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Middle East Politics and Inter-Country Relations

Cowboys and Palestinians

Warren-Hill

(Based on a recent email from a reader, I was reminded of the importance of this earlier article. Given our situation today in the Middle East, perhaps one might take away a few words to consider regarding the possibility of peaceful co-existence. - ed.)

When I was a boy roaming my neighborhood streets of Los Angeles many decades ago one of our favorite games was *Cowboys and Indians* – for the unfamiliar, a game whereby a group of boys (and girls) choose sides and become either a *Cowboy* or an *Indian*. Given the life expectancy of an Indian, I was always amazed at how many took on the role of (expected) underdog and opted to be defeated in play.

A few basic rules were: Cowboys had guns and Indians didn't; Indians could hide and surprise a Cowboy; Indians were supposed to lose. Alas, the outcome was not so certain in play. In historical fact, though, it was.

At the beginning of European settlement in North America there were from 1.3 to 3 million or more aboriginal people co-existing (relatively) peacefully on America's "Fruited Plains", mountains, and deserts. The concept of *Manifest Destiny* (variously interpreted in American history as, "Divine Destiny" or, "Obvious Destiny") didn't come into popular being until the 1840's, yet the thought and actions of its adherents predates that time by nearly two centuries.

The *Settlers* approach (italics added for a reason) was to begin a slow, methodical push: to *displace*, to *move*, to *contain*, and eventually to *control* the Indian population. *Control* was popularly interpreted to mean *eradicate* or *destroy*, and so they were, leaving few more than 250,000 by the conclusion of the so-called Indian Wars in the 1890's.

As the Indians were moved off of *their* lands the invaders claimed absolute domain and ownership. They destroyed villages, they built homes, tended the land, developed towns consistent with their cultural heritage, and through this simple means, combined with aggressive armed enforcement by both settlers and militia (and the US Army), and the infusion of alcohol into tribal culture, and by stimulating dissension between tribal groups thus preventing a united defense

against the aggressors, turned what by today's standards might appear to be a genocidal rampage into nothing more than a forgettable historical footnote, except to the hundreds of thousands of American Indians who today live in poverty and destitution.

Why forgettable? Of those Americans today who are not thinking about acquiring some new and important *thing* or how to keep from losing the *things they have*, the remaining are mostly divided on the Israeli-Palestinian issue, thanks in large part to the popular media which spoon feeds predigested brain pabulum for most Americans through carefully scripted dialectic, devoid of any true controversial matter or fact. It's controlled. So, the historical lesson is lost.

To illuminate the lesson history has to teach us, let's rewrite the second paragraph up above to the following by substituting the names of the principals involved:

As the Palestinians were moved off of their lands the invaders claimed absolute domain and ownership. They destroyed villages, they built homes, tended the land, developed towns consistent with their cultural heritage, and through this simple means, combined with aggressive armed enforcement by both settlers and militia (and the IDF) and the infusion of alcohol and drugs into tribal culture, and by stimulating dissension between tribal groups thus preventing a united defense against the aggressors, turned what by today's standards might appear to be a genocidal rampage into nothing more than a forgettable historical footnote.

Having some difficulty with this analogy? Allow us to clarify: Imagine that East Jerusalem and the West Bank were the indigenously-occupied lands, and that the Israeli settlers were the invading Europeans, which, oddly enough in many cases, they were and are, having no claim to the land other than that which was manufactured or, as Newt Gingrich likes to say, "Invented".

Since 1948 the number of Palestinian homes destroyed by the invaders is estimated at far more than several tens-of-thousands. The number of Palestinians driven from these homes shortly after the conclusion of the Arab-Israeli War by most estimates exceeds 800,000. Today nearly 5,000,000 refugees are *concentrated in camps* where food, medical, educational and all other basic human-needs are only marginally met or not met at all.

According to Mona Alami writing for Now Lebanon (<http://NowLebanon.com>) in an October 2011 article, "Drug use runs rampant in many Palestinian camps in Lebanon, where poverty and unemployment create a prevailing sense of despair among the youth." Some, whether rightly or otherwise, have speculated that the availability of drugs in the Palestinian Refugee Camps can be tied specifically to

Russian organizations with Israeli ties, suggesting something akin to the USA's wholesale drop-shipments of Cocaine and Heroin in US ghettos in the 1960's: the real *Opiate of the Masses* is actually *Opium*...

In the West Bank, according to many sources and much to the chagrin of the United Nations, gun ownership is seen by Israelis as an inherent right and obligation. Localized militias are well armed and serve to protect the intruding West Bank settler. Combined with police and Defense Forces, a committed and formidable contingent exists today in occupied territory.

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Division within various Muslim branches of the *same faith* continues to fire controversy and conflict. Those *sects* that are more West-leaning and localized in oil rich regions of the Middle East *may* be agents in this continued derision insinuating themselves into camp politics and stimulating dissent. (As an aside, in America it is sometimes speculated that the outcome of the Indian Wars may have been decided much differently had the great leader *Tecumseh* been successful in uniting, at least regionally, the American Indian.)

Division within the global community of the current state of affairs in the Middle East, and in particular with respect to Israel's pogrom against the Palestinians, is kept alive by threat and intimidation.

Through a truncation of logic that defies rational thought, to be against Israel's abhorrent and damnable treatment of the Palestinian is to now be tainted as *anti-Semitic*. This response defies logic on so many levels that if it weren't so pitiable it might be laughable: Criticism of a government's treatment of a people is criticism of its practices and policies. To be critical of the United States is *not* to be anti-Christian. To be critical of Mexico's policy regarding civil rights, as another example, is *not* to be anti-Catholic. How does this mythological relationship between criticism of a Fascist government and that of the religion practiced by less than half of its population perpetuate?

You'd have to ask those who control the media for an answer...

Teach Peace
Editor

A recent letter by a thoughtful reader, **Muhammad Khan**, reminds me of how important it is to be *fearless in the face of fear*. Like Damocles' proverbial Sword, the watchful eyes of government, ever more omnipotent and vengeful, constantly weigh and evaluate everything we *confidentially* say to one another through a sophisticated network of intrusive technology.

Mr. Kahn signs his name referencing, <http://GainPeace.com>.

But how are we to gain peace if those who seek this elusive and worthy goal are constrained by fear of government intrusion and the Kafkaesque consequences and machinations thereof? Simply, by not being obedient to fear: To urge ourselves to share thoughts and ideas that transcend today's normative practices without apprehension, such as Mr. Khan has done.

We know of what we speak: Last year's production and release of, *The Abduction and Trial of George Bush* brought us far too much attention. Being reproofed by the government is troublesome. Believing in an ideal, though, like reconciliation, admission of guilt, and striving to establish a line across which we as a country ***ought not step again***, is far too important a goal: it must be our future if we are to survive.

We cannot ***Gain Peace*** if we cannot ***Talk Peace***. To Talk Peace requires us to abandon Fear, Greed, and, perhaps deeply held personal Spiritual Beliefs for the ultimate good of all humanity. Thus, to successfully Talk Peace, we must strip ourselves naked leaving the soul – the essence – of our own humanity exposed and vulnerable.

Thank you for your kind letter, Mr. Khan.

American Veal
(A Serial)
Jos. Warren

Chapter One
Hitler: Friend of the Jews?

As we observe the anniversary of Darwin's epic treatise regarding the evolution of all of the world's creatures through Natural Selection, and in particular that of human-kind, the thoughtful reader may analogize the lessons evoked to a variety of circumstances in far more recent history. One such application may be found readily in the relationship between European Jewry and the rise of the Third Reich and its efforts to contain and destroy Europe's Jewish population through enactment of the *Final Solution*.

While most readers may at first find the title of this chapter, *Hitler: Friend of the Jews* a bit ironic, to say the least, in more than just title there is overwhelming evidence of substantial irony: an unanticipated benefit as a result of the ignorant, bitter hate and arrogance of one people toward another.

To fully understand the complexity of the basic premise that a group of people can benefit through the violent and/or ignorant actions of another requires that the reader abandon emotion and consider the interactions of *groups of people* as nothing more than, say, the study of bacteria beneath the lens of a microscope or the interactions of heavenly bodies through the refraction of a telescope. Difficult to do? *Impossible for most*.

Yet, the most important lesson that can be taken away from allowing ourselves to consider the evolutionary *advantages of a disadvantageous relationship*, is that, similarly and conversely, there is a probability of a resulting evolutionary *disadvantage to any advantageous relationship*. And, therein lies the most important lesson for tomorrow.

To facilitate understanding of this maxim one need only look to Nietzsche: *That which does not kill you only makes you stronger*. Often quoted and largely taken only superficially, Nietzsche might have better said, "That which does not kill you only makes your progeny stronger and/or smarter as a result of breeding with those who have suffered a similar trial of the body, mind and soul" for it was under the most extreme circumstances that the Jews of Europe were forced to exist as best they could. Those who did possessed cunning, intellect, physical strength, spiritual

resolve or any combination of other characteristics that permitted them to endure, to live, and, following this epic disaster of humanity, to procreate.

So, the sensitive skeptic might rail, “To say this is to condemn those who *did not live beyond the camps* to the category of lame, stupid, spiritually vapid or weak!” In some cases, *yes*, and in others, *no*: Circumstances, by analogy just as those that arose to exterminate otherwise healthy, thriving organisms in the distant evolutionary path, truncated their existence. So, at the various extermination camps – Death Camps – operated by the Nazi’s there were circumstances that may have arisen that would have nullified existence under any terms.

Europe’s Jews, the *beneficiaries* of Hitler’s pogrom, saw a substantial increase in measured intelligence, pre- to post-World War II. Certainly not the first, but decidedly the most effective and unintentional Eugenicist, Hitler’s regimen of human destruction accomplished in very few years what would have taken nature a millennium to bring forth, if at all.

What *is* the lesson, the reader might ask? It is the converse of Nietzsche’s maxim...

***If nothing can kill you,
nothing can make you stronger:***

When those life-threatening affects in our lives are negated through science and /or legislation, sadly, everyone survives breeding a race of the weak - both physically and mentally, thus breeding, American Veal.

Singing in a Shitstorm, or

Sympathy for...

Warren-Hill

The devil we know is far more preferable to the one unknown. In various articles in 2003 this is what we attempted to communicate prior to our invasion of Iraq, *to deaf ears*. The first article was entitled, ***The Exploding Brain***, an imagery intended to convey the illogical nature of our impending act: the invasion of Iraq.

Certainly not a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize (or perhaps he was, given the awarding of this prestigious honor for traditionally, *tireless effort toward the goal of World Peace*, to Barak Obama) Saddam Hussein was a known commodity through whom a much larger region of the world was held in *check*. Removing him for personal and financial reasons, as was the sole motivation for George Bush (see, ***The Abduction and Trial of George Bush*** at no charge online) was certain to result in regional disaster: Any 8th Grader with a fundamental understanding of *History* might have easily deduced this, thus leaving most of America's television-viewing audience (and our government) in-the-dark.

So, it happened. Saddam is a distant memory; a once-advancing nation, Iraq, has been reduced to the 16th Century; We, America, continue to be embroiled in a war in Afghanistan that is, was, and forever shall be unwinnable (again, please see *any* History text); We, America, have murdered more than one million Iraqis without even the slightest grievance filed by the international community (since in their silence lies culpability); In short, we have irrevocably destabilized the Middle East, and we must now be prepared to accept the consequences: This is the message from Yemen today.

America, embroiled in many – far too many – wars in the last 60 years, has had to do battle with people who fight for principles and beliefs, however *subjectively* right or wrong to Westerners, while we fight them solely to kill, for the pure fundamental glee of killing, for the bloodshed.

We do not fight any longer because we believe in a *truth*. We do not do battle because we believe in the transcendent nature of our existence, and by combatting those who oppose us we presume to find our reward on a higher plain. We do not strike out at those who take the name of our collective god in vain. We fight for Wal-Mart, Shell Oil, Exxon-Mobil, and the rest. Thus, we do not evoke commitment on the part of our troops: we evoke bloodlust, and in return for the many, many thousands of innocents we kill we add to the numbers of those who despise us. We do not win hearts and minds: we destroy them.

“...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

While quoting scripture (Galatians) is not a common practice for the authors, the depth of these simple words ought to be at the forefront of the minds of every American in the coming months, for *we are about to reap that which we had sown*.

We have destabilized a large part of the world; Those we have not killed have become our enemy; The convoluted and hypocritical messages of the current administration have only deepened the abyss; The psychotic ramblings of the Israeli government only fuel the hatred further and will flashback directly at us with a ferocity that is likely to leave us dumbfounded. This is what awaits us as we enter the Age of Aquarius: Not the rosy picture I had hoped for decades ago.

US Politics and Economics

Bomb the Old People

Editor

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In an effort to shore up the dismally destitute and dilapidated American economy, the US Congress and our president, *one Barak Obama*, have elected to change upward the age of qualifying for **Medicare** from 65 to 67 years of age, thus potentially decreasing Medicare enrollment in a cost saving maneuver that would reap a benefit to the federal budget of about \$400 billion over the next ten years, or the equivalent of about \$40 billion per year.

In related news, and of equal importance, our friends at the **Department of Defense** have released their 2013 budget requirements. Their Christmas *wish list* includes funding in the amount of a whopping \$614 billion, which does not include supplemental clandestine and other *off-the-books* expenditures that most experts tend to estimate at a little more than \$300 billion annually, bringing total expenditures to about one trillion dollars for 2013. The number of active service personnel remains about the same today: two million, or about **\$500,000.00 per person**.

In 2005 during the height of both the Afghan and Iraq wars the amount requested (and funded) was \$478 billion, making 2013 about half-again as much as when we were *actively involved* in Afghanistan and Iraq...In short, our defense budget is at least **ten times** that of any other developed country while *not operating in any major theater of battle*.

So, we ask, “Exactly what are we protecting?” It certainly can’t be the American way of life:

- Educationally we’ve fallen to about 47th worldwide for college graduates, and that includes those foreign nationals who attend our colleges and universities.
- Our average wage has fallen to about the 50th percentile worldwide of developed nations.
- Our *Homeless* population has redoubled to the point where there are about three million people without homes, and the average age of the

homeless child has dropped to 9 years of age: ***There are vast numbers of children walking the streets of America in our cities, seeking shelter during this Christmas season.*** (TID's Jack Shepherd, whose years of experience in working with the Homeless estimates that our nation's homeless population *far exceeds* that number.)

- Unemployment remains at about 14%.
- Once abundant natural resources have been drastically depleted.
- Our air in the metropolitan regions of the country remains unfit to breath, and our water is polluted by carcinogens and other assorted filth.
- Illegal (and prescribed) drugs permeate our society destroying the underlying fabric of commonality that made us once a great country.
- Half of our population is on the dole, in one form or another, while most of the rest have no *positive effect* on the economy.
- Globally any right-thinking populace despises us, since our foreign policy, by any other name, is dedicated to *destroying the hearts and minds* of any opposing people, rather than uplifting them from poverty and ignorance.
- We manufacture nearly nothing, and represent only a drain on the balance of the world's resources: *We consume 25% of the world's resources, yet we represent only 5% of the world's population.*
- In the last decade *we've murdered* more than one million innocent civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan, *not combatants*.
- Typically *less than 50%* of the qualifying American electorate cares enough about their government to participate in the electoral process.

The list of ***America the Failed*** is far too extensive to delineate in the pages of this journal. Overwhelmingly, though, the reality is that ***we have nothing left to protect other than our foreign oil interests, and therein lies the reason for our military budget.***

...by any definition this is insanity...

If Russia, China, France, England, and all the other developed countries see no reason to capitalize their military to such a ridiculous level, why do we?

America's physicians earn an average of at least three times that of any other developed country, \$280,000 per year, with Japan, the closest second at about \$80,000. America's hospitals are recording record profits. Pharmaceutical companies peddle heart medications (the costs of which are likely to induce heart failure) and a plethora of other drugs (the benefits of which remain highly suspect) at exorbitant amounts.

The effects of the proposed Medicare reductions for America's older generation will leave most of our grandparents on the brink of financial ruin as they scramble to pay prescription medication costs, co-payments, and increased insurance premiums to the ever burgeoning, insatiable Healthcare machine in America.

Taken in sum, all of the above leads us to the inescapable conclusion that directing America's military might toward destroying our *elderly* and *homeless* population might address the needs of all concerned: Maybe we'll win *their* hearts and minds.

Here's the bottom line: It's time for you to actively participate in government. You must set-aside self-interests: ***Our government is your self-interest.***

Facebook Rape Editor

In a recent study Facebook's *United States* user base has been quietly assessed regarding characteristics, traits, and oddly enough, through data extrapolation, *Relative Intelligence*. Not surprisingly Facebook's users display some unsettling, yet obvious (to the Editor, anyway), findings:

Less than one percent (<1%) of Facebook users know that the images they post are sold to companies the business of which it is to assemble and accumulate information, and then to in-turn, re-sell that information to the public. Numerous companies today offer People Search functions at a charge; most of the pictures displayed at these sites result from postings on social media sites, primarily, Facebook.

Less than one percent (<1%) of Facebook users know that the personal information they enter on their Facebook sites are subject to the same secondary sales approach.

Less than five percent (<5%) of Facebook users understood that Facebook targets marketing to individuals predicated on postings.

More than fifty percent (>50%) of Facebook's users cannot immediately name the president of the United States prior to Barak Obama.

More than eighty percent (>80%) of Facebook's users cannot identify on which continent the country of Italy is located.

Ninety-eight percent (98%) of Facebook's users' postings lack the sophistication of at least sixth grade (US standard), in grammar and punctuation; and nearly the same percentage misspell at least twenty percent (20%) of all posted words, allowing for acceptable "Text Speak".

Ninety-nine percent (99%) of Facebook's users' postings utilize the personal pronoun, I, more than five times in any single posting.

"I" suppose that says it all...

But not quite: What is it that the Facebook user risks posting personal information on their site?

Sexual Assault: In far too many instances nationally, Facebook users, via their

personal information, have been the victims of ***Rape***. Law enforcement in numerous metropolitan areas report increasingly that victims of sexual assault are singled out predicated on geography and, of course, susceptibility. Sexual predators understand the personality subtleties of potential prey, and can quickly cull those most likely to fall victim to suggestions of meeting, or in disclosing personal information sufficiently enough on the Facebook posting, to identify their geographic location. Are these victims intellectually inferior? No, *they're just not as skilled at avoidance, as the professional predator is at hunting.*

Identity Theft: The most efficient way to learn the details of someone's identity is by reviewing their household waste (garbage). So much information is *thrown away* without consideration as to its value in establishing a clone of that person's identity, yet, without hesitation many young (and older, *should-know-better*) people take no safeguards at all when posting to Facebook, disclosing location and type of work, a series of personal digital images of themselves and others, and other salient, pertinent data that should be safeguarded.

