuing the Continental. The problem with the Continental was the fact that it was easily counterfeited and not backed by gold or silver. This created rampant amounts of inflation and the phrase “not worth a continental”, resulted from this. The failure of the Continental was one of the primary reasons, the founding fathers decided to declare gold and silver coins as legal tender. This is stated in the Constitution in Article 1, Section 10 as shown below.

“No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.”

The Coinage Act of 1792 authorized the production of certain gold, silver and copper coins. Although the bill authorized the production of many different coins, including copper pennies and silver dimes, the bill defined Eagles as gold coins and Dollars to be silver coins. The Federal Reserve Notes that we trade for goods and services today are not actually Dollars as stated on the paper notes. If Federal Reserve Notes were actually Dollars, they would be redeemable for silver because a Dollar according to the Coinage Act of 1792 is defined as a silver piece. This is just one of many deceptions that have originated from the banking establishment in this country.

What's interesting to note about the Coinage Act of 1792 is that it actually states that the punishment for those employed at the mint found guilty of intentionally debasing coinage struck at the mint would suffer the penalty of death. The founding fathers were well aware of what lead to the downfall of the Roman Empire and they sought to ensure that history would not repeat. They wanted to ensure that the Republic's monetary system remained honest and knew that any debasement of the nation's money would serve to undermine the people. Even though the Coinage Act of 1792 deals with officers and employees of the mint, one could argue that the central bankers who currently have the authority to issue legal tender could be charged with a felony for their intentional debasement of our money through their policies. Below is section 19 of the Coinage Act of 1792, which describes the punishment for intentionally debasing the nation's coinage.



“Section 19. And be it further enacted, That if any of the gold or silver coins which shall be struck or coined at the said mint shall be debased or made worse as to the proportion of the fine gold or fine silver therein contained, or shall be of less weight or value than the same ought to be pursuant to the directions of this act, through the default or with the connivance of any of the officers or persons who shall be employed at the said mint, for the purpose of profit or gain, or otherwise with a fraudulent intent, and if any of the said officers or persons shall embezzle any of the metals which shall at any time be committed to their charge for the purpose of being coined, or any of the coins which shall be struck or coined at the said mint, every such officer or person who shall commit any or either of the said offenses, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall suffer death.”

Unfortunately, the founding fathers did not take into account the dangers of a private central bank and, throughout the 19th century, this became one of the

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most contentious issues facing the United States. Had the Constitution specifically banned the creation of a private central bank, our country would today be free from the economic manipulation of the bankers and much more prosperous. The government, not special interests, would be in charge of our monetary system, which would result in money serving the best interests of the people instead of the few.

Thomas Jefferson was quoted as saying the following pertaining to the private banking interests of his day:

“If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and the corporations which grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.”

Unfortunately, the powerful European banking interests had considerable influence and attempted for many years to set up a permanent central bank in the United States. The bankers failed with the Bank of North America and the First Bank of the United States. The government in the early years of the Republic decided on separate occasions not to renew the charters of both banks. The bankers attempted again to set up a private central bank and managed to form the Second Bank of the United States, which was granted a 20 year charter. Finally, Andrew Jackson successfully managed to lead an effort to defeat the Second Bank of the United States and was the first and, thus far, the only President to pay off the national debt in full. There was even an assassination attempt against his life for his efforts but fortunately for him and the American people the plot failed.

Following Jackson's defeat of the private central bank, the United States prospered free from the economic manipulation of bankers for many years. Inflation was practically non-existent, as the trading of gold and silver for goods and services operated in a relative free market economy.

The policies implemented by Jackson remained in place by succeeding Presidents up until the Civil War. During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln actually issued paper notes called Greenbacks to fund the Union Army. The Greenbacks were not backed by gold or silver but were legal tender that Lincoln had the Treasury create interest free. It is widely believed that his issuance of Greenbacks was the real reason behind his eventual assassination. Like Jackson before him, Lincoln had threatened the bankers by issuing money

interest free and they viewed this as a direct threat to their power. Unfortunately, Lincoln also allowed corporate interests to gain power with his approval of the National Banking Act of 1863, which set up a quasi-centralized fractional banking system that led to the eventual creation of the Federal Reserve 50 years later.

During the time leading up to the formation of the Federal Reserve, the bankers engineered panics and successfully convinced the people to establish a gold standard that demonetized silver. This reduced the money supply and created additional economic hardships for many. Finally, the bankers were successful in engineering the passage of the Federal Reserve Act in 1913, which set up the private central bank. The legislation was sold to the American people as a bill that would prevent the panics and economic problems that were actually created by the bankers themselves. Along with the Federal Reserve Act, the government fraudulently declared the power to tax people's income in 1913. This marked the beginning of the bankers seizing control of this nation and we have been dealing with the consequences ever since.

Many believe that the Federal Reserve is actually a government institution, but this is false. The Federal Reserve is a private business incorporated in Delaware and, in the Federal Reserve Act itself that establishes the Federal Reserve, it says that shareholders will receive a 6% dividend after the bank's expenses are paid

off. Simply put, a small group of people are profiting from putting this nation into financial ruin. The actual identity of the Federal Reserve's shareholders is unknown to this day and has been the issue of much speculation.

Given the monopoly power to issue the nation's money, the Federal Reserve provided free and easy credit during the 1920s. This was one of the main reasons that this decade was

referred to as the Roaring 20s. The bankers increased the money supply intentionally because they knew that they could consolidate wealth later by engineering a contraction in the money supply. Following the stock market crash of 1929, the Federal Reserve refused to

increase the money supply which resulted in numerous bank failures and eventually the Great Depression. Prior to the Great Depression, there were still many banks that operated outside of the Federal Reserve's umbrella. After the Great

Depression, almost all banks operated under the Federal Reserve. The Great Depression was engineered in order to consolidate more power and wealth in the hands of the few. It is interesting to note that the stock market crash of 1987 was actually more severe than the stock market crash of 1929. The reason why the nation did not fall into an economic depression after the stock market crash of 1987 was because the Federal Reserve maintained liquidity in the markets whereas, after the stock market crash of 1929, they did not.



After the bankers caused the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President. In 1933, FDR issued Executive Order 6102, which made gold ownership beyond the amount of five ounces illegal. Those who failed to trade in their gold would face severe penalties and fines. This tyrannical edict was sold to the American people that it was everyone's patriotic duty to trade in their gold to their local Federal Reserve branch to help stabilize the economy. This was a fraud as the Federal Reserve's contracting of the money supply was the cause of the Great Depression, not because the people had gold. Not everyone bought into the scam, but FDR still managed to confiscate approximately half of the nation's gold, which was melted down and shipped off to Fort Knox. In other words, FDR engineered the theft of the American people's gold and, to add insult to injury, they revalued the stolen gold from \$20 to \$35. Although the public educational system hails FDR as one of the greatest President's of all time, he was actually the President that destroyed what America was supposed to stand for. Instead of relying on individual liberty and freedom, FDR brought in the first wave of big government and socialism to this nation. It is interesting to note that we have not had an audit of the Fort Knox gold in over 40 years, indicating a possibility that some if not all of the gold may no longer be there.

Following World War II, the U.S. Dollar became the world's reserve currency after the Bretton Woods conference. During Bretton Woods, the decision was made to establish the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which furthered the power of the international bankers. Even though owning large quantities of gold in the U.S. was illegal until the 1970s, the U.S. Dollar remained on an international gold standard until 1971. This meant that foreigners could still redeem their Dollars for gold.

The greedy bankers used the old trick of the goldsmiths and printed more Dollars than there were gold. Foreign countries began to realize this and they started demanding their gold. In 1971, Richard Nixon put an end to this and stopped honoring foreign redemption of Dollars for gold. Basically, we ripped off foreigners by breaking our promise to exchange paper money for real money.

Since 1971, the U.S. Dollar has floated on the open market and is not backed by gold or silver. It is essentially on a quasi petro-dollar standard as we have used our military might to ensure that other nations only accept Dollars for oil. This has artificially propped up the value of the Dollar. Despite the quasi petro-dollar standard, the removal of the Dollar from the international gold standard in 1971 created massive amounts of inflation and almost a complete collapse of the currency in the late 1970s. Finally, the Federal Reserve stepped in and through draconian methods increased interest rates to 20%, which for a brief period of time sent the economy into a deep recession. Despite the economic problems that resulted, the policy maintained credibility in the Dollar.

Fortunately one President in the 20th century attempted to stand up against the international banking cartel. Months prior to his assassination, John F. Kennedy signed Executive Order 11110, which authorized the U.S. Treasury to issue silver certificates that were 100% backed by silver bullion. The silver certificates

represented honest money and would have introduced competition to the Federal Reserve's monopoly on the monetary system. Many believe that this order was actually the primary reason why JFK was assassinated. Following his assassination, the issuance of the silver certificates was discontinued, indicating that this might have been a possibility.