Why do people post this sort of information on their Facebook accounts? Purely vanity: it can get the best of any of us, but combined with Facebook's liberal policy of selling personal data to the highest (and all other bidders) sets up every one of their users for the potential of falling victim to rape, scams, counterfeiting identity, and a plethora of other troubles no one needs to deal with in life...

...all because of the need to *be* someone. Ironically, that need could make you dead, which is ***to no longer be anyone.***

Yet Another Article About Why the Republicans Don't *Get It*...

Warren-Hill

...and why America's minorities don't either: We're broke. According to an AP article by Nancy Benac and Connie Cass, summarizing this year's election, "Ask white voters about the proper role of government...and 60 percent think it should do less. Ask Hispanics the same question, and 58 percent think the government should do more, as do 73 percent of blacks, exit polls show."

As a country we lack the financial capability to fulfill the role of increased provider: The Republicans don't understand this and press for further (and continuing) tax breaks for those most suited to pay additional tax (arguably on a *fair-share* basis); and the Democrats (and apparently America's minority populations) don't understand that our government cannot continue at its present pace to dole out billions of dollars in aid each year to what is approaching (or has long-since passed) a majority of America's overall population.

Most importantly, we cannot continue to support other nations no matter how pro-Western *at the moment* they may be, including through our out-of-control Military budget.

This is, by anyone familiar with Family Law practices in the United States commonly termed, *Irreconcilable Differences*. The result of such differences, understanding their subjective emotional gravity leads to a definite and agreed separation between the two people involved, sometimes amicably, sometimes not.

By analogy, this is today's carefree entitlement-based Greece to Germany's *Freedom through Work*, most probably leading to the near-term dissolution, to some degree, of the European Union, thus allowing each component country to revert to its prior nation-status. Gaining acceptance as an inevitability both abroad and here in the United States, it is a commonplace subject of debate among ordinary citizens, pundits, and government officials.

Yet, in America today the topic of dissolution – here – is rarely addressed, although from the authors' perspectives it is a likely conclusion to our present impasse. ***America as it is defined geographically today has a chronology of only a little more than 100 years...***

Our nation, like any before or after our formation, was based on *commonality*: a shared interest in those premises that we as a people valued. They are reflected in our *Constitution* and our *Bill of Rights*, much like wedding vows where those being joined together promise to weather *sickness and health, wealth and poverty*, or in

short, good times and bad. Unfortunately, it's far easier to promise these things than it is to abide by the promises made.

America as it is defined geographically today has a chronology of only a little more than 100 years, and for the last few decades we've been holding on by our teeth, scratching and pulling, tugging and ripping at various facets of society, while being simultaneously pre-occupied with *downturns and upturns*. In reality, there is no cohesion in America: there is no longer a *commonality* among us.

Over the past few years a few of our states' governors have suggested withdrawal from the United States as a means to what was from their perspectives (and ours) a logically-deduced end to the continuing and worsening debacle that is America today. There is, in fact, a faction currently in Louisiana proposing secession at this time. Various, Texas, Arizona and other states' leadership have suggested, as well, that the electorate of their state consider withdrawal as a solution to an *unhappy marriage*.

From our perspective, there is no denying that the break-up of this union – our experiment in Democracy on a grand scale – would lead to anything other than a safer, happier world devoid of any superpower, which history shows, regardless of how benevolent they profess to be are likely to be the chief bearers of violence and death; And, for those nation-states falling out of the sieve, a far more homogenous resultant populace who may more efficiently and coherently address the needs of their people: *their commonality*.

It is neither a *racist* nor *elitist* conclusion: it's common sense. If any group of *three* Americans today have *five* different opinions regarding what's wrong with America, how can one logically expect 330 million to agree on solutions to those few, yet very grave issues we face as we near the precipice.

How to Fake an Orgasm

Warren-Hill

Politically. This election, we are imploring you to think. Consider what we are being offered as candidates in a side-show electoral process where not even a nod at legitimate Democracy is feigned: The media has abandoned any attempt to be inclusive of all candidates. Quit faking your orgasm: It's time to waste your vote.

Over the years the list of *Vote-Wasters* includes Ralph Nader, Benjamin Spock, Ross Perot, Ron Paul (his original effort back about 20 years or more), and even Eldridge Cleaver. None really had a *Chinaman's Chance* given the media's focus on the two primary parties, which over the last many years has become more and more concentrated as heavyweight donors flood the media with advertising dollars, virtually assuring the media's devotion to the race's central contenders. This is the same influence that buys and controls those who run as primary party candidates – in this case either Obama or Romney.

So, whether a Green, Communist, P&F, Socialist, Progressive, or other alternative candidate steps forward, they can be assured of being on the receiving end of a complete and thorough thrashing. It wasn't always like that, though: One of our greatest presidents – one who strove to unite and preserve America, Theodore Roosevelt, rose from the mired depths of alternative party candidates to lead America onto a path of progressive thought and action. The media – such as it was back then – couldn't ignore him. But, there was no Television. Today he would be ignored.

Now, well-heeled commentators, who *became* well-heeled by serving their masters appropriately, lead the way reporting on the only two *Non-Vote-Wasters* in excruciating detail and to no substantial degree, leaving no room on the airwaves for alternative candidates, many of whom likely would do far better at the job of leading our country forward than the two Trojan Horses currently in this race's distant lead.

Mindless drivel, endless quips, puns, sound bites, and a profluvium of pre-digested populist platitudes: this is what you apparently want most. You repeat what you hear on television as though you had *invented the words*, without understanding their meaning, depth and consequences. It's easier that way. It doesn't require work or thought. It just *is*. This is how we became embroiled in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It makes one wonder, *What is wasting a vote?*

America is on the precipice. Financially, Morally, Internationally, we are near collapse – even Candide would *second* that assessment. No one can effectively argue otherwise. The numbers are there: We are failing economically as America's average wage falls off to the fifty-percentile globally. We are 46th in the world for Literacy. ***We imprison more people than any other country.*** Educationally, we have failed. Our National Debt will outlive our planet given the lack of respect and care we offer it.

Which is our savior? Obama or Romney? Neither: The answer should be obvious. They will do nothing to truly address those issues critical to our continued existence and balance. They will only continue to serve the same masters as most of those before them had.

Real change – actual, tangible, substantial change comes from only one of two ways: Either, as Ernesto Guevara said, *...only from the barrel of a rifle.* Or, when a majority of Americans cast aside the naïve assumption that either a Republican or Democratic candidate is capable of delivering *anything other than more of the same.*

This year I'll be wasting my vote on someone whom I ***know*** will make a difference, **Gary Johnson**. May I suggest you do the same? Can you imagine the consequence if neither a Republican nor Democratic candidate was able to amass a majority of votes cast?

Why Secession is a Very Bad Idea Warren-Hill

(That is, without a form of confederacy to unite those remaining nation-states into variously joined supranational governments or coalitions designed to insure Defense, Education, and a myriad of other functions that would be far too daunting for a single nation-state to secure and regulate.)

Texans will always be Texans: And while the authors always applaud their independent-mindedness, and their commitment to intolerance when it comes to government intrusion or that which opposes their Christian sensibilities, secession is not a logical alternative. It leaves too many questions unanswered; it leaves too much at risk; it is, plainly, *jumping from the frying pan into the fire*.

The reality is that Texas is Texas today because Texans, like the rest of us occupying the territories within the borders of the United States, have been shielded from those factions and nations that would have otherwise, had they had a smaller target to deal with, long ago occupied their geography to further their own interests. They have been protected from that threat by the U.S. Military, not by their slogans, affected gruffness, or crumbling John Wayne-esque self-image. They are a state of people whose ability to forge a *nation* from a *frontier* has long since vanished.

...These are people who would not have died at the Alamo, but would have suggested engaging in meaningful dialogue with General Santa Anna...

Today's Texans are modern Starbuck's-drinking, whiny and sophomoric, self-centered consumers whose pre-occupation with pickup trucks and firearms has deluded them into believing that they are something more than they are. One of the authors' brothers is a middle-aged Fort Worth clinical psychologist who is representative of Texans today: he and his wife have built a business out of the multitude of weak, co-dependents (addicted to various substances or practices) with whom they bang drums and walk tiny labyrinths in an effort to provide an "outlet for their feelings" at a substantial hourly charge. These are people who would not have died at the Alamo, but would have suggested engaging in *meaningful dialogue* with General Santa Anna.

This is not to be overly critical of Texans. It is to be accurate in an honest evaluation of all of us today: residents in all states, in particular those considering secession. We in Arizona are the same, and it becomes almost laughable to

imagine our citizens, those dependent for their daily bread on Wal-Mart and electric self-propelled shopping carts, as capable of defending themselves against an invading force, “foreign or domestic”.

Nobody reads history anymore: They’re too pre-occupied with television and Facebook to take the time to understand that the breakup of a country as massive as the United States (read, *Soviet Union*) will result in bloodshed on a massive scale as rival powers within and without the remnant-state conflict over ultimate control. It is foolish to believe that the remnant-state will quietly assemble into a law-abiding group of glad handing citizens focused together on a consensual agenda designed to self-direct the masses into a congenial conclusion. It won’t happen.

War will happen: War as a result of an invading force seeking to reclaim land that was, only a little more than a century ago, before we laid claim to it, their land (read, *Mexico*). *Today’s* across-the-border threat is not only a modern, organized military strength, but within her borders are hundreds, probably thousands of very well-armed drug cartel thugs who’d like nothing better than to acquire some geographic freedom. I doubt that many Arizonans are ready to watch as their children are beheaded on their once-serene suburban streets. Neither would they have the physical nor psychological facility to combat such ruthlessness.

Civil war, as well: Those same aspects of non-commonality, *writ small*, within our nation’s borders that have led to congressional impasse will remain. Citizens will not become more homogenous simply because they are no longer affiliated with a larger, intrusive government. Each group will lay claim to the geography and control thereof, and in the turmoil that would necessarily and unavoidably follow, seek to seize control, by whatever means possible, leaving scores dead.

Currency, inter-nation transport of goods and materials, access to the former nation’s river ways, education of the nation-state’s children, caring for those who truly cannot care for themselves, defense of the nation-state’s borders, taxation, governance, and a plethora of other issues must be addressed, and very rapidly following secession to avoid the paralytic and deadly consequences of lethargy and disagreement.

...If people capable of meeting these challenges existed within the borders of the United States today, the subject of secession would be moot...

What is it that’s driving *some of the population of some of the states* into petitioning for secession? The bitter taste of sour grapes: the election outcome, although through popular vote was reflective of the nation’s wishes, did not reflect their ethnocentric desire. It’s the changing landscape of America. The authors did

not support Obama: we voted for the Libertarian candidate, Gary Johnson. The outcome did not meet our ideal, either, but Democracy, in its bastardized form of today, worked, as it should.

America is not predominantly White any longer: We are Black, Brown, Red, and Yellow. We are a melting pot in which millions of immigrants have recently been sautéed but have yet to become inseparably part of the broth, thus their opinions may not reflect the straightedge capitalism of those White immigrants who had preceded them, recalling that we are a country of immigrants with not even the American Indian having a valid claim against the land as *indigenous*, but only *aboriginal*.

Either we live with this reality or we retroactively invalidate the concept of America from which it was formed, and retrospectively denounce our forefathers' foresight as fatally flawed. Secede and, what the hell, the world could use a few million less inhabitants.

Are We Stimulated, Yet?

Warren-Hill

While you were sleeping, as most of us were and are, nearly one trillion of our tax dollars (\$1,000,000,000,000.00, for clarity sake) were re-distributed to various government agencies and corporations under the guise of “Economic Stimulus”. As the reader may recall, this plan was contrived by the Bush Administration to reverse the deterioration in our economy that began sometime as early as 2006 (although some argue that it was decades in the making). Through this *Stimulus* program those charged with its implementation *invested* our tax money in industry and government with the intended result of creating jobs during a time when unemployment was spiraling upward toward “Great Depression” levels.

Left principally to the execution of his successor, President Obama, the payouts began: Bankers, Carmakers, Defense Contractors, State and Local governments, and the like were all recipients of the US Government’s largesse; in many instances arguably not the best targeted use of tax money to create jobs.

Other, less-notable recipients, though, deserve equal skepticism, begging the question, *How did this massive, historical gift of taxpayer funds, at a time when our budget deficit weighed and weighs like an albatross around the neck of the world’s economy, lead to the actual creation of jobs?*

First, though, let’s consider Unemployment: Although often touted as an eight-percent reality, unemployment [by the government’s own Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS, U6 unemployment\)](#) actually exceeds 15%. Other, well-considered resources place it higher to varying degrees to account for the unknown number of our citizens who have *given up* on job-seeking of any type and have instead turned to the underground economy to eek-out a living: Your neighbors who operate an every-weekend yard sale, swap meet regulars, unregulated car repair, or begging at Walmart driveways and freeway off-ramps for that matter, and other creative earning solutions.

Most importantly, in the last forty years we – you and the authors – *all of us* – have happily off-shored much/most of our manufacturing jobs so that we – once again, *all of us* – may buy what we have redefined as those products we *must* have to live comfortably, more cheaply (and with higher profitability to those who make and sell those products).

To be clear about this, *no other type of job can create another job unless it adds value to a process*. In other words, to *add value* the job’s activity must increase the

value of a product, and not simply add to its *cost of sale*. (For a more complete discussion as to why the authors believe our economy has *neared* collapse read, “What’s Really Wrong with the American Economy?”)

Receiving, Shipping, Merchandising, and Selling a product do not add value. *Healthcare* for those who Receive, Ship, etc. does not add value. Levying, collecting and re-distributing Sales Tax on the product as it is sold does not add value. Educating those who will work at a retail store does not add value. Writing about our loss of jobs does not add value. Only those involved in the *Design, Engineering, Material Procurement, Machine Operation*, and all of the other customary, documented facets of ***manufacturing*** add value and, thus, create jobs.

Traditionally, *one* Manufacturing job financially supports at least *five* Service and Government sector jobs. (Any job other than ***Manufacturing*** does not financially support further employment, regardless of the disinformation one may have heard regarding the potentially-disastrous consequences of public worker furloughs proposed in the last few years.) So, to create jobs one might imagine that the payouts of Economic Stimulus money were directed toward the goal of thus *stimulating job growth*.

So how well did our government do? From our perspective, not well. Two cases in point:

The First: *Kingman Unified School District* (KUSD) situated in Mohave County, Arizona. During 2009 ***this school district received a total of \$7,578,563 in Economic Stimulus payments, in addition to their regularly-received 100% State support***, Federal Special Programs and Grants payments. In that same year they reduced teaching staff by 20 full time teachers. In 2012 another 17 teachers lost their jobs. There may have been more job losses, but at this writing the authors are still awaiting a response from the district’s administrator, [Roger Jacks](#), regarding current levels in both teaching and administrative positions. (You’ll note that no reductions apparently were made to *administrative* staff, only *classroom* teachers, resulting in a consolidation of students and the resultant ratio of student-to-teacher of 36-to-1.) The school district’s *graduation* rate ranges between 50% to 67% and continually scores *below average* on all tests, such as Stanford 10 and Arizona’s Instrument to Measure Standards or AIMS.

From their 2010 supplied *School Improvement Grant* application:

“Kingman Unified School District # 20 is a pre-K – 12th grade district located in northwestern Arizona. The district covers nearly 3000 square miles of territory and serves students of central Kingman and 7 outlying communities. KUSD is

comprised of 10 campuses: (5) K-5 elementary schools, (1) K-8 school, (2) 6-8 middle schools, (1) 9-12 high school and (1) K-12 schools. Demographic Analysis: 77% White; 1.6% Black; 16.8% Hispanic; 3.7% Indian; 1.7% Asian.”

“Teaching / Administrative staff: Administration (22); Instructional Support (31.5); Title I Certified (25); Title I Classified (34); Special Education Certified (45); Special Education Classified (45); Electives / non-core teachers (69); Core Teachers (208) (editor’s note: less 37, leaving 181 as *actual* number) All KUSD schools have a full time principal and vice principal with the exception of our smallest elementary school. The middle schools and high schools have guidance counselors. Schools within the city limits share (3) School Resource Officers and schools in the county share (2) Sherriff (sic) Resource Officers.”

The authors presume that the grant money provided was used to partially-fund the construction of a new, as-yet unoccupied High School campus for the diminishing number of students in the district, constructed by CORE Construction companies (a conglomerate of several companies each registered to various states in which they operate, being required to have a local presence owing to the nearly exclusive relationship they maintain with local and state governments.) CORE’s revenue is estimated to be in excess of \$750 million per year but the company is not publicly traded and is, instead, a closely-held, family-operated business divided amongst the founder’s four adult children, of whom at least one actively participates in the company’s direction. He is based in Illinois.

Jobs Created: (minus) 37.

The Second: *Masada Charter School, Inc.* The name, Warren Jeffs evokes *disdain* in the minds of most people who can recall its significance: The fallen heir to the throne of the Colorado City, Arizona/Hildale, Utah Mormon Fundamentalist group, termed the United Effort Plan, or *UEP*. Centennial Park, Arizona located just a few miles from this notorious *Campus* of fundamentalism that has been the bane of Mohave County’s prosecuting attorneys for nearly one hundred years, is a variation on the infamous Polygamous community of Colorado City. What’s different about Centennial Park’s residents – all 1,500 of them – is that, although practicing and teaching the *joys and wonder* (authors’ italics) of Polygamy, they have abolished “Child Bridehood” and other, the authors might term, *primitive* aspects of the more notorious versions of Mormon Fundamentalism.

What’s also different is that they have had their own Charter School, funded by the State of Arizona, for many years now. It’s called the *Masada Charter School*; Masada being the name of the ancient site of conflict between Jews and Romans that had resulted in the mass suicide of more than 900 Jewish men, women and

children, rather than subject themselves to the laws of the Romans.

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What’s very different is that the *school* was founded by Leanne Timpson, the same surname as one of the community’s founders, Alma Timpson (and Joseph Hammon) and she is also, apparently, an avowed Polygamist working to overturn the laws criminalizing Polygamy. (One of the ways the criminal issue has been avoided elsewhere is through the pronouncement of “Celestial” marriages and other non-legal, albeit attested to be spiritually-binding ceremonies.) Of the school’s board of directors: Alma A. Timpson, President; Don D. Timpson, Vice President; board members, Chris Holm, Fawneta Carroll, Esther White, and Lorin K. Zitting. What makes the founder of this school a very unique commodity in a “typical” Polygamist community is that she is an achieving, educated female – an unheard of blasphemy in otherwise *traditionalist* Fundamentalist Mormon communities.

From the school’s website:

“Centennial Park is a relatively homogeneous community in rural northern Arizona with an all-white population of native English speakers. Masada Charter School began as a Master’s degree project of Leanne Timpson, a teacher in the rural district’s lone K–12 school. Enlisting the assistance of other interested teachers and community members, Timpson developed a proposal for Arizona’s Charter School Board.

“The school received \$150,000 from the state in start-up funds for each of the first three years, and has supplemented those funds with six grants and various fund-raising activities. The business aspects of running the school are outsourced to a firm in Phoenix that assists other charter schools.”

And *business* it is. Every year the State of Arizona – that would be all of us – contributes more than \$5,000 for every student enrolled, now numbering more than 500. Additional grants may be made along the way to support special projects, supplies, and “special needs” accommodations, from both the State of Arizona and the US Government. The school employs more than 25 classroom teachers, and a full cadre of assistants, managed by those listed above. The school’s roster of teachers and administrators reads like a textbook definition of, “Nepotism” but it is, after all, a quasi-*public* school, advantaging by its isolation on the Arizona Strip. Also, they are mostly, it would seem by surname, related to the community’s

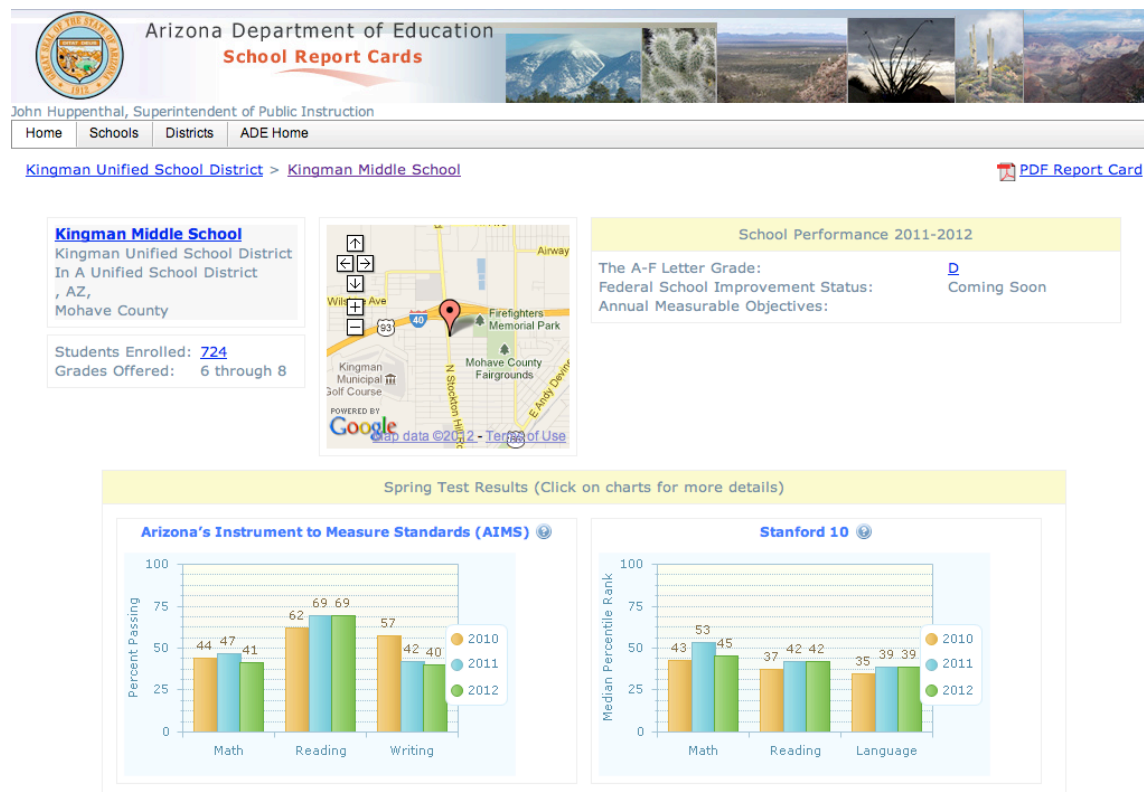
founders – the breakaway sect of Polygamists, and are, once again presumably accepting of the concept of *Polygamy*, or practitioners themselves.

In 2009 the Masada Charter School applied for and received \$930,680 in Economic Stimulus money, in addition, of course, to their above-referenced year-to-year funding.

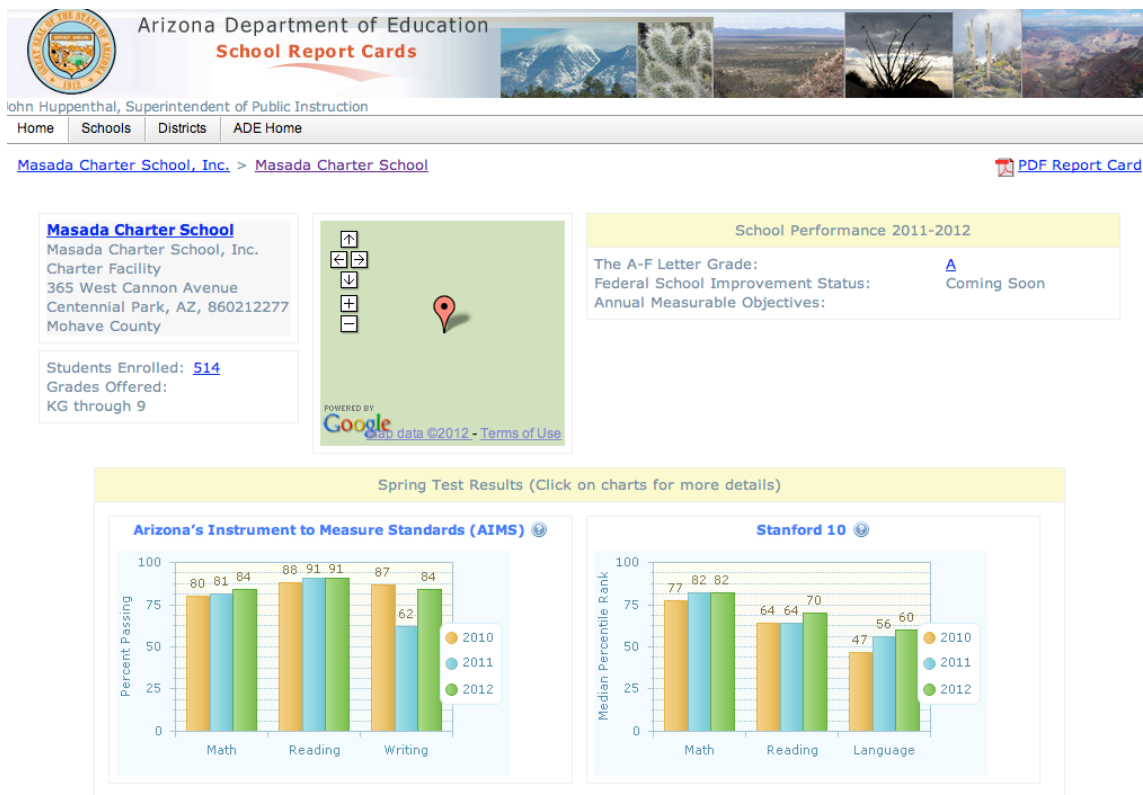
Jobs Created: Zero.

Let's set aside the issue of creating jobs from Economic Stimulus, since there are apparently very few examples to which anyone in government can point to illustrate the program's success (yet nearly everyone in industry and government wants more...). What of the quality of education, then, between Charter and Public schools? Perhaps that's the Payback.

The Arizona Department of Education routinely issues *Report Cards* for all schools, Public or Charter. The report card sheds light on several key performance factors, among which the all-consuming standardized testing which seems to occupy too much of our student and teacher time. Notwithstanding, here are the results for a representative school in the ***Kingman Unified School District*** (links to AZ Education):



And likewise, for the Masada Charter School:



Using 2012 as the comparison year, although the results would be nearly the same regardless of the period involved, 41%, 69%, and 40% of the students at Kingman Middle School passed, as a percentage of student body, the subjects of *Math*, *Reading*, and *Writing*, respectively. Overall, the school's grade was a "D".

At Masada Charter School, for the same subject areas, the percentages are 84%, 91%, and 84%. School grade, "A".

Why is Masada so much more successful than its Public counterpart? One could carefully dance around the issue of ethnicity, and attribute the difference to the vast difficulties English as a Second Language students experience when first being immersed in our Public Education system. One might decry the disadvantages of over-populating the classroom, *36-to-1 (or more)*, versus *20-to-1*. One might point to the participation of parents in the learning process: Remember that for many households in Centennial Park the MPH is vastly higher than that in Kingman owing to the Polygamous community make-up (MPH=*Mothers-per-Household*). (As well, Latter-day Saint communities overall place a very high emphasis on learning and growth. The Centennial Park community apparently shares that vision, but shuns the "other" Church's abandonment of *Plural Marriages* in 1890.)

In other Fundamentalist communities all of the “Sister Wives” as they are called by some, tend to share their expertise and teach all of the (female) children of their household how to cook, sew, clean, *be obedient*, and so on. The authors imagine that this type of *contextual learning* remains the same in Centennial Park, but to a different degree since education is not reserved for solely the *male* of the species. Thus, there are likely several MPH at any one time capable of tutoring the subjects being taught at Masada, reflected in elevated scoring.

In Kingman, Arizona, less than 10% of the population holds a four-year degree or better, while 15% did not complete high school. It is a retirement enclave bordering Nevada and California along the Colorado River. Many of the retirees are former US Military and spouses. It is a politically conservative community built on the remnants of the Mining and Cattle industries that brought moderate wealth to its citizens early-on in the late 1800’s.

Like most communities across America, *time* in Kingman is probably spent in areas other than *time* with family: the average American spends more than three hours per day interacting in *Social Media* forums, and *less than 30 minutes* in *Family interaction*. Perhaps that’s the cause of the disparate results.

In any eventuality, and for any reason, the difference is striking and reflective of something quite important. We’re just not sure of what. What we do know is that the Economic Stimulus program hefted on us beginning in 2008 did little or nothing to actually create the type of work that would become self-supporting following the termination of the funding: That should have been the program’s goal.

One might make the case that the Masada School is *manufacturing a commodity* that could, in fact, lead to sustained job growth, by developing educated, creative workers capable of leading America back to its former world-preeminence. But as the Bard said, *here’s the rub*: in our opinion these children cannot find their way into mainstream American life as active participants in the economy owing to their likely inclination toward Plurality in marriage: that’s the stated commitment of the community in which they live – its founding premise. We can use these eager young minds and talents only if the rest of America changes its perspective on the very controversial subject at the center of the community’s beginnings.

In Kingman, Arizona, where for every *three* people there are *five* definite opinions, that’s not likely to happen.

Forget the Fiscal Cliff: We've Been Doomed for Decades
Warren-Hill

Why this article should be important to you, and why you ought to read it in its entirety:

*Imagine a scale with:
Fourteen million on the right.
One hundred million in the middle.
The **rest of America** on the left.
What did we expect?*

In an earlier article entitled, “Yet Another Article About Why the Republicans Don’t Get It...” (available in the Archives section) we touched on some of the more critical issues facing America today, attempting to illustrate the contradiction inherent within today’s political discourse both Democrat *and* Republican.

Although having voted for Gary Johnson, we did share one common footing with Mr. Romney: (at least) **47% of Americans are not pulling their weight in America today**, leaving the capable remainder to support them through one government program or another. A long, painful, downward spiral since the inception of the *New Deal* that has left America where it is now without much hope of recovery. Ever. Without revolution in one form or another.

This situation is untenable in any economic schema: Communist, Capitalist or otherwise. Even Ernesto Guevara would shake his head in dismay, probably quipping that we are polar-opposite of his *Modern Man* ideal. And we are. “Work” means nothing to many of us today.

Authored in 2011 the below article remained hitherto unpublished. It is a comprehensive and heavily researched analysis of our current fiscal state. ***Read it and weep.***

For the many years preceding this last economic “slow-down” Americans have been exposed to a plethora of articles all seemingly pointing to some single factor that led us to our current state, laying blame wherever possible to push that writer’s agenda. Yet *causality* from an economics perspective is rarely that specific.

Perhaps what's missing is a more heuristic approach since most of us have some vague concept of what's gone wrong, and by taking a brief look at the various trends over the last several decades we may be able to identify the nexus between *what we did* and *where we are*.

From our view America's economic machinery can be divided into just three categories: The first are those types of work that are ***Economically Positive (E^+)***, Manufacturing, and in most cases, Agriculture and Farm work. The second are ***Economically Neutral (E^n)*** and includes only Service sector employment. The third are ***Economically Negative (E^-)***.

E^+ work includes primarily Manufacturing jobs along with Mining, Agriculture, and Farm work. Staying with the principle factor of Manufacturing, here's what's occurred in the relatively short time since 1950 when about 40% of all jobs in the United States were categorized as Manufacturing: We made nearly everything that the American Consumer (including the U.S. Military and its affiliates) could want.

We had virtually no reliance on imported oil (for processing into gasoline) at that time. "Imported" was *caviar* and the rare individual who could afford a Jaguar, Mercedes, or Triumph.

Today, owing to a variety of reasons, Manufacturing employment in the United States is about 9%: As a result one may easily argue that we're a country of three hundred million friends all passing basically the same dollar around from one to the next because there is very little new wealth being added to the economy. ***So why is this important?***

Some argue that it's good for the environment since we no longer have a large number of pollution-creating businesses with which to contend. Let's talk about that: The Non-Durable goods we now import, at one time made here in America, are now popularly identified by the authors as *not as durable*, being better defined as "*Really Non-Durable*" goods. The brooms we buy can't be left sitting on the porch exposed to the elements year-after-year (yet still functional) as they once were; the clothing we buy from various Asian countries tends to break-down, fray and lose buttons after the first washing; patio furniture disintegrates when left outside on the...patio.

How much *energy* does it take to manufacture a Non-Durable product versus a *Really-Non-Durable* product? ***About the same***. How much of the world's very finite natural resources does it consume? About the same. How much pollution does it create that we – globally – must contend with? ***More***. Why? Fewer controls

on offshore manufacturers have resulted in what in some cases is irreversible environmental damage. That's one of several reasons why many of *our* manufacturers relocated to overseas locations, and it's hardly a secret.

Can we buy those things that we now *need* for less money? Yes we can (in the very short term). Unfortunately *we're doomed to buy replacements again and again*, whereas those goods we manufactured here (past-tense) far out-lasting the imported. Does the manufacturer benefit through increased profits that in most cases are not subject to taxation? Yes. Is the profit associated with manufacturing this product finding its way back into America's communities? No. Have we upset the balance of economics globally to our disadvantage?

In 1987 our **Trade Deficit** was **\$152,119,100,000** U.S. Dollars. At that time Manufacturing jobs in the United States stood at a little more than 20% of all jobs. (In 1950 we had no trade deficit, but a **Trade Surplus** and nearly 40% of our workforce was dedicated to Manufacturing.)

In 2010 Manufacturing stood about as it does today at 9%. Our corresponding Trade Deficit is...well it's astronomical at **\$634,896,800,000 U.S. Dollars**. This year it will most assuredly exceed that amount. If we *make nothing*, we have *nothing to export*. (Interestingly, if Software Engineering and its related activities had not been included as a Manufacturing activity our actual percent of jobs in this category would be substantially less.)

Multiplier Effect (ME): Manufacturing jobs have always been viewed as having a *positive effect* on other sectors of the economy. Although varying, most seem to agree that a Manufacturing job will generate more to the community for every dollar of wage paid than any other type of employment.

In California during the early 1980's while doing legislative work specific to Employment Security, we generally held that every *one* Manufacturing job resulted in a return of about *five* other jobs, supporting employment in the Services and Government sectors, Welfare, and so on, none of which can make this claim as we will discuss below.

Working for America (workingforamerica.org) uses the very modest Multiplier Factor of 143%, yet declares that Service jobs represent only a 73% return for cost (only seventy-three cents of every dollar spent for Services re-emerges in the economy).

So Manufacturing jobs strengthen our economy by *adding* wealth both on a local level and globally: While passing the metaphorical dollar around our little group of

three hundred million we add more dollars (*that are not derived through the mere act of printing money*).

Let's place Manufacturing jobs on the right side of our scale. Assumed with Manufacturing is the equivalent activity of growing food or Mining natural resources for consumption here in the U.S. and for export, further offsetting the Trade Deficit. (Unless otherwise noted, data for the above supplied through Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census, and US Commerce.)

E programs and work are all of those activities that do not directly *add* wealth to the economy: in fact they are *Subtractive*. They are the ***sum cost of supporting all other Americans***, other than perhaps Service employment.

They are not profit-driven but represent work and related expense that is seen as *necessary, vital, important, socially significant, or entitlement* in nature. And, from the office of the President of the United States to our nearly trillion-dollar budget for National Defense and Law Enforcement, all the way down the line to *Bob-the-local-Building-Inspector* ***none add to the wealth of the country***. Some may safeguard our economic wealth but in doing so function as a cost-center – an expense - to our Manufacturing sector.

Currently (early 2011) there are about 312,000,000 people living in America. Our universe of those who are capable of working is about 239,500,000: what is defined as *Civilian Non-Institutional* population (people 16 or more years of age). Here's how the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) defines it: "The civilian noninstitutional (sic) population consists of persons 16 years of age and older residing in the 50 States and the District of Columbia who are not inmates of institutions (for example, penal and mental facilities and homes for the aged) and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces."

The actual **Civilian Labor Force**, though, is far less at 154,538,000. BLS defines this workforce as "...all persons classified as employed or unemployed" as described above. That means it is the total of 140,129,000 people with jobs, plus the 14,000,000 who are "officially" unemployed, plus the 7,100,000 who "currently want a job".

Where are the others? A short answer is, *too young, too old, unable due to disability or military service*. (Military Service accounts for about 2,000,000.)

So there are about ***140,000,000*** people working in America today – ***less than half the overall population***. 9% of them are in Manufacturing jobs that *support* economic growth. Being generous let's call it ***14,000,000 people who do***

something for a living that brings in more than it costs, leaving us 126,000,000 non-manufacturing workers.

In the ***Subtractive*** category (***E***) are:

Federal employment. As of March, 2011 the Office of Personnel Management identifies 2,124,000 Full Time Equivalent employees working for the U.S. government. That is up from 1,763,000 in 2000.

State government employment. Total state government employment currently stands at 3,836,500. Depending on the source, that number is up anywhere from 2 to 6 percent in the last decade, or more if one uses pre-9/11 figures.

Local government employment. Cities and counties as of 2009 employ about 11,114,889 people.

In addition **Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**, funded partially or completely through one or more government agencies employ more than 9,000,000 people. While some may argue that NGOs are funded to some extent (or wholly) through private donations, the associated tax loss must be subvented by others, therefore resulting in direct government support to these organizations – everything from *OxFam* to your neighborhood spay and neuter clinic.