After looking at the history of money and, in particular, the history of money in the United States, it becomes clear that the current system that we have in place is a fraud; and because of it, we are facing the distinct possibility of an economic collapse. Prior to 1913, the establishment of a centralized banking system and the monetary system itself were the most hotly contested and widely debated issues amongst the American people. After the establishment of the Federal

Reserve, the bankers bought off the major media and debate surrounding the existence of a private central bank has been largely suppressed until most recently.

The government has the authority to create its own money, so it defies logic that we continue to allow a private, for-profit central bank to loan the government money with interest. Even if

the government printed the money themselves, there would be inflation, but we would not be forced to pay interest on the money that was created out of thin air. If the government re-legalized gold and silver as legal tender, we would not be charged interest on our money and it wouldn't be stolen through inflation. The only way the money supply could increase would be if more gold and silver was mined.

The dishonest monetary system put into place by the Federal Reserve, is without question one of the main reasons why we are facing a complete economic collapse. Unfortunately, the coming economic collapse is by design in order to consolidate more wealth in the hands of the few. The bankers have done this time and time again, with the most recent event in America's history being the Great Depression of the 1930s. The Federal Reserve, through its irresponsible policies of increasing the money supply, is destroying the value of the Dollar. Simply put, the Federal Reserve steals the wealth from the American people by inflating the supply of money. Contrary to the propaganda in the establishment media, the Federal Reserve is the cause of inflation because they set policies that determine how small or large the money supply is. Inflation is reflected in the price of commodities such as gold, silver and oil. Gold recently passed the \$800 an ounce mark, silver recently passed the \$15 an ounce mark and oil is heading towards \$100 a barrel. The Federal Reserve also recently stopped publishing the M3 money supply report, which reported data on the total aggregate money supply. The Federal Reserve stopped publishing this data because it is clear that they are increasing the money supply at an exponential rate — the direct cause of the inflation.

What about the war on terror? The war on terror is a fraud, simply because more people die in car accidents and in swimming pool accidents than they do from international terrorism. Wars are very profitable for the central bankers who fund both sides of wars, because war creates debt. They care not who wins because, in the end, they profit. The bankers profited heavily from World War I and World War II and they, along with the big players in the military industrial complex,

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Financial Collapse

are profiting from the war on terror. The war on terror has been described by some as something that could last a hundred years. The war on terror is actually a war of terror that is designed to last forever and never be won. Perpetual war means perpetual profits for the central bankers. It also allows these elites to sell us on our own enslavement by selling the fear of terrorism as an excuse to set up a police state. They also realize that when the economy starts to unravel through their inflationary policies, they will need a police state to deal with a very angry civilian population. There will be lots of angry soccer moms who will need to be dealt with when they wake up one day and realize that their bank accounts are not affording them the lifestyle it once did.

Another major reason we are facing an economic collapse is the mortgage market mess, which was engineered by former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan. Greenspan created easy money in the early part of the decade, which gave the banks the incentive to loan out money to people who might not have been qualified. The banks loaned out money using all sorts of creative financing packages and now, several years later, many are unable to pay their mortgage payments. This is creating a situation where there are more homes for sale than there are people looking to buy a home. This has caused a deflation in the housing market, which has devalued the largest asset of most members of the American middle class — their home. This prevents middle class homeowners to use their house as a piggy bank. Combined with the inflationary policies of the Federal Reserve, which devalues bank accounts and raises the costs of goods and services, this is a deliberate effort on the part of the bankers to squeeze the middle class. Instead of printing money out of thin air to bail out the homeowners, the Federal Reserve is bailing out the financial institutions that loaned out the money.

Americans are born into a financial system of debt that is designed to enslave them. At one point in time, credit cards were reserved for the very rich. Now credit cards are marketed to college students who, more often than not, have little or no means to pay the money back. People are conditioned in the public education system to believe that they need to take loans out to pay for college in order to get a good job. This is not true, as people who start their own businesses or get into blue-collar trades such as plumbing, electrical work and others can do very well for themselves. Four-year colleges continue to increase tuition costs as part of a way to limit access to higher education to the middle and lower classes in this nation. For those that do graduate school, most students have a ton of debt and, after they get their first job, spend the rest of their 20s trying to pay it off. Mortgage payments, car payments, utility bills, credit card payments and the draconian income tax system does a very good job at ensuring that people remain in debt. Unfortunately, the American dream, as sold to us by the mainstream media, is really nothing more than perpetual enslavement driven by the Federal Reserve's debt system.

Many countries are diversifying their currency reserves out of Dollars. As countries diversify out of the Dollar, more Dollars are on the market chasing the same goods and services which results in the American people being able to buy less with their Dollars. The scary thing about this is that the Chinese have over a trillion dollars in our currency reserves and could quickly destroy our economy if they decide to start dumping them. As other nations diversify out of Dollars, the Chinese might follow suit and that would have a horrendous effect on our economy. It would send the value of our currency into a free-fall and bankrupt

many people in this nation.

The central bankers are seeking even greater power by creating regional economic blocks like the European Union and, eventually, the North American Union. The European Union already has its common currency the Euro controlled by the European Central Bank and soon (unless we stop it) there will be a North American Union with a common currency that many are speculating will be called the Amero. An African Union has already been formed and goals have been set for a common currency by 2010. The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), a "globalist" think tank founded by the Rockefeller family in the 1920s, has written essays and books on the subjects of establishing regional monetary units. The CFR has historically held a great deal of influence over policy decisions in Washington D.C. Many of the 2008 Presidential candidates, including Mitt Romney, Hillary Clinton, Fred Thompson, John McCain and others, have known associations with this group. Benn Steil, an economist and CFR member, has written numerous articles and essays on the subject of monetary policy. Steil has declared that national currencies are obsolete and are incompatible with globalization or, as George H.W. Bush likes to call it, the New World Order. The Council on Foreign Relations is also releasing a book entitled "Regional Monetary Integration" that analyzes the issue of how new regional monetary systems could be implemented.

It appears as if the central bankers and the big players in the military industrial complex are attempting to manage a slow decline of our currency. An immediate crash would have a detrimental effect on those in power, but a slow decline allows them to diversify their holdings into gold, silver or other currencies while the American people get the short end of the stick. It also allows them to prepare a regional currency as the proposed solution to the problem that the central banks created in the first place.

With the nation's debt eclipsing \$9 Trillion and Congress spending money that is literally being created out of thin air to fund the never-ending war on terror hoax, it is clear we are in trouble. Considering David Walker, the Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office is warning of a situation similar to what happened to the Roman Empire, every American citizen should be concerned.

Although this fact is not talked about by the corporate-controlled press in this country, financial collapses hit both the former Soviet Union and Argentina in recent history. What's particularly frightening is that the fundamentals that drove the financial collapses in both of these nations are in many ways quite similar to what we are facing in this country today. The economic crisis that hit Argentina earlier this decade was the cause of rampant inflation. The inflation caused runs on the banks as people attempted to withdraw their money. The government capped withdrawals from the banks in response to the bank runs, which resulted in the people taking to the streets and rioting against the government. Such a scenario could in fact happen here, which is why the U.S. government is prepping for a potential domestic crackdown on the American people with the recent formation of U.S. Northern Command and the Department of Homeland Security.

Even more ridiculous is that the world's central bankers and associated financial institutions are also aiming to implement a cashless society grid, which will allow them to gain more control over the monetary system. Peter Ayliffe, the head man at Visa Europe, has stated that debit and credit cards would be cheaper and easier to use by 2012, meaning we could very well see a cashless society by

that time. There are also pilot programs which allow people to pay for gasoline and groceries using biometric fingerprint scanners which will eventually integrate into the coming cashless society enslavement grid. The next step beyond that is the implantable microchip. This technology is already available and it's just a question of time when the financial world decides to start aggressively selling it to the public.

So what's the solution? Right now, there is only one man running for President who understands what is really going on with the financial system and who has legitimate ideas to fix it. That man is Ron Paul. He would re-legalize gold and silver as legal tender and break up the money trust that has taken over our monetary system and bankrupted this nation. Allowing the free market to dictate what money is and what money isn't would effectively put the central bankers out of business with their worthless Federal Reserve Notes that they masquerade as U.S. Dollars. He would also seek to abolish the IRS and put an end to the income tax, which serves as a means for the banking cartel to bankrupt the middle class and consolidate wealth in the hands of the few. Barring a restoration of the monetary principles advocated in the Constitution and by free market economists,

this nation is on the brink of a complete economic collapse, which could potentially facilitate a world depression. A world depression would allow the central bankers to consolidate power over regional economic blocks and eventually merge them into a one world currency, integrated into a cashless society grid where fiat credits and debits are transferred using implantable RFID microchips.