E': How many people left? From the above we know that about 26,100,000 people work for *the government*, in one form or another and exclusive of the military, 14,000,000 *making something*, leaving us a remaining workforce of 100,000,000 people.

Most of these people are employed in the Service sector of our economy, encompassing the vast array of employment represented in this very general classification. They are sales associates, nurses and doctors, mechanics and landscapers, and ***anyone who does not make something*** in his or her job, notwithstanding how good they and others may *feel* about that work. Regardless, their activity does not add to the wealth of the country.

Other ***E*** (***Subtractive***) factors:

Social Security, while funded by employer and employee contributions, remains ***Subtractive***. Currently there are about 38,500,000 people aged 65 and older who are receiving payments through this system and an additional 16,315,000 as surviving spouses, children and the disabled for a total of 54,815,000. This number will continue to rise, shortly very dramatically, as those who engineered this chaos

reach retirement age: the Baby-Boomers, to which generation the writers belong. Some recipients qualify for **both** Social Security and Supplemental Insurance payments.

Supplemental Security Income, again funded by both employer and employee contributions, has become a refuge for the many in America who are unable to find work owing to some form of disability, **real or fabricated**. The number receiving this type of benefit has dramatically increased in the past few years as accessing the system has been perfected by those whose job it is to represent claimants. Currently the number of recipients is 8,057,000.

Public Assistance/Welfare in America, like all other entitlement programs, has dramatically risen in the last five years for those who have exhausted their unemployment benefits, and all subsequent extensions, and must fall-back on this system to provide for their family: it is the last vestige of hope for many. And, thus, the number of recipients has risen from 2008's 2,700,000 to 2009's 3,009,319. Today in 2011, the estimated number of recipients approaches 3,500,000 (perhaps more).

Unemployed and receiving benefits accounts for more than 14,000,000 Americans. "Discouraged" former workers – those who have dropped out of the system and exist through Public Assistance, odd jobs, or transient lives – account for more than 7,000,000, and the number probably goes much higher since they have fallen away from the system.

How does it balance out?

On the right side of the scale we have 14,000,000 workers who manufacture, by today's definition, some form of product and thus **bring wealth** into our system.

On the left side of the scale are 2,000,000 military; 26,100,000 government and quasi-government workers; 54,815,000 Social Security and related recipients; 8,057,000 Supplemental Income recipients; 3,500,000 Public Assistance cases; 14,000,000 receiving unemployment benefits, for a total of more than **108 million people**. Thus $(E^-)108^6/(E^+)14^6 = 7.71(F^1)$.

In other words for every one (1) manufacturing job there are 7.71 others who are an **Opposing Force**. Using the more liberal Multiplier Effect described above of 5:1, we can see that we've outreached our ability to grow (or just to sustain) our economy by 65%. And we passed that mark some time ago when our total Subtractive factors exceeded $(5*14^6=)$ 70,000,000 people.

But what about the money? Aren't Americans making more? Our answer is fairly concise, “Who cares?” The value of a dollar or of ten or of one million dollars is vague and inconsistent. A friend once said, “When gold reaches five thousand dollars an ounce we’ll be able to buy a loaf of bread for five hundred dollars.” The value of the Dollar is relative and volatile.

To understand what went wrong and how to fix the problem, we need to look at the one immutable factor of our economy, *people*.

A few paragraphs above we set aside our Service sector employment, numbering nearly one-third of the U.S. population at 100,000,000. A catch phrase during the 1980’s and 1990’s while we (the authors) were consulting to a variety of industries was “Value Added”: it was important that we were able to identify some empirically-based positive change in the way the company did business to demonstrate our *worth* or *value* (to make certain that our invoices were paid). In some cases – to what extent remains nebulous – we could do so with those client companies who manufactured a product. For those who did not, there was no metric other than improved service levels reflected on some vague Likert-scale summary depicting *Happiness* levels, which in reality did and do nothing to bring greater wealth to our society. *Waste Reduction* in Service industries benefited only shareholders and those others who participated in any incentives shared for reduced operational cost.

In other words, *Waste* had an impact on those who derived their compensation from the efforts of others but did not add wealth to the economy. Similarly, *Services* themselves do not add wealth, and may, in fact, lead to an undeserved sense of economic well-being, such as when the BLS reports an increase in Service sector employment.

*Imagine a scale with:
Fourteen million on the right.
One hundred million in the middle.
The **rest of America** on the left.
What did we expect?*

Fixing It

We need to bring the economy back into alignment. Moreover, we need to bring it further back than just “in alignment” if we propose to reduce our National Debt. To stabilize the economy necessitates growth in E^+ and/or reduction/transfer/shift in E^- (and E^n). To address America’s long-term debt, piling ever higher, means that *we must make a more dramatic change*.

It's that simple. Yet, it's that complex owing to:

Our abandonment of our manufacturing infrastructure and a misguided and government-reinforced generalization of what constitutes *job growth*. (Plainly evidenced in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, which funded jobs, to a very large extent in the ***Service*** sector. The effect? Adding some (large) percentage of the (borrowed) \$267,000,000,000 to the profit margins of companies whose *added jobs added* nothing to the overall foundation of our economy.)

American Consumerism. We are driven to acquire at the lowest cost those things we “need” giving no thought to the true cost of acquisition, nor to the cost-benefit of its acquisition. For the most part, *jobs, life-span, obsolescence, and environmental consequences* do not enter the decision-making process.

Work, itself, has lost its significance to many, replaced instead by a vague yet committed sense of *entitlement*.

A loss of perspective by: Those who work; those who own the companies; those who invest in the companies; those who could otherwise work but do not; those who run our government; those who interact and advise all of the aforementioned.

Are we heading to a collapse? We don't know. What we do conjecture, though, is that *Collapse* may be one of the only ways in which this very broken system may be rebuilt: It's been decades in the making.

The Ashamed American

Jos. Warren

“They're going to take our jobs!” What jobs? We gave those away over the last 20 years to China (and Vietnam). If it weren't such a vast body of water to cross you'd probably find people swimming west from Mexico.

To impose criminal penalties on people who come to what was *their* country before we took it away from them is as illogical as invading Iraq when it was 15 Saudi Arabians, an Egyptian, two Lebanese and one from the United Arab Emirates (led by another Saudi) who took down the Twin Towers on September 11. Who would do something as logically truncated as that?

How arrogant and egocentric can one nation of people be? And here's a statement that's sure to elicit a, "Well why the hell don't you leave..." kind of response: I'm so ashamed to be an American today.

Was a time when that would never have been the case. When I was born, President Truman was in office. He was followed by Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and you know the rest, or if you're a graduate of today's American school system, you probably don't. Check your favorite resource for in-depth research, *Wikipedia*.

A Maslowvian Massacre

When I was a child things were different. Life was different. People wanted things but the things we wanted were modest examples of a Capitalist (or any) society: We wanted access to education, reliable transportation, and clean, adequate living conditions, because for not too many years before, that was a tough *need* to fill. Today, our needs have changed. *Needs* and *Wants* are intertwined and have forged an amalgam of confusion and conflict – discordance: A Maslowvian Massacre.

When did this happen? Thinking back, the Prophet of Greed was Ronald Reagan: *Greed is Good* became our mantra. And from that point on Greed took over. Greed's the simple motivation of everything most of us do. We'd like to believe that we're complex and profoundly different than the rest of the animal kingdom, but we're not, and may be a much lower-ranking species.

I have a brother who is a clinical psychologist. He and his wife, also a therapist, bang drums and walk a labyrinth and suggest pseudo-therapies, working closely with their *patients* on an hourly rate to insure their patient's improved mental health, further perpetuating the myth that we are complex and require special handling. It's just not true.

Greed Therapy is what we need: some way to cause us to reflect on our behaviors and how Greed figures into it. Greed...sex, as it is defined today by most, is Greed driven; the acquisition of things we don't need that are now manufactured overseas at a low price (and a lifespan to match) while we bemoan the loss of jobs in America as we shop the aisle ways of Wal-Mart *buying more* is nothing more than Greed at work; Politics is Greed – all political offices are Greed-driven rewarding the successful candidates and those who supported them with (greater) wealth and power; War is purely an act of Greed today, as it has been many times before for the millennia that preceded us, just as the invasion of Iraq was nothing more than Greed – in its ultimate form.

Greed's at work every day around us and has become so integral to our way of life

that we fail to see its influence. But it's there driving us constantly, and in America, it has completely taken over.

It's greedy to think that our motivations are anything but Greed-driven. And while much of the world faces (or will soon face) starvation, where fresh drinking water is quickly vanishing from the face of the earth, where adequate shelter is non-existent for many, where we have so greedily despoiled the once-vast resources of our little spaceship, our government on our behalf, and most importantly on the behalf of the businesses that thrive on its consumption, continues to seek out new acquisitions of mineral wealth to squander.

A popular pastime in the United States is speculating as to why we are such a violent society, imprisoning thousands of our citizens every year for the commission of violent acts. Yet, worldwide the USA is one of the greatest purveyors of violence in history, reducing other civilized nations to chaos and ashes, killing off hundreds of thousands – millions – of people in our quest to control all that can be controlled to satisfy our Greed. Some quick facts: The United States imprisons more people for violent acts than any other country. We are *number one*. Communist China, the alleged *Oppressor*, is *number 121*.

When did we begin to *not care*? Is it that Adolf Hitler was an *over-achiever* and the remnants of the deaths of the eleven million people he slaughtered has left us immune to the deaths of just one million? Have our genocidal acts been negated by Hitler's *raising of the bar* on what constitutes a crime against humanity? And in 2002 why would George W. Bush not allow the United States to become signatory to the International Criminal Court so that war crimes, such as those we committed in Iraq could be rectified?

We are no longer a beacon of freedom, of justice, of liberty: we are darkness.

We have a long-standing embargo – a blockade – against Cuba as a result of a small, loud-mouthed group of insane people who live principally in Miami and New Jersey. The blockade has brought hardship to a country that does not deserve it. It is a country that has worked hard to bring literacy to a level that shames the United States; that provides free healthcare to all of its people; that maintains cordial and respectful relations with nearly every other country in the world. But we maintain an archaic and Greed-driven standoff that ultimately has hurt only ourselves.

We profess to maintain the blockade because the long-term ruler of the country, Fidel Castro and his brother, Raul, are Communists and because of a long, mixed history of bipolar, confused and hypocritical American policy. Based on extensive

reading and research I could argue that point effectively, but why would it matter? ***Do we not maintain a trade deficit of such immense proportions with China that much of our country's assets have been acquired by that government***; the same government that during its formation caused the deaths of more than 70 million of its people? The same government which through its closely aligned Vietnam and North Korea waged wars against an invading force of Americans that resulted in the deaths of more than 100,000 of our own citizens, and more than three million of theirs?

Jimmy Carter, ***not*** arguably our last great president, is as dismayed as some of us that in a world where no other superpower exists we continue to spend ten times more on defense than any other country in the world. To fight whom? In a country where education is being relegated to last place; where feeding the hungry is second (or tenth) behind maintaining tax breaks for the wealthy; where a healthcare law intended to provide a base for all Americans to not fear seeking out medical treatment is nearly defeated by some type of anti-American, anti-Freedom rhetoric fueled by today's Goebbelian media under the façade of American Free Spirit; where the longevity of the species is not likely to outlast the National Debt, is spending ten times what any other country spends on defense, sane?

The United States has a long-standing relationship with Israel. Israel's policies toward the Palestinians and other Arabs is patently inhumane and ought to be adjudicated in the International Criminal Court, too. Yet, to be critical of Israel will brand the commentator as an anti-Jew (anti-Semite is an incorrect term to use since the Semitic people, or Semites, include Jews, Muslims and others of shared heritage). Is it anti-Christian to be against the US's Middle East policy? I am opposed to many of our foreign policy practices, yet I am a graduate of a Jesuit university and of a Catholic background and childhood. Would it therefore be rational to presume I am anti-Christian?

Our First Amendment – the one that preserves our right to Free Speech – has been buried under a dung pile of Social Media. Where once the newspaper served as a focal point for discourse; wherein opinions were argued; wherein the community metaphorically assembled, are now like old whores selling what remains of them for a few dollars to keep the machinery going: to what ultimate end, who knows?

Now, Facebook *et al* serve as the basis for argument of non-issues doping the citizenry into further stupidity, engulfing them in self-centered drivel of no import. There are few arguments forging long-term solutions being discussed amid the illiterate swirl of self-aggrandizement in Social Media. The analogy is to throw a bucket of possible solutions into an ocean of ignorance. No single employment of technology has contributed more to the death of thinking and action and of the

First Amendment in America than Facebook and the like. And, they are the *Killing Fields* of the English language and creative thought.

As we approach elections this year I, like many, am dismayed at what our society has to offer: a recipient of what *once was* a prestigious award for one's untiring efforts to manifest peace in the world, yet bestowed on a man who has continued to prosecute an internecine war and continues to prostitute himself to the influences of wealth; or, a tireless corporate raider whose track record for destroying jobs and people places him high on the list of the demonic. Greed.

Perhaps the cure I long for lies in what some call the *impending collapse*. Perhaps someone will step forward and penetrate the wall of ignorance that has been erected around and within America. Perhaps I long for a Messiah: I just hope he or she is not on Facebook.

Our Social e-Dung Pile
by G L Hill

Newspaper publishers and the vastly ignorant American public are missing the point when they waive off the death of the newspaper industry as, “So What”.

Our country was founded on the premise that no single form of communication ought to be guaranteed freedom of exercise more than the Press. From the days of the Pamphleteers through to the founding of America’s greatest, most powerful organs for the dissemination of information and opinions, the actions of governments and people were reported and commented on, heightening awareness, educating the public, and leading, thus, to a more equitable democratic process.

Today, as newspapers fall away by the dozens, reducing the quality and depth of online information to a few bellicose bloggers whose ranting and opinions rarely equal either journalism or reflect an understanding of issues, a minority of American public are left to gather the critical knowledge needed to make informed decisions affecting their lives and that of our country only through online resources who maintain an international presence, such as BBC, MSN, and so on. This leaves an inescapable void – one critical to maintaining our government on its most significant level: state, county and local – and one filled previously by the Fourth Estate.

Without newspapers governments on a local level can conduct business any way they wish, injecting into the process all of the contrivances and manipulations that seem to be inherent within our species. Eventually, democracy on a local level breaks down. Thus, so does democracy nationally. We may all point to evidence of this occurring daily, notwithstanding our political mindset.

It is up to America’s remaining publishers, though, to do what they at *one time did*: educate.

Buying a newspaper is not an act of consumerism: It is an exercise in democracy.

How many times over the many years of my life have I heard, “If (that country) wants to be considered a free, democratic state, then they must guarantee a free press”? Countless: Cuba, the Soviet Union, and many other countries all fell under this critical aphorism. Today, now, we do too, as our free press drifts slowly out to sea with no hope of its return unless they muster what resources remain and wage a battle for literacy, democracy and freedom of the press.

May we be frank for a moment? Social Media is a dung pile of half-thoughts, illiteracy and self-serving, vapid ideologies. Is that really the direction in which America's newspapers wish to sail by imitation?

Democracy saved the Fourth Estate for hundreds of years: Now it's time for the Fourth Estate to save Democracy.

American Dream or Nightmare?

GL Hill

Many, if not most Americans have dreamed of owning their own home, and likely succeeded at one time or another in doing so. We have been conditioned to believe that home ownership provides us with *security* and a sense of *permanence*. We're no longer transitory rubbish, but lords of our own destinies. Motivations vary: Most often we became tired of paying a monthly rent to others instead of putting our money to a home that we can own, ourselves, without hindrance, control (save for Home Owner's Associations, or HOA), and not at the whim of another, and we make *the* decision.

So, dutifully, we begin saving to make a down payment on our "dream" home and searching for the *ideal*. After some time, and *finally*, we have scraped together the down payment, found the home of our dreams (or at least a "starter" home), and after a mountain of paperwork for a "No Qualifying" 30-year mortgage we joyfully pack up everything in the hitherto rented domain and with a (fond) wave of goodbye to our former *Lord of the Land* move lock, stock and even the barrel into our new *Shtettle*.

For the years to come we toil endlessly at (sometimes) less than meaningful work in order to meet the Slaver's Cry for our monthly payment, working tirelessly to pay off the mortgage; to arrive at the day when we finally *own* our home "free and clear." ***But, the vast majority of us will never live that dream.***

Real Property Tax is the primary lien against your home. It doesn't get "Paid Off"

A Property Tax Lien for unpaid taxes even takes precedence over a loan that you may have for the initial purchase of your home. You can lose your home, ***even homes without a loan balance owed***, if this tax isn't paid every year.

A single case in point: Orange County, California. A Condominium heavily governed by an HOA. ***No Fee Simple land interest***. Fair Market Value, \$350,000. Annual taxes the equivalent of *more than \$1,000 per month*, combined with HOA fees of \$450, totaling \$1,450 monthly payment, without mortgage. Only a score of years past this would have been for most Americans a ponderously high, keep-me-awake-at-night monthly obligation to ensure that the roof over your head stays over *your* head.

In our present economy many people are losing their homes specifically because

the government must go on, and it must, therefore, be fed...regularly and abundantly.

No other purchases that we make are ***taxed continually at the risk of losing that purchase***. Therefore, no one really owns their home or land, they merely lease it from the government after paying a sizable down payment – the “purchase” price. Consider this: no one will confiscate your vehicle if you don’t pay your annual *registration*. It remains your car, *ad infinitum*, which is Latin for “Up on Blocks in Your Front Yard”.

Many pay their property taxes in two payments; in Mohave County, Arizona the first half is due in the Fall of that tax year and the second half is due in the Spring of the year following.

Approximately eleven months after the second tax payment is due, Mohave County holds a tax lien sale for those taxes delinquent. This Tax Lien sale includes taxes that are 11 months delinquent and greater. In February of 2012, Mohave County sold tax liens against 1,621 parcels ranging from (mostly) residential to commercial, with funds posted of \$2,756,073.31 (per the Mohave County Treasurer’s office). With an interest rate on delinquent taxes of 16%, the County collected ***\$417,235 in interest from this single tax sale***. This outrageously high interest rate on delinquent property taxes further hinders owners from hanging onto their homes.

Three years after the tax lien sale, the property can be foreclosed upon by the tax lien holder (most often private investors) and the original owner can lose his or her home, permanently.

A little research tells us that property owners have had success in holding onto their homes from tax delinquent property sales, for now, but that hasn’t always been the case. During the *Great Depression* (the one before this one) there was widespread property tax delinquency and landowners – farmers and homeowners – revolted against the sale of tax delinquent property. (In response, several states exempted “owner-occupied” residences from taxation.)

So what can be done to prevent you from losing your home today? Pay your taxes, ***on time and forever***.

Alternatively, owner-occupied residences could be exempted from property tax and remain exempt for the duration of tenancy. Would it be such a terrible loss of local revenue? Or, couldn’t “sales” tax charged at the time of transfer of the property offset any revenue loss? (A real property, transaction-based sales tax

would equate to less than 20% of the real property tax paid over a 30-year period, but multiplied by the number of times a home is sold, thus sparing the long-term owner-occupier from the continued threatening burden of a never-ending obligation, bringing true *Home Ownership* to a reality. ***Home*** and ***Castle*** might once again become synonymous.

Einstein's Wristwatch

Warren-Hill

(Editor's note: An atheist is one who does not understand the physical nature of the universe.)

“We will find the *nature* of God in (the) Sciences, not in religions.” -Walter Russell

Our Time

Bertrand Russell in his, *ABC of Relativity*, considered the habit of man to impress the nature of *Time* as experienced on Earth to the balance of the Universe, absurd. We agree: There is a duality of time at work in the universe – a cohabitation of (at least) two Space-Time realities the foundations of which science has identified, along with perhaps a vast number of others. Recognizing this phenomenon will bring us closer to understanding the true nature of God's *word*.

Religions further the development of faith and the practices of their respective dogma. They are faith-based and do not require proof, only *belief*. While through science, we explore the composition of the Universe and its fundamental beginnings.

Seen as *at-odds* by many for centuries, in fact, they are not. They are at their core serving the same purpose: allowing us to inquire, speculate, appreciate, understand, revere and stand in awe of the magnificence of *Creation* (in whichever way one may define the event), and that is why scientists are searching for the Higgs Boson, or what is aptly called by some, the *God Particle*. We – all of us – are seeking to better understand the *Beginning* so that we may better understand the *Why*.

Albert Einstein famously proclaimed, “God does not play dice.” We agree, and we contend that the clock on his mantle runs differently than ours, too: God's clock is set to the *Time* of the Universe – a chronograph that tracks the Universal passage of time in all of its complexity as it passes at or near the Speed of Light, which from the human perspective, based as we are in a *Reference Frame* restricted to our perspective, appears to alter distances and warp the experience of the passage of Time.

Now an indisputable fact for decades, Einstein's *Special Relativity* captured the universal truth that the passage of Time – the movement of the Universe into the

future (or past) – is entirely dependent on one’s perspective, or *frame of reference*, and that the faster one moves through the Universe, and as one approaches the Speed of Light, the more *Time* undergoes a transformation, insofar as some observers are concerned: *Time* expands in its experience, moving far more slowly from the perspective of those in our Reference Frame, but not so in the Reference Frame of whatever or whoever is moving along at much greater velocity.

A *World Line* may be thought of as a sequence of events in a particular Reference Frame: Ours. It marks *Events* and the *Time* of each occurrence within *our scheme* of Space-Time. It is classically, Genesis.

That which many of us call, God, also has a World Line encompassing the Universe. It is predicated on a changing scheme of Space-Time altered periodically by the changes in velocities of the billions of objects within the finite Universe, taken in sum, and resulting in an amalgam of Time.

Time Dilation

To us a *Phenomenon*; To the Universe, nothing more than *business as usual*, Time Dilation is the experience of Time being either *compressed* or *expanded* from the perspective of one whose Reference Frame is different than that being assessed. It’s what happens to Time when one experiences a different *constant velocity*.

This different constant velocity is *by analogy* the same as when *you* pour a cup of coffee moving at 80 miles-per-hour in a car: The coffee pours out of the thermos in a straight line down to the cup, paying no attention to the fact that at the same time it’s moving 80 miles-per-hour forward, while the Earth is rotating at a speed of 800 to 1,000 miles-per-hour to the east, *and* while making its annual trip around the sun at about 66,000 miles-per-hour, *and* while travelling in an ever-expanding Universe at a velocity relative to other Galaxies that may *exceed the speed of light*, as a result of the *expanding* nature of the Universe.

Still, the coffee pours out as though you were in your kitchen: it’s how we experience things.

Standing on the side of the road, you (or God) would see the coffee mysteriously tumbling out of the thermos and, seeming to defy logic, fill the cup.

Word of God

Was our Earth created *six thousand or four and one-half billion years ago*?

If the Bible (*Scriptures, Old Testament, Pentateuch*) is presumed to be the Word of God, which the authors presume it is, then the presumption holds that any reference to *Time* is based on a Reference Frame that is distinctly that of the *Creator*, however loosely or otherwise one may define that term. Would it therefore not be the height of human vanity to presume that the Universe *times* itself by the standards we impose using our own, *insignificant* Reference Frame above that of the Universe?

Big Bang theorists, who have gained much traction in the past decades owing to reasoned and mathematically (and scientifically) proven theories argue that a fraction of a second following that *Explosion, Matter* likely traveled at very, very near the Speed of Light: so near in fact, that from our Reference Frame it would have been *nearly frozen* in Time – barely perceptibly moving.

In such a Reference Frame, Time slows substantially from our World Line. We can follow the *fairly* simple formula proposed by Albert Einstein in his Special Theory of Relativity (based on the earlier work of both *Hendrik Lorentz* and *George FitzGerald*) to learn that matter traveling at .99999 (abbreviated) the Speed of Light (proposed by *Big Bang* theorists as the speed of *Matter* in the Universe an *instant* following the explosion) equates to a Time Multiplier sufficient enough to convert *several billion* of our Earth Reference Frame years into a Universal Reference Frame (the author's idea of *Time* by God's clock) of from **6,000** to **12,000** years.

The *Word of God*, as deduced based on the chronology of *Genesis* in the Scriptures occurred at a place in history when *Time* passed based on our observation of the seasons and the division of day and night. So, if we presume that:

1. Genesis is in fact the Word of God, and, 2. God is the Creator of *Light* and of the balance of the Universe, and, 3. Time on Earth, at that point was linked specifically to the physically observable, then, Why in *Heaven's name* would the Creator of the Universe *speak* in terms of *Time* predicated solely on the Reference Frame of only one of His planets, and why *not* the *Time of the Universe*?

Yes, *our* world did begin four and one-half billion years ago (our clock). And, *yes*, it was just a few thousand years ago (God's clock), *at the same time*, and at that *Time* God said, "Let there be *light*, and there was."

Throughout the lifetime of Science we've made several errors in applying the incredible insights we've developed, perhaps the most confusing of which was in the development of devices that decode the antiquities of our Earth's past using a Reference Frame that is *inconsistent* with God's *point of view*. Even after

becoming aware of the true nature of Time, we held fast to those findings without looking further into *Time*, itself, and understanding and applying its highly variable nature to circumstances that more closely align with the Universe.

It's an obvious and understandable error. We're blind men at a canvas who have never had the gift of sight, yet we are ready to paint the *one true reality*.

Embrace Science: In doing so, we will eventually come to know God.

The American Dream is Alive and Well (in Vietnam)

Warren-Hill

The Herald Sun says, "...Less than 6% of (Vietnam's) 86 million people are over the age of 65: a unique advantage for Vietnam in the global marketplace." And that the country is, thus, "...enjoying some of the most favorable demographics in the world."

On behalf of we the people of the United States, "You're welcome." You see, something good did come out of killing 2 million of their people; out of superimposing ourselves on their civil war. We just hope *Iraq and Afghanistan* appreciate the incredible market advantage we've leveraged them into in the next 30 years.

But what has Vietnam *done* with the wonderful opportunity we presented them with?

Much. In 2007 they joined the World Trade Organization, and *peeled rubber* from the starting line. They haven't slowed since. To illustrate our point, in 2012 ***our trade deficit*** with Vietnam will exceed **16 billion** (USD) up from **13, 11, 8, 6** and so on, billions for the years preceding. Unemployment rests at about 2%. A spirited sense of entrepreneurship prevails; Education and Healthcare are foremost on their government's agenda, and are available to everyone; Individual dreams are being realized as those with the initiative strive to see them come to fruition: Impressive by any standard.

"Sure, but they lead miserable lives: continually monitored by the government, they can't own their own homes; If they speak out against their government they're thrown in jail without a fair trial; To start their own businesses they have to endure endless government involvement..." the reader might say.

The authors might ask, "Are you speaking of *here* in America, or *there* in Vietnam (because those are the conditions we Americans face today, but to a greater extent)?"

In Vietnam all property is owned by the government and through a fairly simple legal process, absolute control and use is extended to its individual citizen on a permanent basis: just like in America. If you believe otherwise, try this simple experiment: ***don't pay your property taxes*** and find out who ultimately owns your home – with or without a mortgage. (Non-citizens of Vietnam may hold property for a period not in excess of 50 years under current law.)

In Vietnam the government monitors most all communication: in America, the NSA monitors *every phone call you make, every email you send and much of your "Snail Mail"*.

In Vietnam you may be jailed for dissent...eventually...perhaps. In America we have admitted to clandestine jails and illegal torture where the guarantee of *Habeas Corpus* no longer applies: not just for foreigners, but for us all. (Especially the authors...)

In Vietnam credit is available to anyone meeting basic criteria, so individual purchases are stimulated and encouraged. The stock market reflects this buoyant consumer sentiment and, like the GDP for Vietnam, is on an ever-upward climb, as is tourism. (Tourism by not just we aged veterans but others, too, who first and foremost have only a vague knowledge of a war, and who see the country instead as a beautiful place to visit, without thinking in terms of killing the host country's inhabitants.)

What about the great American pastime of car ownership? Certainly they haven't embraced the inalienable right to consume large amounts of fossil fuels in the name of personal freedom, our last, personal vestige of greed?

Yes. In fact they have the advantage and only *now* are considering imposing annual fees: the equivalent of our licensing, registration and personal property taxes. Sound familiar? Here's what's happened, according to the Saigon GP Daily, "At a meeting with Vietnam Automobile Transportation Association on Friday, several businesses protested against a new proposal by the Ministry of Transport to implement an annual ownership fee on private vehicles." Thus, it may not come to pass. And, what's all this about *Protesting*?

Thank God they're Communists or we'd really be at a deficit.

US Politics: Humor

Inauguration: Time for a Purge?

Associate Editor

From the BBC, “The House of Representatives voted 398-1 on Wednesday (December 5, 2012) to strike the term, “Lunatic” from all federal legislation, after the Senate did the same in May.

“The measure is designed to remove language that has become outdated or demeaning from the US code.”

It remains, however, *legal and correct* to use the term in the following context, “The ***Lunatics*** running this country ought to be (insert verb of choice).” -ed.

A house divided: The American electorate – the few who vote, and the majority who do not – continue to bemoan the lack of coordinated progress toward resolving those cataclysmic issues portending bleak days ahead. Many of us don’t seem to have the common sense to understand that a *house divided* will generate no significant progress, yet a majority continue to vote in a way that sets America up for failure: how might we best deal with the continued impasse chronic within the system (other than to urge a greater number of Americans to vote, and to vote *wisely*)?

Well, Stalin did it, and so did Mao. Hitler did it for years, and through Guevara, Castro successfully jumpstarted his Agrarian (and other reforms) without much in the way of (lasting) dissent. Perón loved it, too, as have most newly evolved leaders over the millennia in Europe, Africa, Asia and elsewhere.

Looking to history – that thing we care so little about – we might garner from various successful dictators that the foremost method for accomplishing anything on a national level when the possibility exists that there will be dissenting views is to effect a *Purge* at the beginning of any new leader’s term. ***Left or Right***, this method has been employed successfully following the overthrow, or collapse and presumption of leadership, of any number of regimes or political systems, in nearly every country, throughout history.

The process is quite simple and forthright, without much preamble, and allows for all final judgment to be made extrajudicially: that is, without requiring strict judicial review by a competent court of law.

Here's how this might work for us: In January, shortly after Barak Obama takes his second oath of office, any member of the Legislative and Judicial Branch, Popular Media, and Local and State Government, (and any others) harboring or having demonstrated a dissenting view, as determined by either President Obama or any of his closest advisors (requiring many people to be empaneled given the rather extensive list of likely suspects) is placed in front of the Vietnam Memorial Wall (or any wall of sufficient height and depth to prevent the accidental shooting of someone who happened to be standing on the other side of the wall, rather than of an issue) and shot dead. Done. Dusting our hands off we might say, "That was easy." And so it was.

Vacancies are filled by the willing masses anxious to participate in the freshly assembled government. Dissent is silenced. Discord is nonexistent. Harmony suffuses the halls of government, the extent of which hasn't been seen since the second term of FDR (if then). The Fiscal Cliff is avoided. A budget – either balanced or not, yet with all in agreement on its terms – is passed into law. President Obama spends the balance of his *Lame Duck* term throwing back beers with selected, compliant "normal" people. There isn't a Lunatic in sight...four blissful years of things getting done.

And in 2016, if there's a change in the prevailing political philosophy based on the winning candidate, we'd bet that any concession speech is made by cellphone from an obscure town in the remoteness of the Paraguayan mountains (or Kenya), and the new leader would be well-advised to count the White House silverware.



Maybe George Bush had the right idea: There are too many of us inhabiting this little 66,400 mile-per-hour dirt-ball. We need to trim down a bit.

There are officially, according to the US Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html>, more than 7 billion of us elbow-to-elbow trying to nudge our way to the front of the line.

Which line is that? Pick one: Food Line; Energy Line; Dominate-the-World Line...it's plainly just too many people. And, the way medical science is curing those diseases that would have trimmed the flock, purging the *lame, diseased and marginally capable*, we're heading toward a complete breakdown. *The Earth cannot support that many people.*

So what's a government to do? Kill a few million, of course: Somebody has to, since we've negated the basic function of *Natural Selection*.

The good news is that Congress has passed a US Military budget of \$650 billion (USD), which when combined with a little more than \$300 billion in off-the-books appropriations, brings our total "Culling Power" to nearly one trillion: ***Get ready Terrorists (and the hapless millions who happen to be standing anywhere within a thousand mile blast zone).***

Maybe we'll have the opportunity to use some of this *Instant Thinner* on some of our own people since Congress and former president Bush approved the use of *our* military on *our* people. (We should probably wait, though, until the Housing market stabilizes.)

The bad news is that the world's governments don't do that good of a job of thinning the herd: Since the beginning of the 19th Century we've only culled about 119 million from the Earth as a result of the genocidal acts of *Superstars* in the field like Chairman Mao (with about 70 million slain), while our population in that time has grown from 1.5 billion to today's see-saw tipping 7.06 billion. It's going to take a really *fat* girl to bring the teeter-totter back in balance, and that fat girl is *Miss World Genocide*.

An example of the more pitiful efforts: Efrain Montt's *Best* in Guatemala in the

1980's was about 70,000 dead. You've got to do better than that to take on the big boys like *Mao, Hitler, Stalin and Bush*.

Another poor showing? Although scoring high in *name coolness*, Papa Doc Duvalier did not live up to the expectations of those who saw him as a true potential contender for *Despotic Tyrant*, coming to the finish line with a body count of only about 60,000. Shameful showing for having so much potential.

In the category of Runners-Up in the *Miss World Genocide* competition, Leopold II had a fairly presentable showing eliminating about 8 million people down in the Congo. (As the reader likely knows, the United States ***will not interfere with pogroms directed at eliminating Africans*** because Africa's black population en masse, do not meet the US Government's definition of *Human*, thus providing Africa's ruling tyrants with a decided advantage.)

Then, too, Tojo managed to take out about 5 million, while Pol Pot, who scored very high for *great looking neckwear while slaughtering the masses*, managed a meager 1.7 million, yet has been the subject of far more cinematic dramas than his rival, Leopold. Such is the life of a tyrant, subject as they are to the whims of a fickle world population.

Who knows? Maybe the world's next savior is out there right now...sharpening his machete. We can only hope.

Shall We Gather at the Liver
Editor

At our local Kingman, Arizona, *Smith's* grocery store this past December milk was a little more than two dollars a gallon: If we don't fall over the *Cliff*, it'll stay about the same as long as our Dairy industry continues to receive its substantial stipend from the Federal Government totaling, according to the PCRM – Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine - about \$500 million per year: ***one-half of a billion dollars***. Of course, given the other Federal subsidies provided to related industries - those who provide the feed for the Dairy industry - it is, overall, a small drop in the bucket. Yet, once again all of this was made possible by the *New Deal* back in the 1930's when FDR ruled the DC roost. Ironical that we're still *dealing* with the *New Deal*, isn't it?

At the same local store, Petite Sirloin Steaks sell for about \$2.50 per pound or a bit more depending on the prevailing market. Great news. Now here's the bad for 2013:

If you own a horse, as so many of us in Arizona and the Southwest do, you've noticed that the price of hay and alfalfa and other *Forage* products has gotten to the point where *Ol' Paint's* starting to look a little more like *stew meat* than original Western yard art. At least a 1962 Buick on blocks doesn't have to be fed (or washed) and *rarely* craps in the yard.

Most of us tend to think it has something to do with the price of fuel combined with drought conditions in the Southwest. That's not entirely true: That's far too brief an answer, and there is at least one other very significant cause at work.

Horsemeat Fajitas

Recipe ingredients:

1/2 red onion, minced

1/2 red bell pepper, minced

1/2 green bell pepper, minced

2 Tbsp. safflower oil

1/2 cup medium salsa

1 lb. strips of horsemeat surlonge steak

To taste salt and white pepper

4 plain tortillas

1/4 cup 1% sour cream

Preparation:

*Sauté the vegetables in oil. Add the salsa. Keep warm.
Quickly sauté the horsemeat until pink in the middle.
Mix the meat, the vegetables and the salsa.
Adjust the seasoning.
Spread the sour cream on the tortillas.
Spoon the mixture on the tortillas.
Fold the fajitas and serve.*

It would appear as though our friends in China have a tremendous emerging need for Forage owing to their expanding Dairy industry. Once benign and not very robust, the Chinese Dairy market was very limited. That was before we started sending all of our money to them via the more than \$2 trillion US Dollars we spend annually (and growing) on Chinese made clothes, TVs, computers, et cetera. Now, many Chinese have acquired a taste for *designer* Dairy foods such as flavored yogurt and other tasty treats previously reserved for Bourgeois Americans.

Here's what's happened: According to a recent market development report from USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), China imported nearly 95,000 metric tons of U.S. alfalfa during the first six months of 2010. In all of 2009, Chinese imports of U.S. alfalfa totaled just 76,000 tons. For the year (2012), the FAS reports that Chinese imports could approach 420,000 metric tons. Hooo-weee! That ain't hay! Well actually it is hay, and a lot of it. But how can it be cheaper to send hay to China than it is to just feed it to Ol' Paint here in Arizona or Texas or New Mexico or California...?