We must try to stop an economic collapse but, at the same time, we need to be prepared. Protect yourself and convert your Federal Reserve Notes into gold, silver, coins, firearms, ammunition, storable food and other items of tangible value. Gold and silver have held their value for thousands of years and, regardless of what happens with the economy, they will never go to zero. Economic collapses are never pretty, which is why the U.S. government is trying to implement a police state before this becomes a reality. It is hard to say how much time we have before this collapse takes place but, one thing is for sure, history has proven that all fiat monetary systems collapse or are replaced. Ours is no different and, if something isn't done, the United States will suffer the same fate as the Roman Empire. Do not take my word for it — take the word of the Comptroller General of the United States Government Accountability Office.??

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This one is definitely one of my favorites and may require some savvy scouting and/or smooth talking. Getting the job done will take less than 60 seconds, but looking for the right DVD player may take a little longer. Many electronics stores have multiple televisions all connected to one DVD player. There are also some stores that take the video feed from corporate via a satellite feed. You will need to determine what kind of feed is used by the store you are considering. Once you have determined the source pull out your DVD and throw it in the DVD player press play and walk away. Before you know it the film that changed your life will be exposed to all those within viewing range! If you can't locate the DVD player or lack the courage to do the deed, here's an easy way out. Simply ask the salesperson that you would like to test the resolution of the TV in their store with your "favorite movie". Hand the sales rep your Truth DVD and sit back while the show begins. You may want to create a custom DVD for this action to be concise with the facts you want to share and make sure the video loops, that way if no one recognizes that you have left the video will run all day. Thanks to Keith of Norristown, NJ for this great idea!





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Off the Grid

Life without Banks\$

So how does someone “Live Without Banks” these days? No doubt, it’s a challenge. I remember a period of my life when my wife and I tried this, and it was a struggle.

Some time ago we left our good jobs, moved out west, and traveled the land, camping, climbing mountains and singing in pedestrian malls in cool towns like Boulder, Colorado and Sedona, Arizona for a few bucks. It was an experience I will never forget nor regret. I saw amazing sights, felt closer to God and my wife than I ever imagined I could, and met some of the most amazing people. Ultimately, we did this hippie thing for just under a year and ended up, of all places, in Las Vegas. What a way to end our freedom tour! Right smack in the home of smut and glut. The city that represents everything that’s vile in American culture. Somehow our dream of “dropping out.” doing the Grizzly Adams thing and unplugging from the evil system that murdered Randy Weaver’s wife, fried a bunch of Branch Davidians, and launched a protracted WWII under the name “Operation Desert Storm” just fizzled under pressure to make money and, well, exist.

While in Vegas, I picked up some solid work as a contractor doing graphic design and my wife got a regular job. This was even before that little thing called the “Internet”, mind you. Pretty early on. But even then, we were unable to simply cash our paychecks at the bank that they were drawn on without being forced to give up a pile of IDs and a fingerprint. A fingerprint! I’ll never forget the day I got called a “radical” and was told to leave the bank or the cops would be called because of my refusal to leave without them cashing my check. I guess calling them Nazi’s and ranting about implanting



me with a microchip didn't go over too well with the corporate minions.

Funny how things have come about. I guess perhaps my gift of prophecy isn't anything new. Ultimately, I do believe that we will all be forced to make a choice. Take that chip, swear allegiance to the "system" being offered, or simply be erased.

I spoke with a good friend of mine recently about the notion of living without banks, and he told me that the best advice he could give to anyone who is considering "dropping out of the system" is to read and study Scripture. "You must have a personal relationship with the Creator before you stand in front of the beast and tell him what to do," he said.

We proceeded with a very interesting conversation in which I was left with even more questions and really have not been able to resolve my quandary.

My friend has been "off the grid" for some time now and has much to offer by way of advice, but when asked how I should quote him for this article he said, "I'd rather stay off the grid with that too!"

You're either "in" this system or you're "out," right? How do we straddle both worlds and be true to our convictions? The main thing to remember is that the only reason it appears we as a people continue to work within 'the system' is that someone told us that we had to and we believed it."

Okay, I'm down with that, but I'm really stuck on the reality of the big-picture situation. How the heck is someone supposed to live by these rules without literally just living in a cave, hunting, fishing and farming and completely cutting off all contact with modern society? I have several friends who refuse to bank at traditional banks for these reasons. They are business people, but won't take credit cards for customer purchases and don't have bank accounts, but yet will allow others to take credit cards and accept payments for them, process these payments through a bank, and then issue payments to them. I've met others who live by these rules and do not use the banking mechanism provided.

We're all hypocrites on some level, I've concluded. Either you're IN, our your OUT. That's the reality now. So what can we do, while still providing a home for our families and food in their bellies?

My friend continues his advice like this, "If you're one of those who is solidly plugged in and is completely reliant on the 9 to 5, the steady paycheck, and all of the trappings, then just stay where you are and don't even try this. You'll starve to death. "But if you have a place where you can raise a few chickens you won't have to buy your own eggs and, instead of spending \$4 for a loaf of bread, you can choose to spend \$2 for a bag of flour and make ten loaves of bread."

Here we get a little reality check from someone who has been studying and learning about these subjects since 1981. His own journey has been gradual and suggests the same to others. Again, it's all a matter of choice and perception. He hasn't had a bank account for over six years now.

"It's kind of like a life support machine. You don't pull the plug on all the systems at once or you'll crash. If you're serious about phasing out you have to start by downsizing. You have to start by backing out of it little by little."

One way to get a bit more 'unplugged' regarding the banking structure is to operate as an independent contractor. Leave the "professional" 9 to 5 gig, learn a trade and operate under the radar by seeking out people who will pay you cash, giving you compensation for your daily work through daily pay. This, my friend tells me, is another Biblical economic principle.

According to the traditional American employer/employee relationship, the employer is supposed to be a withholder on behalf of the government and provide certain services to the government. Of course, you have a right to try to gain employment and ask that the employer not take part in this agreement, but that's a tough sell these days.

"When you ask an employer to not do those things, things that you can only understand if you understand legal contracts, you can come to an understanding why he would be reluctant to do what you ask." Things like not withhold any taxes or paying you in cash. On the other hand, he continued, "When you set up a contract with someone under terms that are set at daily pay for daily work, this is quite another arrangement."

Living off the grid is a tough business and, to make it work, you need friends and support.

"You have to decide what you're going to do and how far you're willing to go," my nameless friend told me. "If illegals can come to America and work daily under the radar, then for sure it's possible."

It's all a matter of perception and acceptance. What's our comfort level? What are we willing to do without? How much of a hypocrite are we able to swallow being on a daily basis?

Make your decision, do your research and stick with it.

COMMON MYTHS:

- You can't live without a SS number.
- You can't even open a bank account without a SS number.
- You can't live without a bank account.
- You can't work without a SS number.

My friend insists that these are simply not true and he's done it, but I found in my research just how important it is to not simply take someone else's word as fact. For instance, his assertion that you can get a bank account without a social security number but, just not an interest bearing account, turned out to not be the case.

I called a very good friend of mine who is a branch manager for a local bank to confirm this and my other friend's comments, and she informed me that times have changed. "Years ago that was true," she said. "Nowadays with the Federal CIP (Customer Information Profile) being implemented since 9/11, we cannot open an account without a Social Security number or an alien ID number." My advice to you is not to take my advice, but to do your own homework! Ask questions, research, read, test and prod.

In the meantime while you're learning, there are things that can be done right away. My friend tells me that the first thing to do is make some hard decisions. "The first thing you need to do is take inventory and downscale," he said.

Below are some points to consider regarding things that you can start doing today to begin simplifying your life, saving money and cutting your dependence on the system.

Cut Expenses

Buy a used car and a cheap one at that. Better yet, don't have a vehicle at all. Work locally and walk or ride a bike. Bikes and legs don't require license/insurance etc.

Don't Use Credit

If you don't need it and don't have the cash for it, don't buy it. Get rid of all credit.

Pay Cash

If you don't need it and don't have the cash for it, don't buy it. Get rid of all credit.

Club Cards

Don't plug into their system at grocery stores and retail establishments! In fact, in most cases, if you say you don't have a card, many times the clerk will scan one for you. Or hand you an application and a card right there at line. Tell them you'll take the application home and fill it out and, in both cases, you still get your discount without offering up your personal information.