You know all of those containers you see on the railroad lines heading *east* along the tracks leading through town? Well ships brought them here and the Chinese still have many more wonderful and cheap products to send us, and that we can't wait to buy, so the ships either go back west empty or they figure out a way to make a few bucks in the process: that's where Forage and other food products comes into play: Given the availability of Forage in California and Arizona, it can be sent overseas to China for about \$30 a metric ton (2200 pounds). Unfortunately for our trucking industry, that's ***less money than it costs to ship the same products a few hundred miles*** to your local feed store.

Trigger Brochette

Recipe ingredients:

1 1/2 lb. lean ground or cubes horsemeat

1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

Sauce:

2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

1 cup tomato sauce

1 Tbsp. brown sugar or liquid honey
1 Tbsp. mustard
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation:

In a pan, sauté the horsemeat in oil.
Drain the meat and throw out the cooking fat.
In a glass bowl, mix all the sauce ingredients.
Pour into the pan over the meat.
Cover and simmer for 1 hour.
Serve with pasta and sprinkle with
parmesan or peccorino cheese.

Supply and demand. In 2010 China sent us us \$273 billion US Dollars *more* in goods than we sent them. So, in a strange way this Forage and food product *thing* pays out for us. Or does it? Meat (beef, etc.) and dairy looks like a pretty good buy...for now. The problem is that very few people have figured out what this is all going to lead to except the ranchers who grow beef.

Here's what the US Food and Agriculture people have to say, "Drought continues to motivate sales of feeder cattle and cows, which will likely reduce feedlot placement in 2012 and calf crops this year and in 2012. Commercial cow slaughter - primarily drought-driven at this point in 2011 - is set to exceed last year's high rate and numbers for the first half of the year."

Uh-oh. So we'll have fewer cattle to start the year with. We'll have less feed owing to the drought persisting in the Southwest. We're sending Forage to China and placing a greater strain on cattle producers here in America – in particular the Southwest.

Need more convincing? In a March 2011 report the Asian Development Bank issued a report that included the projection, "Global food prices registered a new high in February 2011, rising by more than 30% year-on-year, underpinned by large increases in the prices of cereals, edible oils, and meat."

So, at twenty bucks a bale today, one can only imagine what the world will look like in the coming year. But, if the thought of turning your favorite critter who does little more than eat (and you-know-what) into *food* is troublesome to you, consider this option:

Dog Meat Stew

Ingredients:

100 g. of boiled dog meat

500 g. of gravy

20 g. of green onion

10 g. of a leek

10 g. of perilla leaves

100 g. of taro stalk soaked in water

8 g. of salt

2 g. of mashed garlic

3 g. of perilla

2 g. of red pepper

2 g. of mashed ginger

Directions:

After boiling the dog meat with gravy and stalk of taro for some time, boil again after putting vegetables and other ingredients into it. Before eating, sprinkle pepper on it and put into an earthen bowl.

“Fetch the stewpot, boy! Good job.”

Who *Liked* Jews the Most?

Obama, that's who! And, What About Gary Johnson?

Warren-Hill

As sophomoric as it sounds this *was* one of the key issues in Florida (and Ohio) for this last election, combined with its polar opposite, *Who Hates Castro the Most?* Why? Because the two groups most vocal, albeit empirically insignificant in number yet influential from a contributions and press coverage perspective, are Miami's pro-Israel, thus anti-Muslim, Jewish contingent, (and the Cuban exile community whose psychotic ramblings about Castro's tenure in Cuba has reached fabled status). Squeaky, wealthy wheels. Not *you and me, ché*.

This is what drove our election this year? Yes, among other lesser issues in Florida and Ohio.

According to an American Jewish Committee (AJC) national survey Obama was a two-to-one favorite over his Mormon rival, Mitt Romney. Perhaps, if we may suggest so, owing to a few of the LDS Church's past faux pas including posthumously converting dead Jews to the Mormon faith, graveside, without the deceased having benefit of expressing their reluctance to embrace a theology that is as novitiate as theirs is ancient. That, and if the truth be told Romney just looks like a *Goy. Meta-Goy*.

That's one reason, but the key to this extends far beyond one's ability to blend in at Canter's on Fairfax while enjoying a good brisket on a kaiser roll with a bottle of overpriced Dr. Brown's on the side. It's about Israel. According to this and previous AJC national surveys, Iran and U.S.-Israel relations continue to be major topics for American Jews. Yet, America's small, vocal Jewish population is somewhat divided on what Israel (and her ally, the US) ought to do with respect to Israel's archenemy, Iran, if anything at all. Here's a fairly concise summary graphic from the *Jewish Press* (an organization on the web, not an attempt at humor owing to its obvious redundancy):



As the reader can easily observe, 41% of the respondents to this survey believe that Israel ought to attack Iran *right now*. *Not* tomorrow. If one of the options would have been, “Attack yesterday...” it probably would have out polled any of the other possible choices. Cavalier, yes, but based on the presumption that the United States will back Israel’s play. Thus, *Romney or Obama?* became a pivotal issue: Who likes Jews the most (since most American Jews are Zionists)?

So how do just three percent of Florida’s, and only about one percent of Ohio’s electorate bring so much sway to the table? Influence: *Money, Power*, and the ability to *Control the Media*. It’s hard to forget that George W. Bush’s victory over Al Gore was at the least, Grand Larceny, while at best a quintessential example of the corruption inherent within our political system today as Money (Power)

becomes the central controlling influence, where a small group of people can manipulate and pervert what ought to be a flawless, truly democratic outcome. But that, sadly, is the truth of it all. And that is what happened in Florida, way back when...

...those who watched the debates and thought that there was something other than Pig Shit coming out the other end are delusional.

There are so many things that are now inherently wrong with our election process, not the least of which from the authors' perspective is that the debates consisted of only *two people*, one from each of the primary parties. There was no third party representation: no *individual* individual who might take a much different approach to our role as (quickly failing) World Leader, to the continuing economic crisis, to how we will truly deal with diminishing natural resources including the fossil fuels we continue to consume on a highly disproportionate basis, and the plethora of other civilization-halting issues facing America today.

Here's the simple formula: There were only two people involved in the debates because there were only two candidates who could garner the financial resources necessary to compete in a (what has been recently tallied as a) *two billion dollar* political race. Because it is so costly, only those with sufficient backing can compete. Because only those with sufficient backing can compete, only those who *are owned* by those individuals and companies who *Slop the Pig* adequately influence America's direction. Because only those who shovel financial slop to the candidates direct America's future, those who watched the debates and thought that there was something other than *Pig Shit* coming out the other end are delusional. And, therein as *traif* as it is, is the reality of the race in Florida and Ohio.

So, who did like Jews the most? Obama.

This year we wasted our votes on someone whom we ***knew*** would make a difference, **Gary Johnson**. In nearly every state he polled from one to two percent. From our perspective, not bad at all. In a few weeks we'll be offering our readers, "Don't Blame Me, I Voted for Johnson" bumper stickers. Since no one reads history anymore, few will mistake the name for Lyndon. ("Who?")

On a brighter note, had Gary Johnson's 1.129 million votes been cast in Rhode Island, he would have captured all of the electoral votes (4) of a state that is the definitive baseline of any geographic (or virtually any other) comparison: "You can fit 38 Rhode Island's on the Senate floor and still have room for a trainload of Pork."

Yet Another Militia Warren-Hill

Occasionally the editors are the recipients of emails from people who wish to make their book, political views, or group's activities known to us for publication: *Free Thought expressed through Free Speech*.

Right-Wing militia groups designed to “protect America from enemies both foreign and domestic” outside the parameters of already existent law enforcement and military forces, are experiencing another resurgence in *enlistment*, apparently. And we are occasionally beckoned to embrace a group's ontological platform. On the contrary, if we were likely to subscribe to any militia point of view, it would be one more reminiscent of the more romantic **Left-Wing** liberation forces operating at any time in the distant past in Cuba, Bolivia, Guatemala, Peru, Mexico, or any other country that had, or is, laboring under the weight of traditional imperialism and oppression. Sadly, all Left-Wing organizations of today choose to only gather around and sing songs of yore while wearing t-shirts emblazoned with the image of Ché, without recognizing how much contempt Ché would have held for their passivity.

One such recent seemingly *Right-Wing* correspondence was from, www.usCrow.org this last week, submitted by the group's **Commander**, one Runick Lanesra, which must be an anagram or some type of code, the meaning of which is only *revealable* to its membership – rather like the Masons. At any rate, the website exists and we took a moment to peruse its content: Dark rhetoric and veiled foreboding images, but interesting nonetheless. The site is more “Prepper” oriented describing the necessities of life, post-Armageddon, including weapons, supplies – both medical and otherwise, and everything else one ought to have at the ready: **Just in time for making up your Christmas shopping list!**

For the unschooled, a *Prepper* is one who is *prepared* for what the Prepper sees as either the inevitability of vast hardship and conflict soon to follow in America (such as those who operate the above-mentioned website), or those who suggest that such a series of events *may* happen, *could* happen, or for the editors who have a sound grasp of history, *can* happen regardless of how indestructible a society may appear to be: notwithstanding how complex and seemingly concrete things may appear to the docile masses. But, we are not Preppers, although our off-the-grid lifestyle is very reminiscent of the Prepper doctrine. Nor do we belong to a militia.

God only knows, though, that if one wished to seek out and join a militia in America today there are innumerable organizations from which one may select.

Depending upon the resource, America's militia group count has spiraled from several hundred (the Anti Defamation League (ADL.org) suggested 750 organization in the 1990s) to more than 2,000 today, much owing evidently to the repeated election of President Obama, a growing xenophobic response to increased immigration - legal and not, in concert with ever-increasing debt, worsening financial conditions, and for many of the groups' members, the increased political influence of *undesirables* in American society. (An *undesirable* is a not too subtle code name for *minorities* and others, rather like Commander Runick Lanesra's name.)

In Arizona we just have oodles of them: as many as 20 known and perhaps an equal or greater number of unidentified groups operating with impunity. We have one group, the Mohave Militia, who is even civic-minded and sponsors an Adopt-a-Highway sign for litter remediation. Here in the remoteness of northern Arizona, it's rather like paraphrasing Matthew 18:20, "Wherever two or more pudgy white males in fatigues gather in the name of preserving the Constitution...there is *Militia*."

We are not condemning of the individuals and their groups: they are symptomatic of what has gone vastly wrong in America today. As a country we are standing still, facing upward on a *Down* escalator. We've nearly reached the edge (See *Forget the Fiscal Cliff: We've Been Doomed for Decades*, column right).

Often (mis)quoted, George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." The past dictates that revolution may occur everywhere, at any time, when the conditions are either disposed to revolution, or when they may be made so by an influential group or amalgam of groups. Revolt is the most common tool of change, the outcome of which may be either good or bad. America has no immunity from this prescription of history.

Guns, Guns, Guns...

“Somebody’s Just Shot 20 Children: Don’t Answer the Phone.”

- (Probable) NYPD Response to *Newtown Shooting*
Warren-Hill

As we initiate a series of sure-to-be-volatile debates this year regarding *Guns in America*, we need to begin with an accurate baseline. Such is ***not the case with New York City***. To listen to Michael Bloomberg offer his sage advice on how to counteract the menace of violent crime ***is to listen to fiction***.

The statistics look good: *too good* to the average thinking American (sounds like a *Carlin-defined*, oxymoron), and/or to anyone who has spent any time at all in Manhattan. Crime statistics in *Index Crimes* (Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Burglary, Aggravated Assault, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) are down, according to databases reporting statistics based on *reported crime*.

Actually being able to report crimes in New York City, though, *appears to be the problem*, as many of its savvy citizens are discouraged from reporting violations against them ***and others***, or flatly turned away and refused the time it would take to prepare a report, including for suspected **Murder victims!** (The examples documented in journals ranging from the *Village Voice* to the *New York Times* are too numerous to cite here: Seek, though, and you shall find, with little effort, we might add.)

The practice is apparently so out-of-hand that the Office of the Mayor called for the assembly of a committee to *study the problem*. The committee includes the Chief of NYPD. (*Objectivity* will surely prevail. – ed.)

Examples of refused and “lost” reports are, as is crime, *rampant*. This includes all forms of criminal acts: ***those that involve a firearm and those that do not***.

Sleight of hand manipulation is not a way to control crime, and only obfuscates what actual progress may (or may not) have been made defeating crime. Thus, to include any representative from the City of New York, Mayor’s Office or otherwise, to participate in any national Gun Control debate ought to be steadfastly avoided.

On the other hand, **why is Michael Bloomberg so happy?** Of reported crime (now recognizing that our friends in New York tend to deflate the statistics more than a

bit) NYC's crime rate in **2011 numbered 51,209**. That seems terribly high to the authors, and especially so when recognizing that the actual statistics are *much higher*.

At the same time, the city of Phoenix, Arizona (one of the many strongholds of the Second Amendment) reported **8,089** for the same period with a population of about 70% that of NYC. (The population of the *entire state* of Arizona approximates that of New York City: 2011 Index Crime *statewide*: **26,311** or about one-half of NYC.)

The city of New Haven, Connecticut – the nearest metropolitan neighbor to Newtown, the site of the now-famous shooting, reported **1,748**. Dallas, Texas, where not only ought one not “Mess with Texas” but with their firearms, too, reported **8,330**. And, most importantly, in Aurora, Colorado, the site of last year's theater massacre, statistically when combined *with Denver*, reported a total of about **5,100**.

What does this tell us, other than that Michael Bloomberg's pants are on fire?

From our perspective any blue-ribbon panel, the goal of which would be to better understand how to control *Violence in America*, might best be assembled of participants from *anywhere other than New York*, otherwise the result will be nothing more than a methodology on how to *not report* the shooting deaths of 20 children.

Foremost these statistics tell us with all certainty that Guns do not commit crimes: People do, as they always have and very likely, unfortunately, always will...particularly those who live in New York.

That Crazy NRA
Warren-Hill

"If it's crazy to call for putting police and armed security (armed *volunteers*) in our schools to protect our children, then call me crazy," **Wayne LaPierre** of the NRA recently said.

OK...You're crazy, and we mean, *it's time to get your head examined*, crazy.

Philip Elliot writing for the AP has reported that Wayne LaPierre, Chief of the National Rifle Association (NRA) has finally envisioned a plan to help us deal with our very violent society: *More guns in schools*, but this time wielded by, "armed volunteers." Now why didn't we think of that?

LaPierre told the Associated Press, "*The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.*" We agree, somewhat: Unfortunately, he stopped short by placing blame *only* on "...video games, movies and music videos for exposing children to a violent culture day in and day out..." without pointing out that we, as a country, are responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands – millions – of innocent people who happened to live in the same country as those we Americans hate. (Like a global version of *your* neighborhood, if you will.)

Look: television glorifies the warrior mentality as live streams from battlefields all over the world enter the homes of nearly every American via the (Black)Magic of Television. We – America – are the greatest purveyors of violence in contemporary history. We need to learn to deal with dissent a little differently, other than by teaching our children that a successful debate involves *firearms* rather than *rhetoric*.

More armed people is not the answer: It is only a demarcation line across which lies chaos and Fascism.

Be that as it may, LaPierre used the opportunity to describe some of the more prominent gun-friendly toys on this year's toy shelves. They are:

Machine Gun Barbie. A near-duplicate of the well-established doll we have all known and loved over the decades, but with the addition of a Thompson .45 caliber with 100-round magazine. She sports a t-shirt, stiletto heels, black leather panties and, in this edition, possesses simulated genitalia and pubic hair.

Tickle-Me-Elmo. Just as before, Elmo laughs and laughs and laughs and laughs when you push the *right button*, but if you touch him in the wrong place he

withdraws a Sig 9mm and says, “Suck on this, child molester.”

From a fairly new entry into the toys market, ***Doc McStuffins*** and his, “Time For Your Check Up” doll. In this rendition Doc McStuffins is a back alley abortion doctor, offering his services in trade for oral sex while holding your daughter at gunpoint.

In Fisher-Price’s ***Jake and the Never Land Pirates***, your son will enjoy hours of hilarious fun while defeating “Invading Pirates” the old fashioned way: muzzleloading a .50 caliber rifle. Each set comes with a muzzleloader, one-pound can of black powder, three dozen lead balls, ignition caps, and instructions on how to make wadding using your “little sister’s underwear.”

Power Wheels this year offers their new, ***Dune Racer Ride On***, with ***Phunny Phosphorous*** grenades and a fifty caliber chain gun.

"In a race to the bottom, many conglomerates compete with one another to shock, violate, and offend every standard of civilized society, by bringing an even more toxic mix of reckless behavior and criminal cruelty right into our homes," LaPierre said.

We ask, “Are you talking about NBC?”

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Connecticut:

Why Are You Shocked?

Warren-Hill

In March of this year, Staff Sergeant Robert Bales walked to two villages nearby his billet in Afghanistan and opened fire on children, women, and unarmed, noncombatant men murdering 16 innocents, nine children among them. Unfortunately, this is only one example of the many atrocities committed by us during the lengths of the Iraq and Afghan wars. Total dead: more than one million in Iraq alone.

We are a society that has become far too accustomed to killing and death. We value life not at all. Every day we export violence around the world illustrating our commitment to apathy. The tired argument about popular media glorifying violence stands true, yet we continue to permit our children to *watch and learn*, while our government funds a *one trillion dollar a year military* and ignores and vilifies the troubled, the hungry, and the homeless.

...So, what did *you* expect?

We, the authors, were not taken aback. We were not shocked. Our expectation is that until we become a different society, less steeped in violence, less hateful of those within and without America, we will continue to see an escalation in horrors such as the Connecticut shooting.

We will continue to see increased episodes of random and planned violence. We will continue to read in resignation and sorrow about the deaths of children and innocents who perish at the hands of the many deluded people in America who have *learned* that violence is a solution to all things, and who continue to support our efforts to inflict violence on the rest of mankind.

I distinctly remember the day My Lai hit the world's media: You see, we've been stewing in this broth of insanity for decades.

It's not about firearms: The authors have been around firearms all of their lives and neither have considered using one unnecessarily and would only under the most critical and dire of circumstance. It's about understanding that everyone is not our enemy, regardless of what the popular media and *our government* would like you to believe. ***It's about valuing human life.***

In another, earlier article (on this page), *Singing in a Shitstorm*, the authors quoted

Galatians, "...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We need to start sowing *peace* so that collectively we may harvest something other than hatred, here and abroad.

We have only one last question: Did *Obama or Bush* weep for the thousands of children murdered in Afghanistan and Iraq? To the authors, a *child is a child*: White skin does not make their loss more tragic. Ask any of their mothers.

Europe, Russia and the Ukraine

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Editor

President Putin has very recently implemented restrictions on Internet access for his fellow citizens: We're sorry to hear this. Every month thousands of pages of this journal are downloaded by Russian Federation readers, and *still more* in the Ukraine.

Although we infrequently hear from our readers in the *Other Europe* - we know from past correspondence that most read *The Independent Daily* because they find the opinions expressed largely very *different (as in unique, and not part of the mainstream view)*, thus difficult to categorize in traditional Two-Party terms: how the European reader views America's political landscape.

Through this journal, I hypothesize, they gain insight into America's less *chattled* thinking.

Some of our *American* readers have difficulty pigeoning us into a set of circumstances consistent with traditional media as well, and that makes them *nervous* and they feel a sense of *discomfort* reading this journal because they have difficulty reconciling how our writers, as an example, may simultaneously express *abhorrence at violence* and yet *promote the sanctity of America's Second Amendment* protecting firearms ownership. It doesn't fit within the logic set they've been told are the *only two acceptable* ways of thinking: Binary, if you will, across the spectrum of issues - *Yes or No, Red or Blue, Zero or One, On or*, most importantly, *Off*.

This feeling sometimes arises I imagine, because thoughts expressed by our writers (and by me) are not governed by *Political Party Rhetoric* or acceptable *Schematics*, but by *Deduction, Syllogism, and Analogy*. In *Nausea* or *Troubled Sleep*, I honestly don't remember which at the moment, Sartre would have referred to this as the frictional relationship - imbalance - occurring when one considers *what is*, to *what might be*. We prefer the latter.

Refuse Your Daily Meds: Turn Off Your TV.
It's time to wake up.

Ukraine: A Dose of Democracy
Warren-Hill

What do *Corruption*, *Indifference of the Authorities*, *Lack of Local Governance*, *Inequality*, and *Poverty* have to do with Democracy?

Answer: They are the five *Deadly Sins* unavoidably inherent within any Democratic system in-place in the world today. Vitali Klitschko and his Udar party of the Ukraine will just have to get used to the idea, no matter how subjectively *vial* he may perceive them to be. Why? Because Capitalism *drives* Democracy: Not the other way around.

In the United States as Capitalism becomes more and more the central force behind our *nuoveau* Democratic system, *Corruption* is an understood byproduct of the influences of Power. *Power* is derived from Wealth. The acquisition of (greater) Wealth is at the basis of Capitalism. Ergo, *Corruption* and *Capitalism* are hand-in-glove working to the ultimate end, contrary to what Kant may have categorically discerned.

And, most importantly, *Corruption* is in the eye of the beholder. That is, to the *Corrupter* it is merely a pejorative used by the varyingly impotent to describe what, to he or she, is merely the benevolent act of spreading an economic doctrine that serves the needs of the *Corrupter*, *Corrupted* as well as what Marx would have termed the *Proletariat*.

To attempt to deny Corruption its rightful place in a Capitalistic society is to elevate naïveté to its epitomic level.

Because Wealth, to its varying degrees, is manifest within a Capitalistic society, Equality is predicated on one's ability to influence the direction of Government and Industry, from the very wealthy to the poor (whose influences are negligible or nonexistent). So, if *Equality* varies with level of *Wealth* (*virtually negating the concept of Equality*), it follows that *Inequality* must necessarily be a component of Capitalism, and, thus Democracy today.

Poverty is an unavoidable component of Capitalism because it, too, is entirely relativistic. In the United States our Poverty Level is defined for a family of six as below about \$31,000 annual income, or the equivalent of UAH 253,670. In the Ukraine – a country where the monthly range of income is between 1,500 to 3,000 UAH – the equivalent UAH in US Dollars for a family of six at 21,140 UAH does

not sound like *Poverty*.

For Capitalism to function “properly” there must be substantially representative numbers in each economic class in order to perpetuate *Greed*, without which Capitalism would not function and thus Democracy (as it is defined today) would fail.

Apathy necessarily follows complacency, and no one is more complacent than he who has risen to his desired level of comfort, as have most government administrators in the Ukraine (and in the United States). *Indifference* is symptomatic of apathy, as is the lack of interest in affecting change that may have the unintentional and negative consequences of affecting the comfort level of those in power on a local and national level, relegating *Governance* necessarily to nothing more than maintaining the *status quo*.

What does all this mean? It means that Klitschko’s 13% influence in Ukraine’s government is merely reflective of the level of naiveté inherent within most societies by their populace. Unfortunately, vainly rallying against what the authors believe is the *inevitable* in a Capitalist society only serves to lessen the shared influence that *might have been gained* through closer alignment with others of nearly the same interests, leaving the factionalized people of the Ukraine to the mercy of the enslaver, or *Capitalist*. Likewise another unavoidable derivative of Democracy, as we’ve learned too well, too late in America.

The Merkin of Venice

Warren-Hill

Today's news on Silvio Berlusconi reveals that he will pay about 36 million (USD) to his soon-to-be-former wife. Aside from his record-breaking philandering, Berlusconi's recent Cannoli-Fallout with an 18 year old model at her 18th birthday party, no less, resulted in much indignation on the part of his lovely wife. Hopefully she will find some solace in the annual endowment from her once-husband, who promises to run for PM again, next year. For one-half the annual payment we'd be pleased to write her a yearly letter of consolation...she'll do fine; Italy won't:

What future within the EU will Italy have if the *Merkin of Venice* (our coinage, by the way), who maintains sufficient voter appeal in Italy among the male of the species, as well, mounts both a *teenage model and a successful campaign*? Italy is finally on the road to recovery: Greece, hobbled as it is, may surge from the quagmire nearly completely releasing Germany from her supportive role. We urge Berlusconi to remain fulfilling his primary life's objective...and to leave politics to those more discretely prone to *adventure*.

The US and the majority of the world's economic strength, including Asia, are girded by many things, not the least of which is the prolonged downturn in Europe. A Berlusconi (re)election will only exacerbate conditions. (*Our apologies to W. Shakespeare.*)

Deseret: The Prophecy

Breakfast Serial Warren-Hill

In a **recent article** I editorialized that true change comes, as Ernesto Guevara said, "...only from the barrel of a rifle." In an informal discussion the other day this thought surfaced again as we discussed the potential changing of the guard proposed to occur sometime in January 2013 when either the next pretender to the throne succeeds President Obama, or Obama assumes the mantle of the *lamed* duck and concocts whatever schemes he, within the confines of Congressional approval, may wish to foist on us as ways to rid ourselves of the 600 pound albatross hanging about our collective neck.

(His platform in 2007 was all about *Change*. Nothing happened. Things are worse. He serves the same *Masters* as Romney. So it goes.)

It was about this point in the conversation that I invoked *Guevara* believing that it may truly be the only way out of this quagmire. Those present seemed to agree, and yet none (including the author) would suggest actively working to overthrow our government. (*The foregoing message was brought to you by the Department of Homeland Security.*)

Later, it did remind me of a rather lengthy piece GL Hill and I wrote in 2006 entitled, *The Coming of Deseret*, which had heretofore remained lost on the hard drive of this and prior computers since its completion, languishing in a miserable, binary near-death coma. Yet it is a story worth reading. We thought so then, and we think so now.

It's a story about the collapse of the United States, how it occurs, the battles fought, the thoughts and feelings of those involved, and what rises from the ashes. One country within the former borders of the United States, Deseret, is the re-invocation of a dream by Brigham Young: a sovereign nation in which all members of the LDS church might live their lives to the fullest extent as articulated in the prophecies of the church's founder, Joseph Smith. Quite obviously, Deseret occupies what is now Utah, along with parts of Arizona, from where this journal is published, and other areas of the Southwest.

Owing to its length, about 26,000 words, it will be serialized. Read it in its entirety. We may have missed the projected date of occurrence, 2013, but by how many years? Perhaps this type of event will never occur: rather, we'll plod along as a

cancerous nation spiraling down the world ladder of wealth, education, illiteracy, poverty and ignorance. Or, as Che understood, maybe we'll bring about real change through the rifle bores of a small percentage of the current American public. Remember, the vast majority of Colonialists supported remaining under the Crown. Only a few, vocal, independently-minded individuals brought this country into being, dragging the balance along kicking, screaming, whining but not effectively resisting, owing to various placations. Much like today.

- Editor

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Installment One

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“We planned our individual futures and ‘prophesized’ that, although fraught with difficulties, the United States would continue, just as empires in the past had long succeeded in doing. We conjectured that eventually a future generation might bear witness to the collapse of the United States, and when that time came we speculated that it would be a period of immense upheaval.

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were all so involved in our day-to-day lives: sitting at outdoor cafes, talking about politics, working, shopping, dining out, thinking about the future, while the ship sailed on with no one at the wheel.

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(To be continued)

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Part A:
Conducting the Citizen Meeting
Instructional Material and Notes

Confidential Notes for Educators:

The last two years have been tumultuous, and have left many of the citizens of the Former United States of America (FUSA) uncertain as to their future. Since establishment of our new country's boundaries not only has the government of Deseret assumed responsibility for the health and welfare of the residents of those portions of the FUSA states now included in our purview (see *Cartographic Representation of Boundaries*), but our population has increased more so as refugees from other territories, both reformed and otherwise, have sought solace with us. Thus, this is a time for compassion and understanding on the part of you, the Educator, as a representative of the Government.

While in the last year most of the battles have been fought to conclusions and the boundaries of other countries have been fixed and predominantly accepted under the *Convention of North America*, signed January 12 in the last year of the tumult, Omaha, Sequoya (see excerpted copy included for your instructional use) there remain pockets of violence throughout the Continent as various factions strive to gain control of specific geographies that contain natural resources which they seek to exploit. From a national perspective, the most fundamental question for many of our citizens is with regard to land rights under our newly formed country. As directives issued earlier this year have stated, "All land rights continue in existence until such time as all realty reverts to government ownership." This change is anticipated to occur at a later date after which all realty will be redistributed according to His principles of Communitarianism in the most equitable manner possible given those principles. As a methodology reveals itself, further directives will be issued to Bishops, Stake Presidents, and all citizens. Brothers, these are unique times requiring that we concentrate our actions for the good of all, abandoning self-interests.

Many of our citizens have family members who reside in areas of continued violence and you, the Educator, must appreciate their fears and concerns. **It is important that**

all of our citizens understand that their families are welcome to join them in Deseret.

The Educator should list the names and last known locations (exact addresses, if possible) of any family members outside of our boundaries so that we may make every effort to offer them the opportunity to join their relations here.

Special *Facilitation Teams*, the purpose of which is to provide transport, if needed, to the domicile of the Deseret citizen-relative, including the conveyance of personal property, have been activated and are available to assist.

Any Educator may submit a request to his Stake President who will in turn process the request without hesitation forwarding it to a subcommittee under the auspices of the Quorum of the Twelve.

With your presentation materials you have been provided a master list of Stakes and their presidents within Deseret. However, we can imagine a time when a citizen may need to know the name and location of a Stake president in an area outside that which they are domiciled: Should this be the case, please direct the citizen to their ***Area of Domicile, Stake*** president's office. If this is not practical, please make certain every citizen records the Deseret office from which this information may be obtained:

Office of Interim Governance, Deseret

Area of Domicile, Stakes

Salt Lake City, Deseret, 00002-Room 110

How to conduct the Citizen Meeting

“Remember brotherly kindness”

D&C 4: 6

As we know, any sustaining civilization is built on the codification of God’s laws. Consequences for actions that are inconsistent with the accepted standards and the needs of our country at a time such as this must be swiftly brought about. Developing “Standardized Consequences” will be one of the many objectives of the constitutional convention to be held during the second quarter of next year. In the interim our government has established a temporary Constitution the Preamble of appears below. To properly present the content and context of our beloved Deseret’s Constitution, whenever possible handouts of the Preamble to the Constitution should be made available, one to each family. When this is not practical, the Educator should use the easel version included in the instructional package.

Begin the session with prayer, allowing each citizen to pray silently for peace, understanding, and the health of their loved ones. You are asked to be tolerant of all icons, gestures or salutations used in the expression of their religion during this transitional period.

(Many FUSA meetings began with a pledge of allegiance to the flag of the FUSA. While often considered a legally binding oath dating back to the formation of FUSA, it was actually a contrivance of a children’s magazine, *The Youth’s Companion* in 1892. No such pledge is required of Deseret citizens at this time. It is presumed that, given the flexibility with which one may migrate to other regions or countries within this continent, most or all of those who reside in Deseret are here out of clear choice. Here are the original words for the FUSA pledge: *I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for all.* October 11, 1892 “The Youth’s Companion”.)

(Another, seldom referred to statement of belief espousing FUSA identity was the American's Creed: *I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the People, by the People, for the People; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; A democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many Sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Humanity for which American Patriots sacrificed their Lives and Fortunes.*

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to Love it; to Support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to Respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies. In retrospect, the reader may easily identify those aspects of the *Creed* that faded from the operations of government and from the hearts of the governed as it decayed into a self-directed governing body prior to its collapse.)

After prayer, introduce yourself and your role as Educator. Ask for the names of those in attendance and ask that you may list them on paper as they are told you. Ask each if he or she is a member of the Church. If so, ask if they have First Anointment. Make any notes next to his or her name for further reference and verification.

Welcome everyone and ask, "Who can recall the Constitution of the Former United States of America?" Select one or two citizens to participate in a discussion, if possible. Do not become discouraged if only a few (or none) recall the Preamble or other components of the FUSA Constitution: this was symptomatic of societal conditions in many regions of the FUSA. If no citizen in attendance recalls the Constitution of the FUSA, read the Preamble of this now-archaic document and ask if anyone has questions. Answer all questions to the best of your ability.

Preamble of archaic Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence (sic), promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of

Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

After a brief discussion, say, “Now, we have a Constitution that explains the Law of the Land that will help us to live peaceful, constructive lives, while guaranteeing individual liberties. Let’s review it now.”

Review the Preamble of the Constitution of Deseret and permit as much discussion as necessary. Answer any questions concerning the governing bodies of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Answer all questions openly and honestly recalling, “...ask in faith, with an honest heart...”

Following discussion of our Constitution, allow topics to freely flow among the group, being certain to bring closure to each subject before moving on to the next, thus manifesting trust and goodwill. Do not attempt to control or confine the topics: many new citizens are fearful of the future. “Knowledge” is our only weapon to defeat the sense of uncertainty and concern they feel today, leading to a path of communal, spiritual and societal growth tomorrow.

In the pages following the basic orientation material (Part A) included are extensive readings concerning the (B) History of the Collapse of the FUSA and (C) History of the Major Battles leading to the Formation of the Sovereign Nation of Deseret. The primary components of these three sections should be committed to memory by every Educator and relied upon as significant documents necessary to meeting the challenges of the months and years ahead. Should any citizen wish a copy of the readings, offer to secure them as they become available from:

Office of Emergency Publications

Salt Lake City, Deseret, 00017-Room 380

You may apply directly for as many copies as you wish.

Should any citizen ask a question the answer to which you are uncertain, ask if you may record their complete name and their location in the Stake. Then, forward your

question to that Stake's president, if he is not in attendance. Assure the citizen that an answer will be forthcoming. The Stake president will respond directly to the citizen to make certain that their question was completely answered.

Allow each citizen meeting to last as long as necessary: do not be in a hurry to conclude it prematurely so that you may travel to the next meeting, or for personal reasons. Instead, ask the Stake president to reschedule any meetings following so that you have ample time to invest yourself with the community.

The Constitution of the Country of Deseret

Preamble

We the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Deseret, in Order to manifest a peaceful society abundant in God's glory, establish Justice, insure Domestic Tranquility, promote the General Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the sovereign country of Deseret.

As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, the Seventeenth President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Raymond L Johnson has affixed his seal to this Constitution and decrees that it shall be the "Law of the Land" and he does Ordain that all Stakes¹ within the Country of Deseret shall govern their "Municipalities" in a manner consistent with its provisions.

As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree, therefore, each Stake President is herein authorized to enforce the provisions of this Constitution and to devise an interim set of Standards and Methods for enforcing the Law of the Land, including the prescribing of Appeals from Decisions rendered and Just Punishments for violations including the re-invocation of Blood Atonement.

As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree that any male over the age of 16 shall be immediately Conscribed into the Country's Militia for a period of two (2) years in lieu of Mission Service, when applicable, and that this mandatory Conscription Service shall extend for the next four (4) year period to include departures when Called to Mission, unless earlier suspended upon decree

¹ For the Gentile: The term "stake" comes from two Bible verses: "Look upon Zion the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed" (Is. 33:20); "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" (Is. 54:2).

by Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson, or his successor, and that all males of sixteen age and older shall own at least one firearm for the defense of life and property, and for use in the militia.

During the trying times yet to come as the Country of Deseret strives to manifest Public Good and Civility of which its citizens are deserving, as we arise from the throws of an Apocalyptic occurrence that has reigned Disquiet and Loss upon us all, the Law of the Land shall be that prescribed in the Doctrine and Covenants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The various provisions of the Doctrine and Covenants shall be our single and foremost set of laws governing all citizens, with application of Laws and Judgment resting with the President of the Stake holding jurisdiction.

(All that lay within the Doctrine and Covenants shall be as before the imposition of oppression and tyranny, including that of Section 132. Praise be.)

Any Appeal from the decision of the Stake President shall rest with the Bishop responsible for the Stake. In the case of any punishment of a Capital Crime, Appeal shall rest with the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

The Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson, or his successor may countermand any decision rendered by a Stake President, Bishop, or collective decision of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles.

The Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson, understands that there are citizens of Deseret who may view the nature of Government during this interim period as *Theocratic*. Yet, he urges each citizen to understand that invoking the Doctrine and Covenants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was a utilitarian decision to manifest an understood set of laws in the most expedient manner possible.

As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree that all citizens of Deseret are Free to practice their Religion of Choice without consequence, so long as its practice does not bring Disquiet to his neighbors.

As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree that citizens who subscribe to the beliefs of any Christian religion shall not perform any form of work on the Day of Sabbath, commonly held as Sunday; and that any citizens who subscribe to the beliefs of any non-Christian religion shall not perform any form of work on the Day of Sabbath, as declared above.

As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree that the manufacture, sale, exchange, barter, conveyance, or consumption of distilled spirits or drugs in any form, except as prescribed by physician, shall not occur. Any citizen found guilty of such act shall pay forth with his or her life by atoning for such crime by the spilling of their blood.

As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree that each Stake President shall send out to its citizens messengers on each Saturday of the week, sufficient in number so that by nightfall all citizens of the Stake shall have a means by which the days of the week may be coordinated.

This Constitution shall be in effect until such time as the Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson, or his successor, may assemble a convention of delegates representative of each of the Stakes to meet in Convention in Salt Lake City, Deseret to consider, discuss, draft and affirm a Constitution embracing the reasonable wills of all those represented.