Challenge Your Employer's Reality

This is for the more daring of you. Many corporate employers these days do not even pay you via check but instead want to go electronic. You don't have to accept this. In fact, you can ask them to pay you in cash and, if they tell you they can't pay you in cash, ask them why and push the issue.

Learn a Trade

Regarding easing out of a "career" setting or in a traditional job of any sorts,

If you don't need it and don't have the cash for it, don't buy it. Get rid of all credit.

he went on to explain that one of the best things one can do to help themselves and their family is to learn a trade of some sort. Farming, construction, plumbing... there are thousands of specific trades you can teach yourself that offer basic service to others that are necessary for their existence.

"You'll never be out of work and you can always accept barter if need be in the worst of times," he commented.

"My father painted for a living," he remembered. "He had upwards of fifty customers. When someone would move out a house, he would get a call from the owner and would come in, paint and make some money. He didn't force them to pay daily, but when he needed some money, it was generally available from a variety of sources."

Most people that we think of as independent contractors are already operating very close to this model. The next step would be to ask your clients to simply pay you in cash or a money order.

My friend is also somewhat schooled in the law of the US and tells me that the US Constitution gives Congress the responsibility to fix the standard of weights and measures. In plain English and put as simply as possible, a dollar should be a dollar.

Of course, as we know, the Federal Reserve's system goes the opposite direction and therein lies many of our country's problems. We're all in our own individual little traps of our own making and choice and, at the same time, we're all collectively in an enormous trap that we've all accepted.

Our cage is both big and small. It's of our own fault individually and the fault of everyone else at the same time. What a mess.

Indeed, should we ever reach that cashless society due to a cataclysm or some sort of gradual acceptance. A trades-person who is not afraid to roll up the ol' sleeves and get dirty will always be able to provide for themselves if they're able to find others who will accept their labor in trade. It's a simple barter system and it can work if you find those willing to participate.

Therein lies the key to all of this; cooperation. Much like the notion of making alternative energies mainstream or effecting change through our political process, so much is possible only if we first believe that it's possible, and then we gather enough support for our efforts from others who believe it to be possible, and we work together to make it so.

The old adage, "You'll never know if you don't ask," applies here. If you can get several people to pay you cash or with an alternative method of payment, you're on your way to some level of freedom.

Consider just how simple this might be.

"If a money order is purchased at a PO or 711 for example, you can ask the person paying you to leave the "pay to" field open and you can then just write in a payable party down the road if you need to pay someone," he said. "Just fill it in when you have a bill that's due."



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You may find as well that this concept applies to you as a consumer as well. Recently my friend tells me he went to the dentist and, when they asked for his insurance, he told them that he would pay cash. They politely told him that would be fine and in fact, "They offered me a cash discount!"

Regarding getting around a must-do situation, my friend told me that "One time about two weeks ago someone HAD to give me a check and I took it. I went to the bank and they wanted my thumbprint. I refused. So I handed it to a neighbor, who deposited in their account and gave me the cash."

According to my friend you can usually hold a check for one hundred eighty days and in that amount of time you'll usually find someone that will help you.

My banker friend informed me of the details and current policies regarding checks. "A cashier's check you can hold forever," she said. "Most personal or business checks expire after six months by the banks, but sometimes companies will set their own policy. Read your check carefully."

Regarding the issuance and cashing of third party checks, my "off the grid" friend told me that he wasn't sure exactly whether restrictions on cashing third-party checks are more based on policy or law. So, I went back to my banker friend who did tell me that at her bank they will indeed cash a third-party check. "We will indeed cash a third party check," she said, "but both parties have to be present, you would have to have a valid photo ID and the person actually cashing the check would have to have an account with us."

Of course it'll help matters if they have money in the bank to cover it too! Don't want to make too many waves, right?

If you're interested in learning more about the practicality of unplugging from the banking system, the web is a great way to start. There's tons of information available, but make sure that you verify before you act. Get advice, talk to people on all sides. Check with people who are "plugged in" and people who are "unplugged" and cross-reference. It's also a good practice to check specifically with banks and law enforcement to see if any practice you are considering would end up landing you in jail.

As for my friend at the bank, I've left her anonymous as well for the purpose of this article. Just as my 'unplugged' friend wanted to leave his name omitted because he wants to stay 'off the grid.' I think the most important thing you can do

while assessing your situation and doing your research is to show some respect for the decisions that others make. We all have to deal with our situations the way we best see fit and it doesn't do any good to bash others for how they live their lives. Ultimately, we'll be facing some very difficult situations in this country and we need as many friends as we can gather.

So go ahead, make a plan, choose your battles wisely and get to work at changing your life.

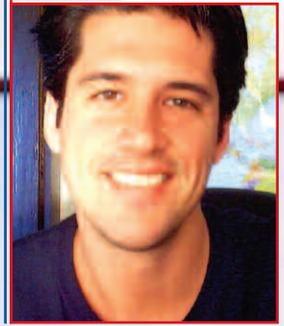
Sometimes the simplest moves you can make turn out to be incredibly liberating. Remember to share this joy and achievement with others as well and lift them up in their lives. Encourage others through your actions. Offer help to others who are interested and it'll come back to you when you need it. I believe that. They'll either see the light or they won't. That's their choice.

Just remember that you can always say "I told you so" later if they do come back around.

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Something Happened in Early November Trevor Lymon

Something happened in early November, something that showed the sheer numbers of supporters for a presidential candidate, something that broke all records in election history. A bomb went off. It detonated in the hearts and minds of Americans across our republic. The shockwaves reverberated through the newsrooms and halls of freedom. The vibrations shook the foundations of the sacred ground our nation was founded upon. No one was hurt when it detonated and there was no rebuilding to speak of, people only needed to catch their breath in the aftermath.

Media blitz, all channels ablaze with talk of the bomb! Reporting that day was turned upside down. The people had spoken, spoken with their wallets. A force was realized that day in November no longer would polls be marginalized by referring to their voters as bots or spammers. Why would a spammer open his wallet and donate to the campaign of Ron Paul?

Tracking the numbers of donations on November 5th, 2007 was a website, <http://ThisNovember5th.com>, and its humble webmaster, Trevor Lymon. This issue's activist profile is focused on him and his efforts to get the nation to donate on one day for one man, Ron Paul. But the act of one man cannot be awarded without looking to the people who made it a reality, those beloved and dedicated supporters of Ron Paul.

Never in American history has a presidential candidate raised 4.3 million dollars in a single day, but on November 5th 2007 that changed. Now you may be asking yourself, "Why November 5th?" A reasonable question.

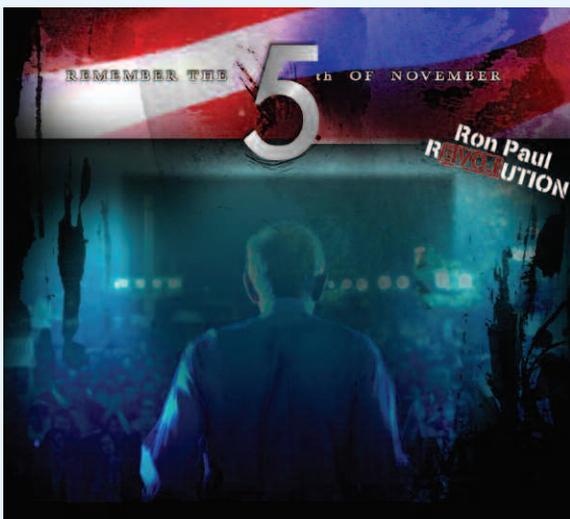
If you have not yet seen the film "V for Vendetta," I suggest you run out and rent it right away. You'll be given a glimpse into a future that we are surely headed towards. A future where all we do is tracked and monitored. A future where if you say a word that is objected to by the "Center of Excellence," you'll be greeted by a team of federal thugs kicking in your door. A future where daily tasing of the civilian cattle is commonplace. On November 5th, in the film, the people rose up to meet those that had been oppressing them, they took to the streets to show their numbers and to deliver force if necessary. On November 5th, in our reality, We The People took to the web and showed our numbers at the rate of over \$3000 per minute... and not a life was harmed.

On the horizon is another massive donation day, a day to re-stock the shelves of the Ron Paul Campaign with fresh funding. This new "money bomb" day is planned so the Paul Campaign can maintain momentum after depleting their coffers on the primaries. The day is

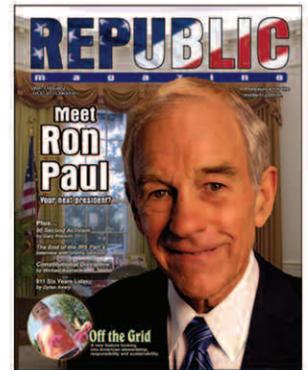
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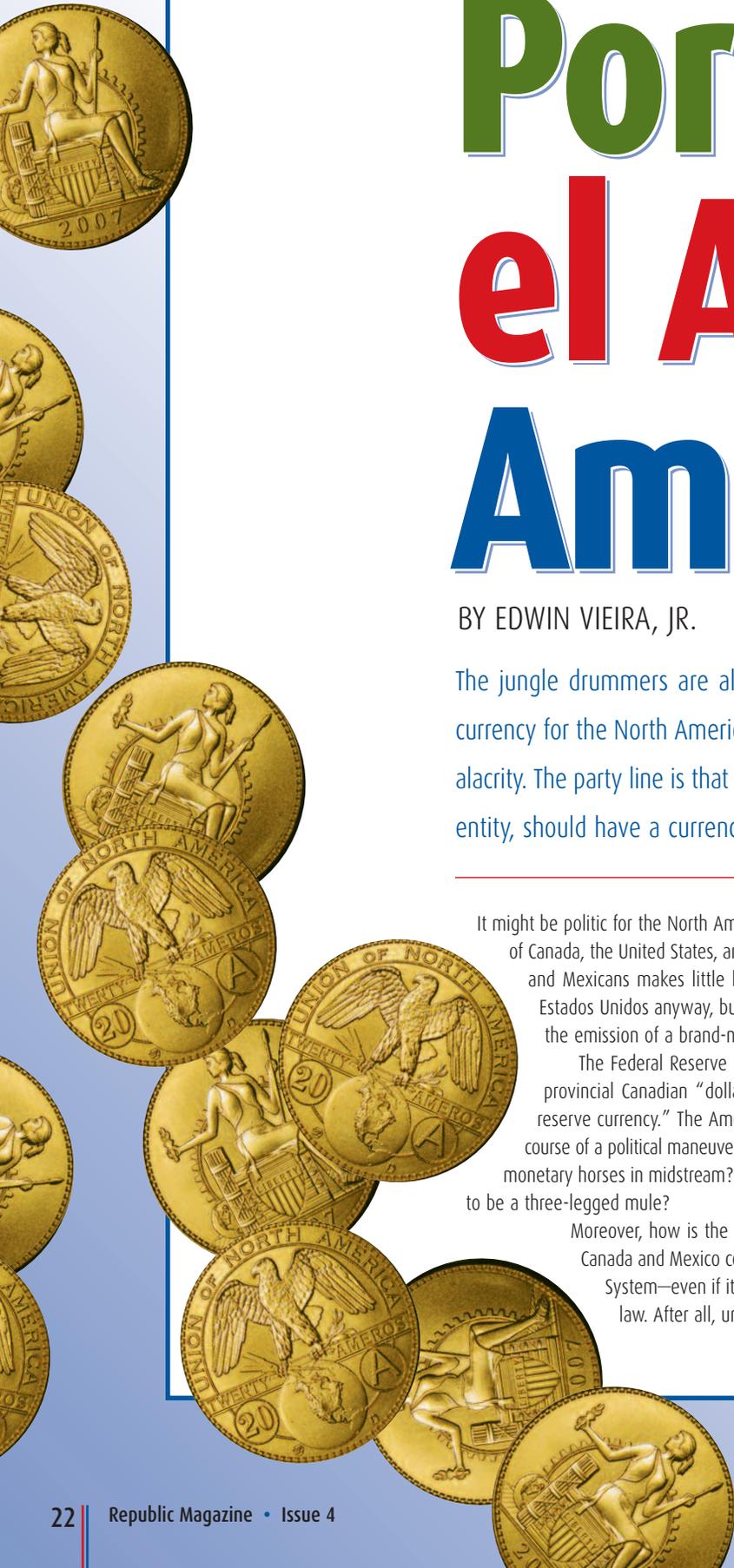
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Porque el Amero, Amigos

BY EDWIN VIEIRA, JR.

The jungle drummers are already beating out the message: The “Amero”—the new currency for the North American Union—is coming...and Americans should accept it with alacrity. The party line is that the North American Union, as a new supra-national political entity, should have a currency of its own. Such is the propaganda. What is the reality?

It might be politic for the North American Union to emit a new currency, to reflect the ostensibly equal positions of Canada, the United States, and Mexico. But such a sop to the residual nationalistic sensibilities of Canadians and Mexicans makes little business sense, not only because most Mexicans will soon be living in Los Estados Unidos anyway, but especially in light of the economic difficulties that would be encountered in the emission of a brand-new currency.

The Federal Reserve Note, after all, is not simply some second-rate national currency such as the provincial Canadian “dollar” or the execrable Mexican “peso”. The FRN is a, if not still the, “world reserve currency.” The Amero is an unknown quantity. Why risk economic instability—particularly in the course of a political maneuver as tricky as the merger of Canada, the United States, and Mexico—by changing monetary horses in midstream? Especially from what it touts/claims is a thoroughbred to what might turn out to be a three-legged mule?

Moreover, how is the emission of the Amero to come about, legally? Whether or not the banks of Canada and Mexico could start issuing Ameros tomorrow under their local laws, the Federal Reserve System—even if it were not unconstitutional—certainly cannot issue Ameros under United States law. After all, under the Federal Reserve Act, FRNs are the only currency the System can now



emit. FRNs must be “redeemed in lawful money.” All “lawful money” of the United States “is expressed in dollars.” And “United States coins and currency (including Federal reserve notes * * *) are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and dues.” Compare 12 U.S.C. § 411 with 31 U.S.C. §§ 5101 and 5103. So, to inject the Amero into this structure would require Congress to perform a major legislative overhaul of both the Federal Reserve System in particular and the monetary system as a whole.

Possibly, a new Northern-Hemispheric central bank could be erected to emit the Amero. But could that occur before the North American Union itself came into existence? And if so in practice, on what authority in law? Where in the Constitution, for example, does Congress—or the President, in cooperation with foreign officials—have authority to create a new monetary and banking system for Canada and Mexico?

Of course, inasmuch as the entire North American Union is patently unconstitutional and a blatant attack on the Declaration of Independence (as I explained in my last Commentary), the purely legal questions may not count for much among the forces pushing for both the North American Union and the Amero. But people who care enough about these principles to make them the centerpieces of litigation and political campaigns could surely complicate matters to a degree that would discomfort the North American Union’s partisans. [See Edwin Vieira appear in the new docu-movie “America: Freedom to Fascism.” A must see for all patriots.]

The simplest solution to these problems for proponents of the North American Union would be to adopt the Federal Reserve System as the Union’s central bank and the FRN as its currency. Then, after the Union’s legislative body was in operation, it could enlarge the Federal Reserve System with several regional banks in Canada and Mexico and, at length, authorize the hemispheric Federal Reserve System to emit FRNs with new colors, new designs, and even new portraits of Canadian and Mexican political celebrities. (Given the similarities between politicians and bandits, Pancho Villa would make a make a good choice.)

The beauty of such a plan would be: (i) its use of a monetary and banking system already in place and proven in operation; (ii) the ostensibly “federal” structure of the Federal Reserve, which would tie in well both politically and propagandistically with what will surely be touted as the “federal” structure of the North American Union; and especially (iii) the ability of the supra-national bankers to retain the FRN on which their present power rests, rather than to risk triggering a monetary crisis that could threaten that power by trying to introduce an altogether new currency.

So why are the jungle drums throbbing for the Amero? Could it be that the architects of the North American Union believe that a monetary and banking crisis will soon engulf the United States, together with whatever parts of the world still rely on the FRN as a

“reserve” currency? And that the FRN, and even the Federal Reserve System as a whole, are about to self-destruct?

And is it too much to presume that the Money Power and its political Pinocchios have planned for—and indeed are counting on—this? Could they not expect that the coming immolation of the FRN, and the attendant economic instability if not chaos it will engender, will stampede people into accepting the Amero out of practical necessity, and with the Amero the whole agenda of the North American Union?

To be sure, if such a crisis does occur, the Establishment cannot allow it to set off a rip-roaring depression of 1930s’ proof, because of the almost certainly uncontrollable political instability—manifested most likely in intense revolutionary conflagrations—such a depression would ignite. The Establishment can, however, allow a monetary and banking crisis to burn itself out in serious inflation, even hyperinflation. After all, as Germany in the 1920s and Argentina several times in the last generation or so have proven, big business can muddle through hyperinflation.

Of course, during a hyperinflationary blowup of the monetary and banking systems, massive social unrest will be unavoidable. And the Establishment expects no less, as its headlong rush to set up a National police-state apparatus under the guise of “homeland security” proves. Yet, simply by setting up this apparatus, the Establishment also telegraphs its intention to contain, and then suppress, whatever social unrest eventuates.

Indeed, the Establishment may be counting on extensive social unrest throughout the Northern Hemisphere to provide a practical entree for the North American Union, in the form of an excuse to deploy Canadian and Mexican “peacekeepers” within the United States, and American troops within Canada and Mexico, so that soldiers from each army can be ordered to oppress, and even shoot down, foreigners with whom they have no social ties or sympathies.

Perhaps this is part of the reason why, on 1,300 acres at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, the United States Army is erecting a simulated city—complete with mock airport, railroad stations, and port facility—in which soldiers will be trained in “anti-terrorism” operations and urban warfare. In what modern-day Stalingrads these shock-troops will be deployed remains to be seen. But most revealing of the possibilities closest to home will be whether large contingents from Canada and Mexico pass through this war-gaming center in the near future.

That the Establishment may be plotting along such lines should hardly be surprising. Everyone conversant with monetary and banking economics knows that fractional-reserve central banking, even with a currency redeemable in silver or gold, is inherently unstable—as the banking collapse of 1932 proved with respect to the Federal Reserve System itself. In 1933 and 1934, Franklin Roosevelt saved the Federal Reserve System by licensing it to default

A Year In Review

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Because of this there are more and better avenues for truth than ever before!

The Term NAU and Amero entered into the national lexicon, while global warming fully evolved into a cult religion. One of my proudest accomplishments of the year was heckling Al Gore and ruining his night at the Erwin Center in Austin, TX in front of thousands of adoring group-thinkers, calling him a Fascist and a cherry picker before being escorted out by police.

The Democrats failed to fulfill any of their promises from ‘06 and rubber stamped just about everything the Bush administration pushed before them. We didn’t repeal much in ‘07, and in that sense we were not as successful as in 2006, but this was maybe the best thing to happen as the bigger hole the “demopublicans” dug for themselves, the more room they made for the bodies that will be buried in 2008.

2007 was a good year, but it took a lot out of us. It was an uphill climb. The balkanization of the various Truth and Freedom movements was a bit frustrating, but no one ever said that preserving freedom would be easy.

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on its debts through the political trick of “going off the gold standard.” In 2007 and beyond, that will not be possible, because the Federal Reserve System is not on “the gold standard,” but on “the debt standard.” Openly to default on these debts will be to destroy the System. Yet, when the pyramid of interlocking, unpayable public and private debts that “back” the System’s currency finally does come unglued and collapses of its own rotten overweight, the only alternative for the Power Structure will be openly to seek out a new source of seemingly credible “liquidity” that can bail out the big-money boys and keep the masses one plate of cold beans ahead of starvation and revolution.

Such a scheme of monetary switcheroo has worked before, at least domestically. In order to cartelize the fractional-reserve banking industry and ally it inextricably with the professional political class, Congress created the National Banking System in the 1860s. The National Banking System could not prevent periodic banking crises, however. So, in 1913, Congress created the Federal Reserve System (which absorbed the National Banking System) in order, so the party line then held, to apply “scientific” management to money and banking, and thus supposedly eliminate the very possibility of financial crises.

But everyone found out how well that theory held up in practice—first, in 1921, in the depression following World War I; then, throughout the 1930s, in the Great Depression; and all too soon, perhaps, in the Great Collapse of 20???. So, now, for Congress simply to attempt to pull the same scruffy rabbit out of its hat, by ostensibly “strengthening” the existing Federal Reserve System, or even by creating a super-Federal Reserve System (in analogy to what it did with the National Banking System), will not suffice. Even the herds of sheeple within the United States will likely no longer be fooled by such political conjurers’ sleights of hand in their own backyard.

Not for the big cheeses to worry, though. The monetary magicians simply must move their act to a larger, less well lighted, and especially more distant stage, where the audience cannot see as clearly what is really going on. Therefore, the Amero.

To be sure, the Amero is an entirely untested currency. But so was the FRN when it was first introduced. And, precisely because the Amero is untried, it has not yet had an opportunity to prove itself a device as delusive and destructive as the FRN. Of course, the theory on which the Amero will be emitted is as wrong as the theory that rationalized emission of the FRN. But, syllogisms not being their strong points, all too many Americans suffer great difficulty in debunking phony political and economic theories on their own. So one can expect the Amero to pass the political con man’s test of workability: namely, “you can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time—and that’s good enough!”

But perhaps this Commentary brings owls to Athens. After all, how difficult is this matter to understand? With every beat of the jungle drums promoting the Amero, the Establishment is telling Americans what to expect, if only they bother to listen and think. Indeed, so brazenly self-assured has the Establishment become, that it dares openly to announce 2010 as the pivotal year in the formation of the North American Union!

What, then, is to be done? Certainly, Americans with any

sense whatsoever cannot afford simply to sit back and watch events unfold on cable-TV, as if enjoying a re-run of "The Last Days of Pompeii." Those who only stand and wait will serve only the Establishment. And the Establishment is banking on that.

The Establishment's strategy appears to depend upon the sequence:

The rapid decomposition of the FRN—which the Establishment doubtlessly understands it cannot prevent, but which it expects to be able to employ to its political advantage—will create economic chaos and social unrest. Economic chaos will rationalize replacement of the FRN by the Amero; and acceptance of the Amero by common Americans will grease the skids for absorption of the United States into the North American Union.

The social unrest attendant on economic chaos will serve to excuse the imposition of a para-militarized police state on Canadians, Mexicans, and Americans alike. And thus, the dark nature of the North American Union—a hemispheric totalitarian state run in the interests of supra-national big business and high finance—will finally meet the light of day, when it is too late for common people to do anything about it except to wonder why they never did anything about it.

To counter this strategy, American patriots must realize, and act on the realization, that control over America is the key to victory or defeat, because:

No North American Union, Western Hemispheric Union, or New World Order can come into existence, or long endure, while the United States remains outside— independent, free, and powerful.

American politicians and the special-interest



groups that pull their strings are the primary instigators of and activists in the conspiracy to inflict a New World Order upon mankind.

In the final analysis, America being a representative self-government, Americans themselves are responsible for what their villainous public officeholders do purportedly in their name.

The Federal Reserve System—for which Americans also are responsible—has caused and will exacerbate the dire economic conditions conducive to creation of the North American Union, so it is the biggest part of the problem. And, in its recognition that "[a] well regulated Militia [is] necessary to the security of a free State," the Constitution provides the biggest part of the solution—if people will take it seriously and enforce it strictly.

Therefore, the tactics necessary for patriots to employ are two-fold:

First, in some State, in the immediate future, Americans must put monetary reform into practice, in order to provide silver and gold as currencies competitive with FRNs, so that the Amero will not be common people's only "hope" when FRNs take the deep six.

Second, Americans must immediately revitalize "the Militia of the several States," State by State, so that, if monetary and banking chaos does descend upon the United States, it will not result in a National para-military police state.

For a long time, many patriots have contended that Americans will do nothing to save their country until a major crisis bursts upon them. Well, the crisis is here. Now that theory can finally be put to the test. It had better prove correct. 'Arriba'

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REPUBLICS & DEMOCRACY

BY JASON STARCK

Ask almost any American what kind of government we have. Invariably, the answer will be, “We have a democracy.” For some reason, whether innocent ignorance, or deliberate semantic deception, the term “democracy” has become synonymous with the American system of government. Since our public schools have completely abandoned teaching what our country was and how it was actually founded, it is no great surprise that so few of us really understand what system of government we have and how it was constructed.

The Founding Fathers never used the term democracy in our Constitution or Declaration of Independence. They, instead, insisted that a great **republic** had been formed. Our nation’s Founders absolutely abhorred the idea of a purely “democratic” form of government, with good reason. To further illustrate this point, when asked what kind of government had just been formed, Benjamin Franklin replied “A republic...if you can keep it.” So, what’s the difference?

A constitutional republic, like a democracy, is essentially a representative form of government. What this simply means is that the people select, by an electoral process, officials who will be their governmental representatives. That is where the similarities end. In a constitutional republic, the elected officials must govern solely within the constraints of constitutional law that expressly limits the government’s power over its citizens. In our case, the United States Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and Bill of Rights, provide the outline for our governmental system and set explicit limits on governmental power and authority. This is especially true for the federal government.

Additionally, a constitutional republic has its governmental power segregated among three branches. The United States Federal Government is divided into the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. Each branch has a specific area of responsibility and influence, as well as strict limits on what it can or cannot do. This separation allows for a balance of power, rather than having power concentrated into a single area, as one would see in a monarchy, dictatorship, or, dare I say, democracy.

This purposeful separation of power was a direct result of having been governed by a monarchy, in which a single man has full authority to decree laws into existence as he sees fit. After being subjected to rule by a monarch, the Founding Fathers sought to expressly limit federal power and place much of the legislative decision-making that would affect the populace into the hands of the states. They surmised that the states should be capable of running themselves without external interference. In this model, the citizens and their elected representatives would decide their governance, provided of course that all legislation was in accordance with the documents on which the republic was founded.

To further explain the premises upon which a republic is founded, it is necessary to note that there must be “absolutes”. For example, **all** people, born or unborn, have the absolute right to life and liberty. The Founding Fathers framed our country, Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights using the principle that absolutes do exist, and that we all have **absolute**, God-given rights. While the Founding Fathers had varying beliefs on theology, they solidly agreed

that we, as people, have intrinsic rights granted to us by our Creator, subject to the authority of **no** man, government, or monarch.

Included in this protected set of absolute rights is the right for people to worship as they please. While the Founding Fathers believed and documented that our rights undeniably come from God, they also made certain that no restrictions would be placed on worship and that the government had absolutely no right to mandate any form of worship. This was a natural reaction to the persecution that was experienced in England (and elsewhere in Europe), which was responsible for driving those seeking religious freedom to the New World.

At the risk of belaboring the point, I’ll say again that in our constitutional republic, the rights of **all** people are protected and the power of government is to be strictly limited. The purpose of the United States Constitution was not to empower government. Its purpose was to **restrict** governmental power, because the power resides with the people. If, at any point, the power becomes centralized in government, the direct result is tyranny. Plato said that, “The price of apathy toward public affairs is to be ruled over by evil men.”

The lion’s share of this article has been dedicated to discovering what a constitutional republic is, primarily because we will not know what we are losing if we don’t know what we have. With that said, let’s take a brief look at what a democracy is, and specifically why we don’t have one and don’t want one. In the simplest terms possible, a democracy is nothing more than majority rule. The people allegedly have the power, which is represented in government by elected representatives that are supposed to do the will of the people.

The key point is that the majority of the people have the power and the minority has no power whatsoever. There is absolutely no guarantee for individual liberty or representation. In a truly democratic system, majority rule is the name of the game. In a democracy, the idea of greater good can often be seen as the lesser of two evils. That almost sounds like the philosophy we’ve been using in our elections in recent years, doesn’t it?

Let’s for a moment, take the idea of majority rule to its most extreme, albeit, logical conclusion. In 1930s Germany, the “party” in charge, who gained power through a process not dissimilar to what we are currently witnessing in America, decided that they (the majority) have the right to determine who should reproduce, live, or die. The overall majority of German society was unaffected by the new policies. But what of those who were affected? What voice did they have to represent them? Should a person who has a clubfoot be forcibly sterilized? Can people be

MOCRACY?

“Democracy is the most vile form of government... democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention: have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property: and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.”

— President James Madison

declared “sub-human” and be exterminated? In a pure democracy, if the majority wills it, then it can (and did) happen. In a democracy, the will of the masses supersedes the rights of the individual. Let us not forget that history repeats itself, particularly upon those who fail to learn from it. This is precisely why we must protect and defend our republic that is being stripped from us!

If a republic goes awry, it will be at the hands of legislators, not representing the will of the people, who open the door for extreme powers to be granted to one governmental branch as a result of some event, whether real or contrived. Sound familiar? It should. It all began with FDR demanding “special powers” to combat the Great Depression and has snowballed since. Our nation’s presidents have issued executive orders that directly contradict our founding documents, have declared war unilaterally without Congressional consent, and have established, by decree, a veritable dictatorship to be instituted when a state of “emergency” is declared. We are being sold up the river to the North American Union. We are watching our borders being dissolved, and we are watching our freedoms being stripped daily.

We, as a people, as a nation, are guilty of being poor stewards of freedom and of our beloved republic. We have allowed our nation to be literally hijacked before our eyes, yet we stood silent. We have lived lives of apathetic comfort. We have allowed our schools to be “dumbed-down” deliberately. We have watched the moral fabric of our society unwinding, but we took no action. We have allowed our media to give us our opinions and thoughts. We seek our opinions from talking heads on radio and television, but never bother to lift the yoke of responsibility onto our own shoulders and make our own decisions.

Our Founding Fathers took action. They found tyranny unacceptable and called for change. They had their own “King George” and his police state ruling them with an iron fist. Now we find ourselves in a situation that is uncannily similar. Will we act, or will we live in quiet servitude? Alex E. Jones recently said in his film, “End Game” that “The answer to 1984 is 1776!” Amen.

I urge every reader to take the time to go to our National Archives (www.archives.gov) and read the documents on which our nation was founded. If you are not stirred by them, then please read the below quotation. Consider what we had, what we’ve lost, and how we might Restore The Republic!

I will close with words from a man whose words should resonate with us today, just as they did over two centuries ago. Remember: If you are not part of the solution, you most assuredly are part of the problem.

“If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you. May your chains set lightly upon you; and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.”

— Samuel Adams



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The REAL ID Battle in the Keystone State

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Pennsylvania's nickname, the "Keystone State," goes back hundreds of years. A "Keystone" in building masonry is the one holding all the others in place. Occupying a strategic position in the original 13 colonies, and to this day a state that still produces oil, massive agriculture and critical transportation links for the entire nation, what happens in Pennsylvania is often a signal to the rest of the nation. In the battle to defeat Real ID, winning this one is essential.

When we began pushing for anti-Real ID (Penna. HB 1351) back in June, 2007, 35 members of the House had signed on to the Rohrer/Josephs legislation. Led by 25-year Navy Commander James Compton, citizens sprang into action. Grinding away with presence in Harrisburg, coupled with phone calls and contacts to members of the General Assembly from across the state, the number of co-sponsors has climbed to an astonishing 63!

It takes continual contact to build this base of support – especially in a large state like Pennsylvania. Face-to-face meetings with elected officials are a critical component of the strategy. Many of these people have no knowledge of this issue or, if they do, it is totaled by the odd sound bite picked up from one of their staff or an occasional blip in the media. The compound problems of Real ID are not taught in the capitols of our nation, so we, the people, must do the educating. In Pennsylvania, that has been challenging. Powerful proponents of Real ID have had a HUGE head start, led by the transportation department (PennDOT) and one Betty Serian.

Coupled with the general lack of knowledge about Constitutional considerations, the education mountain is the toughest to climb. An example of this was when one legislator remarked that "not every state has two U.S. Senators." Can you imagine? Elected officials are not even that well grounded in Constitutional wisdom to understand such a foundation of the state/federal relationship! Another told Jim Compton, the state coordinator for our efforts here, that he never reads the Constitution – he asks his lawyer what is appropriate!

To counter the lead our opposition has had promoting Real ID, Jim Compton acquired the Anti Real ID booklets prepared by the National Veterans Committee

on Constitutional Affairs. These were hand delivered to staff and members directly in Harrisburg. In each office, staff are given short briefings about the book, pointing them to key information to help their boss understand the subject matter. In all cases, we present ourselves as "here to help staff deal with constituent and member inquiries."

This positions us as experts on the issue and in the role of "assistant" to any who need it. Staffers LOVE that, because without us they would be forced to Google the subject endlessly. We provide them with a book, condensing dozens of issue briefs by numerous groups that oppose Real ID for various reasons. This makes their role as "researchers" much simpler. When their boss needs to know why the Bar Association or the ACLU are against Real ID, they have that Issue Brief at their fingertips.

So strategy #1 is making friends with staffers, providing them with all the information they will likely need, and confronting them in a "helper" tone of voice. No threatening, overbearing, or harsh contact is made. We are there to help the boss understand this issue and make the staffer's job simpler. Using this tactic, we have made many allies in the state capitol.

As the battle continues, we go back to the offices asking the boss to co-sponsor the bill. But to do so before making friends with these folks is putting the "cart before the horse." That is one reason many people lose political battles – crashing offices, making demands, etc., is not the best formula for success. People are people – and treating them like human beings increases your odds dramatically. Going in with a "helpful" attitude results in many more friends than is achieved by taking an "adversarial" posture.

Legislative action takes time, patience, and strategies. Dressing like a farmer is ok on the farm. In the state house, wear a tie.

As the information war continued, we discovered a committee chairman holding back the bill from hearings. Activists directly in the district of this representative began a home-turf education campaign of another form. Pulling a page from the Ben Franklin school of political science, pamphleteering began. The simple, one-page flyer alerted local people to the issue, and provided direct phone numbers into the office of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee chairman.

When pondering a campaign such as this, planning for targeted literature drops is essential. It may take dozens – with each member who is not an ally



In the middle of the battle for Pennsylvania, a press conference was called by Senator Mike Folmer who is introducing the Senate bill. A representative from South Carolina, Eric Bedingfield, traveled to Pennsylvania to be part of the action. Press releases were also received from the Sister State of Maine, which similarly rejected Real ID by law. Copies of the press kit (PDF document) may be obtained by writing to discipleaaron@hotmail.com.

needing pressure from his own constituents. That means waking them up, and telling them what needs to be done. If a representative has 50,000 voters, then passing out at least 10,000 flyers per district could be required.

Here in Pennsylvania, as a result of the hammering received from home, the Committee chairman is agreeing to hold not one, but several, public hearings on this bill, in various locations within the state. He has also agreed to bring a second committee into the picture for their assistance with logistics! Such things cannot be achieved – making powerful committee chairmen act – without pressure from back home.

The more strategies that can be employed the better. Profiling members to find “common ground” is important. For example, veterans of America’s armed services are good activists to approach the legislators who have a military background.

With Real ID, the common-ground components are many.

Theologians dislike Real ID. Have a Baptist work Baptist members. Show legislators who live in Amish country, the Amish angle. Put women to work on women legislators from the woman’s angle. Have a lawyer talk to lawyer members about the legal subjects. Card-carrying ACLU members can be approached easily by the ACLU’s lobbyist. Even labor unions can be recruited to work those members sympathetic to labor issues. By having overlapping and continual pressure coming from all sides, effectiveness is quickly magnified. As a result of these tactics, our coalition has doubled the sponsor list over the long haul.

With any bill, both sides of a legislative body need to approve. So while the House bill lay idle in committee, we found a champion in the Senate to introduce a companion bill. Working each House has differing techniques, based on a number of factors. But with continual pressure in the Senate we managed to land over a dozen sponsors before the bill was even introduced!

Winning before introduction requires a massive education campaign coupled with asking for sponsorship quickly. It is possible, but it takes a dedicated, “in the face” team of players at the capitol, supported by ground troops dropping literature, making calls and sending e-mails from the districts of the members. All strategies begin working in harmony, creating an avalanche of public noise in the ears of the members.

The problems with winning this battle in the Keystone are much different than those encountered in South Carolina. For example, PennDOT has a \$45.5 million contract with Viisage Corp. to begin Real ID implementation. Part of the process is creating a biometric photograph inserted into a database using high-resolution photography (this began in 2006 without any “informed consent” from the people).

So it is not simply stopping the implementation of Real ID generally, but also

rolling back all the forward progress already made. This involves canceling a long-term contract (or at least significantly modifying it) and wiping the egg from the faces of those responsible for the predicament.

The political solution is a rather simple one. We the people must accept responsibility for not coming forward sooner. The legislature must likewise confess their sin of not doing their own investigations of the subject and acting sooner to prevent it. PennDOT must admit to being a bit jumpy to get it done, and can only say they were acting because of the absence of a policy statement from the General Assembly.

The people are now awake. Yet even with all this activity and thunderous momentum heading into the hearing phases of these bills, there is still a great deal to be done. There is a fair probability of a veto by Governor Rendell. (He is bucking for the title of Energy Secretary in a new federal administration, and is trying to be as nice as possible to the elites that want Real ID.) This means we need 66% of both houses, not a simple 51% majority. Many more legislators need to be convinced their political future hangs on how they vote on THIS bill.

Pray for our success. If we can win in Pennsylvania, it could cripple the pro-Real ID campaign for perhaps a generation. As a state in the middle of the “eastern establishment” with a large population, several major American cities, and near to the action in Washington, truly all eyes are on Pennsylvania. Once again the Keystone state is the focus of a hot political war.

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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECENTLY STOLE THE ASSETS OF NORFED,

the company behind the Liberty Dollar, in an obvious effort to destroy a successful competitor to the Federal Reserve's worthless debt notes. For those unfamiliar with the Liberty Dollar, it is a private monetary system created by monetary architect Bernard von NotHaus, which is fully backed by silver coins. NORFED recently filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Mint after the U.S. Mint made the ridiculous assertion that it was illegal to use the Liberty Dollar. According to the U.S. District Court's seizure warrant recently posted on the Liberty Dollar website, the U.S. government seized these assets under the guise of money laundering, mail fraud and wire fraud. Under this premise, each Federal Reserve bank should also be raided and their assets seized, since the paper receipts they issue is backed by nothing and are an obvious fraud. Either way, this seizure by the U.S. government is absolute proof that the Federal Reserve Notes issued by the money trust at the Federal Reserve cannot compete against a superior product like the Liberty Dollar.

Below is part of a statement issued by Bernard von NotHaus describing what happened:

"I sincerely regret to inform you that about 8:00 this morning a dozen FBI and Secret Service agents raided the Liberty Dollar office in Evansville.

"For approximately six hours they took all the gold, all the silver, all the platinum and almost two tons of Ron Paul Dollars that were just delivered last Friday. They also took all the files, all the computers and froze our bank accounts.

"We have no money. We have no products. We have no records to even know what was ordered or what you are owed. We have nothing but the will to push forward and overcome this massive assault on our liberty and our right to have real money as defined by the US Constitution. We should not to be defrauded by the fake government money.

"But to make matters worse, all the gold and silver that backs up the paper certificates and digital currency held in the vault at Sunshine Mint has also been confiscated. Even the dies for mint the Gold and Silver Libertys have been taken."

The full statement can be read here: <http://www.libertydollar.org/ld/legal/raidday1.htm>.

There is no question that this is an act of terrorism by the U.S. government directed against NORFED and its customers. It is not only in obvious retaliation for the lawsuit NORFED filed against it as a result of its own slanderous allegations, but is designed to destroy a successful competing monetary system to the Federal Reserve's worthless currency. Stealing these assets will essentially put NORFED and its honest monetary system out of business because the government has stolen the precious metals that backed the paper receipts. In addition, it is greatly upsetting to learn that the Feds also stole the tons of Ron Paul Liberty Dollar coins that would have been a

tremendous marketing tool for Ron Paul's presidential campaign.

NORFED originally sued the U.S. Mint because the U. S. Mint said it was illegal and unconstitutional to use the Liberty Dollar. This is obviously a ridiculous and absurd assertion as individuals barter items all the time and, if someone wants to trade a Liberty Dollar for another item, that is their business to do so. The U.S. Mint does not have the authority to declare what someone can and cannot trade with another individual. Even if it could, it is an impossibility to enforce such a stupid law. There is nothing unconstitutional about the Liberty Dollar and, in fact, there are many more questions regarding the constitutionality of Federal Reserve Notes since the Constitution says that the states shall not issue anything but gold or silver as legal tender. Federal Reserve Notes, even though they are legal tender, are not backed by gold or silver as the Constitution demands.

By doing this, the U.S. government has not only stolen from NORFED but anyone who owns or wishes to use the Liberty Dollar for the purpose of bartering. It is laughable that the U.S. government would raid NORFED for issuing paper receipts 100% backed by silver coins but not raid Federal Reserve banks that issue paper receipts 100% backed by nothing. Had the U.S. government

raided all the Federal Reserve banks at the same time they raided NORFED, at least their argument would be consistent.

Bernard von Nothaus believes he will likely be arrested under the charges listed in the seizure warrant.

NORFED has never claimed that their coins are legal tender, which makes the charges baseless. This is an outrage and more proof that the U.S. government is no longer run by the people as it continually behaves in a lawless criminal fashion.

On a couple of side notes, the Liberty Dollar coins with Ron Paul's likeness on it are now trading for premiums on auction based websites like eBay as a result of what has happened. Additionally, a class action lawsuit against the government is already in the works to fight this obvious criminal act. People can sign up to participate in the lawsuit via this link: <http://www.libertydollar.org/classaction/index.php>

What makes this whole situation so ridiculous is that this action by the U.S. government is essentially telling the

American people that they are only allowed to trade Federal Reserve Notes for goods and services. Considering that there is a distinct possibility that the value of Federal Reserve Notes could go to zero, this move also shows that they are scared of people converting their debt notes into an alternative monetary unit backed by tangible assets. Clearly, the Federal Reserve could not compete with the Liberty Dollar so, instead of attempting to create a superior product, the U.S. government put the competition out of business using criminal tactics. The actions by the U.S. government is an outrage and clear proof that this country does not operate in a free market economy.

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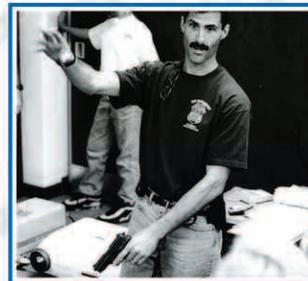
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