Atoning for Sins. As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree that the following acts shall be cleansed only by Blood Atonement: Murder; Adultery; Theft of any Food, Implement or Device used in the Growing or Harvesting of Food, Necessary to the Feeding of any Citizen's Family or those in the Collective; The manufacture, sale, exchange, barter, conveyance, or consumption of

distilled spirits or drugs in any form, except as prescribed by physician; Theft of Transportation; Blasphemous Utterances against God or Jesus Christ.

Atonement shall be by a Quorum of Seven Danites who shall be called forth from the Church. They shall be responsible for fulfilling His word by drawing a knife across the throat of the Sinful from ear to ear, allowing the smoke thereof to ascend to God. As Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson does also decree that each citizen shall understand the Country's belief regarding governments and laws in general by invoking from the Doctrine and Covenants, the primary content of Section 134:

1 We believe that governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man; and that he holds men accountable for their acts in relation to them, both in making laws and administering them, for the good and safety of society.

2 We believe that no government can exist in peace, except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life.

3 We believe that all governments necessarily require civil officers and magistrates to enforce the laws of the same; and that such as will administer the law in equity and justice should be sought for and upheld by the voice of the people if a republic, or the will of the sovereign.

4 We believe that religion is instituted of God; and that men are amenable to him, and to him only, for the exercise of it, unless their religious opinions prompt them to infringe upon the rights and liberties of others; but we do not believe that human law has a right to interfere in prescribing rules of worship to bind the consciences of men, nor dictate forms for public or private devotion; that the civil magistrate should restrain crime, but never control conscience; should punish guilt, but never suppress the freedom of the soul.

5 We believe that all men are bound to sustain and uphold the respective governments in which they reside, while protected in their inherent and inalienable rights by the laws of such governments; and that sedition and rebellion are unbecoming every citizen thus protected, and should be punished accordingly; and that all governments have a right to enact such laws as in their own judgments are best calculated to secure the public interest; at the same time, however, holding sacred the freedom of conscience.

6 We believe that every man should be honored in his station, rulers and magistrates as such, being placed for the protection of the innocent and the punishment of the guilty; and that to the laws all men show respect and deference, as without them peace and harmony would be supplanted by anarchy and terror; human laws being instituted for the express purpose of regulating our interests as individuals and nations, between man and man; and divine laws given of heaven, prescribing rules on spiritual concerns, for faith and worship, both to be answered by man to his Maker.

7 We believe that rulers, states, and governments have a right, and are bound to enact laws for the protection of all citizens in the free exercise of their religious belief; but we do not believe that they have a right in justice to deprive citizens of this privilege, or proscribe them in their opinions, so long as a regard and reverence are shown to the laws and such religious opinions do not justify sedition nor conspiracy.

8 We believe that the commission of crime should be punished according to the nature of the offense; that murder, treason, robbery, theft, and the breach of the general peace, in all respects, should be punished according to their criminality and their tendency to evil among men, by the laws of that government in which the offense is committed; and for the public peace and tranquility all men should step forward and use their ability in bringing offenders against good laws to punishment.

9 (Deleted from original text, as Revealed to Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson.)

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11 We believe that men should appeal to the civil law for redress of all wrongs and grievances, where personal abuse is inflicted or the right of property or character infringed, where such laws exist as will protect the same; but we believe that all men are justified in defending themselves, their friends, and property, and the government, from the unlawful assaults and encroachments of all persons in times of exigency, where immediate appeal cannot be made to the laws, and relief afforded.

12 We believe it just to preach the gospel to the nations of the earth, and warn the righteous to save themselves from the corruption of the world; but we do not believe it right to interfere with bond-servants, neither preach the gospel to, nor baptize them contrary to the will and wish of their masters, nor to meddle with or influence them in the least to cause them to be dissatisfied with their situations in this life, thereby jeopardizing the lives of men; such interference we believe to be unlawful and unjust, and dangerous to the peace of every government allowing human beings to be held in servitude.

Convention of North America

(Excerpted)

“...Present and fully endorsing the provisions of this document are legal representatives of the parliaments and/or executive branches of the countries of Canada, Eureka, Mexico, Deseret, Sequoya, Texas, New Colonia, Reformed Confederate States, and Liberty...

“...Not in attendance are the representatives of Cuba and the unaffiliated or unincorporated area described as ‘New Orleans and the Surrounding Geography’.

“Be it resolved that each government of those representatives who have caused their names to be affixed to this Convention of North America, affirms and agrees that all boundaries as prescribed in the Cartographic Representation of Boundaries, made a part hereof, illustrates the sovereign extent of each Country’s bordering limits...promises to uphold and to join with others in the enforcement of such Boundaries as may be necessary...from time to time to meet to further ratify any changes agreed upon by this governing Quorum of the North America, dissension notwithstanding.”

Signed, January 12

Omaha, Country of Sequoya

Part B:
History of the Collapse of the
Former United States of America (FUSA)

“Seek learning even by study and also by faith”

D&C 109: 7

As in any historic occurrence of monumental proportion, no single event can be ascribed to the collapse of the FUSA. Instead, recent historical notes have traced the predominant causes to the following conditions or circumstances, each to some extent individually contributing to the whole. As you reflect on the pages that follow, please direct any comments, questions or addenda you feel appropriate to the nearest Stake president.

In the pages below, each of the following will be addressed as to their contributing affects that led to the collapse of the Former United States of America:

The Media: Electronic and Print

Personal Habits: Health and Hygiene

Fossil Fuel Dependency

John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007

Destabilized Middle Class and Redistribution of Wealth

Personal Debt

Housing Market Collapse

Unemployability in the Context of the then Globalized Workforce and

“Offshoring” of Jobs

Diminished Educational Standards (Eppson & Barnard Study, Princeton)

The “Loss of Logic”

Science and the Isolation of Man from God

Political Unilateralism

FUSA Liquidity

Formation of Deseret

The Media

By 2010, the Media as a whole had reached an unprecedented level of control and influence in everyday lives. To better understand the incredible impact the Media held, let's examine each facet of popular Media and culture of the FUSA:

Television

No single technology altered consciousness more than this element of the Media. By the end of the first decade of the new millennium, not one independent station existed and all ownership rested with two major media corporations, as a result of the regulating agency's bend to influence. Public Broadcasting, which began as an independent avenue for "Educational" television, had been reduced to the prescribed mainstream approach as they strove to maintain viewer-ship.

Programming became more sensational as the public became desensitized to both language and graphic depictions, including those of murderous acts, other immoralities and hedonism. With virtually no interest by parents in controlling the viewer habits of their children, two full generations matured under the influence of profane language, and explicit sexual conduct (both hetero-, and homosexual).

Homosexuality was, in fact, glorified and held to be little more than an "alternative view".

Its power as the dominant communication resource was not overlooked by FUSA's leadership, particularly in the *Deployment of Fear* (which see) and the control of the minds of viewers. Through the Deployment of Fear governments and corporations were able to more thoroughly control the actions (or more appropriately, inactions) of the viewer-citizen. Fear of foreign peoples; fear of other governments; fear of neighbors all permitted the FUSA's leadership to capitalize on the vulnerability of the citizen-viewer and through various manipulations effect financial gain for special interests and for themselves.

To their credit FUSA's leadership understood that by lessening the ethical or moral normative standard through continuing, escalating violence and aberration they would in-turn lessen the impact of their own aberrant acts.

As the citizen-viewer increased viewing time, available time for thought and prayer, family interaction, reading and creative writing fell-off dramatically. Illiteracy escalated in schools as the written English language's use became abstract and "contemporary". Aiding in the decline of consciousness was the Internet – a system of international communication and resources still in effect in non-FUSA countries where power and communication continues, or in the case of FUSA-countries other than Deseret, where the system links have been restored and made available to the public. Generally the Internet has been described as a neutral avenue for research and communication. Its misuse is chronicled in lengthy reports available at your local Stake's library.

Yet, notwithstanding the design and deployment of programming that shook the foundations of morality and family, Television Commercials (hereafter in this text referred generically as "TC's" regardless of medium) sought to idealize concepts that are inherently foreign to the human mind. TC's formed the basis for consumerism, stylizing the citizen-viewer's life as to clothes, food, conveyance, housing, morality, and sexuality. Remarkably, the citizen-viewer placed incredible faith in the doctrines espoused in these relatively short periods (as little as 15 seconds in some cases) interceding the standard programming.

Most recall the inanity of their messages, yet many reacted to them favorably as a result of their ubiquitous nature. Messages repeated in words, actions and through subconscious conditioning may substantially alter thoughts and behaviors. Thus, those exposed to these messages are unaware of their effects. The citizen-viewer believed that represented behaviors and practices were the normative standard, without

questioning the relative change of their acts, thoughts, and values from just 40 or 50 years prior.

Radio

Just as in its close cousin Television, Radio became a medium perpetuating myths, consumer-driven behaviors, and sought to normalize aberrance. Most Radio Stations had reformatted their programming to provide a “call-in” forum for political or personal frustrations, providing an assuaging voice for these personal concerns. Just as in Television, Radio’s commercials were designed to penetrate personal thought at a time when citizen-listener’s attentiveness was at its zenith, permitting the TC’s Message to become part of the subconscious lesson.

Radio, too, was involved in the business of Deployment of Fear, reinforcing the messages voiced on Television while the citizen-listener occupied their cars, thence returning to their homes to become the citizen-viewer and receive further reinforcement. Once again your local Stake library has several interesting recordings and recent research reports on the cumulative effects of the Electronic Media (Radio, Television and the Internet).

Newspapers and Other Publications

Joining the Electronic Media, News Journals or Newspapers sought to maintain readership at a time when the act of Reading itself was becoming, and had become to a large extent, an unpracticed form of acquiring knowledge. Most citizens of the FUSA elected to assimilate current events through the Electronic Media, thus leading to a dramatic fall-off in readership, particularly after 1999.

To counteract this trend the “Ink” or “Print Media” and the various magazines and other publications alleged to disseminate the “News” had moved principally to *Sensationalized Journalism*. Capital Crimes, Infidelities of Popular Cultural Icons, and the coverage of an assortment of other lurid acts served as leading and/or cover stories for nearly every popular publication. The “News” itself (events central to civic

understanding) was also treated in this way, leaving the actual event and the historical implications associated with the event unattested to.

Many of the News Publications sought to promote readership by entering the *Electronic Media* market through the easily accessed *Internet*, expanding their geography of readership, simultaneously. In order to attract readers, though, the methodology of Sensationalization had to be maintained. The benefits of this action were short lived and only contributed to the further erosion of society.

As in all Media, the Deployment of Fear was primary.

Personal Habits

Citizens of the FUSA had acquired a very high level of personal hygiene, striving to achieve *beauty and desirability* through those messages disseminated in TC's. Once again, through the *Deployment of Fear* the messages carried by airwaves and in print were intensive and focused primarily on *Invisible Agents*, such as viruses and microbes that were, these messages purported, omnipresent and deadly. As a result, although healthy habits had been cultivated prior to 1970, an unhealthy *Fear* had been generated in the last three decades of the Twentieth Century resulting in the use of personal sterilization practices directed to eliminating all forms of microbes, including those known to be beneficial in the natural maintenance of life.

The methodology was simple and direct: To expand Sales Opportunity, devise a Product to address a potential *Need*, then create the *Need* for the product through *Fear*. The underlying message of any TC or Print advertisement was always *Fear* driven. In the case of Personal Habits, *Fear* included diseases of various types, ranging from mild to life threatening.

Fear, as a component of Personal Habits, had become so pervasive that there are anecdotal accounts of citizens refusing to help the injured from *Fear* of contamination by these Invisible Agents. As a point of fact, the Health Care Industry had even fallen victim to this quiet form of hysteria, and there are accounts of citizen-death attributable to the unwillingness of Healthcare workers to provide treatment *Fearing* their contamination by *Invisible Agents*.

Weight, Hair Color and Texture, Physical Form, Scent, Clothing, Residence, Conveyance, Viewer-ship Habits, and other factors became central to the FUSA citizen's existence. Thus, Personal Habits had relegated God, Family, Intellectual Growth, and Human Kindness to inferior placement in their day-to-day lives.

Fossil Fuel Dependency

No single factor led more directly to the dissolution of the FUSA than the misuse of Fossil Fuels. While the history of the misappropriation of fuel and the redirection of reserves has been well chronicled, the accumulating effects upon the FUSA economy, eventually having led to the breakdown of society, bears iteration.

By the year 2008 the daily FUSA consumption of fossil fuels had reached 24 million barrels each and every day of the year. Annually, this meant that FUSA consumption was approximately 9 billion barrels. At the same time FUSA's so-called Strategic Petroleum Reserves had been increased to 1 billion barrels of crude oil in reserves placed underground along the coast of what is now the sovereign country of Texas. The SPR, as it was called (what remains of which now belongs to Texas) was capable of supporting existing consumption for a period of 1/9th of a year. The intent of these reserves was to supplant foreign oil imports in the event that there occurred a breakdown in foreign oil availability, as in the FUSA invasion of the sovereign nation of Iran.

While available World Oil Reserves were projected to carry FUSA's 9 billion barrels per year usage into the future (about through the fourth decade of this century) the cost appended to acquiring a gallon of automobile grade fuel rose dramatically as easily extracted reserves diminished, and the projected World Oil Reserves had passed its apex.

FUSA consumers continued to acquire heavy automobiles without regard to future projected costs of a gallon of usable automobile fuel, based on the TC's received through the Media. Thus, when the price of automobile grade fuel rose to more than Nine (9) FUSA Dollars per Gallon, few consumers were capable of supporting its consumption. In most cases, the FUSA-consumer was massively indebted for an automobile, the cost of fuel for which had by then grown beyond their daily budget.

As an aside, in 2006 FUSA law regarding the discharge of debt through Bankruptcy was dramatically altered in effect prohibiting the discharge of many types of personal debt, automobile loans among them.

Because most citizens were financially strained prior to the “explosion” in gasoline fuel prices, few had little choice other than to abandon repayment of debt, in favor of continuing to operate fuel inefficient automobiles. This was a necessary step attributable to the lengthy commute most urban FUSA citizens had knowingly elected to make so that they might maintain a domicile in an area they believed was fitting their societal needs.

As the price of fossil fuel raised beyond early 21st Century FUSA government projections, societal disruptions became predominant. By the second decade of the new century, theft of goods for the purposes of conversion to currency had risen in urban areas to unprecedented levels. Because most citizens in the two most populated urban geographies (parts of Eureka, and New Colonia) of the FUSA had voluntarily disarmed in response to the FUSA national law HB 622, signed by the then President, they were defenseless to protect themselves from the rampant acts of crime and associated personal violence. Fortunately, basic tenets of civil rights and obligations were maintained in the balance of the FUSA, such as those areas comprising our Country today, as a preponderance of citizens in these regions refused to comply with the weapons ban and “turn in”².

Historically, we know that FUSA Fossil Fuel demand manipulated the political direction of the FUSA’s leadership driving their interests to securing and controlling World Oil Reserves, such as the case with the incursion into Iran, manifesting an International reaction among other oil consuming countries, China foremost among them.

² See “Kingman Rebellion”

For the two decades preceding that event, China had been the preferred “Offshore” location for many manufacturing concerns formerly based in the FUSA (see *Unemployability in the Context of the then Globalized Workforce and “Offshoring” of Jobs*). As such, China’s dependency on oil as a primary fuel and material source in the manufacturing of product had gained a significant foothold in their economy. While Nuclear Power served much of their domestic needs, the continuing growth of their role as World Manufacturer left them little choice other than to intercede on behalf of Iran, through their affiliation with their long-standing ally (in part) Russia.

The ground and air war that raged in the Middle East virtually stripped available Fossil Fuel resources from the face of the planet, and effectively terminated the limited production at the various refineries in the FUSA and in neighboring countries for as long as Crude Oil remained a scarce commodity.

The end result of the chaos that reigned over the Middle East, and thus the balance of the World was to nearly completely eliminate automobile fuel from the market place.

This single act set in motion a spiral of events culminating in where we are today:

As transportation came to a standstill, productivity vanished as FUSA workers abandoned jobs

Food could no longer be processed for urban dwelling FUSA citizens and of that available it could not be transported

Power could no longer be delivered to dwellings leaving FUSA citizens incapable of functioning, owing to their dependency on “Modern Day” devices and methods of food storage, preparation, and sanitation

Because of the prevailing density of population in those urban areas cited above, there was no agriculture, livestock or other immediately available food or source of transportation

Small quantities of food were highly sought after and guarded through the limited means available to these FUSA citizens

Violence had reached a critical mass³

Each and every police officer had a family or individual to protect and therefore placed their personal interests, as they should have, before those of a community completely engulfed in turmoil, leaving only the automated systems of police stations powered by emergency generators to answer and suspend calls until such time as the fuel ran out

A majority of FUSA law enforcement and FUSA military constructed during the *Age of Fear* deferred to personal interests (estimated at more than 60% of “uniformed” people) for several reasons:

At the time of the declaration of Martial Law the FUSA Constitution, and the guarantees of rights provided within, were suspended.

All oaths of office for military, police and civil service personnel held, in part, that each person, “(name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me...”

Therefore, given the suspension of the FUSA Constitution, many office holders (military forces, police – federal, state and local, and non-enforcement civil servants) believed that they were relieved of their oath of office, given the use of the conjunctive “...and...” hinging loyalty to the “...President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me...” to the existence of the FUSA Constitution⁴.

FUSA state national guard troops not deployed in the Middle East war remained bound to their states, legally, as a result of the additional words, “...and of my state...” contained in their oath of office (allegiance).

³ See John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, chapter following

⁴ *ibid*

It should be noted that only the former states of California and New York suspended their state Constitutions at the very onset of the FUSA internal conflict, and redundantly declared states of Martial Law within their territories, also suspending their state's guarantees of individual rights. Many of their national guard members "disobeyed" service, the most significant reason for which was concern over the health and welfare of their families. (Our Department of Law and Legal Opinions has theorized that no proceedings against these state militia members could have been satisfactorily prosecuted, given the elimination of the critical element for which allegiance had been sworn⁵.)

Through much of 2012 and 2013 boundaries disintegrated as did civility. For a more definitive description of the events following this critical time period, refer to *FUSA and Reformation*, later in this text.

⁵ Deseret Department of Law and Legal Opinions, #SCML 144-3, 15 Jun 2014

John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007

“Now it will be easy to carry on the fight, for we can call on all the resources of the State. Radio and press are at our disposal. We shall stage a masterpiece of propaganda.”

Joseph Goebbels

In a ceremony on October 17, 2006, then FUSA President, George Bush, signed into law the provisions of H.R. 5122. Amidst the rhetoric of funding and reorganization lay the amended ability of the FUSA President to use Federal troops and to Conscribe state militias under Federal control, and to deploy this amalgamation of troops as a police force during:

Natural disaster

Epidemic

Serious public health emergency

Terrorist attack, or

Other condition,

after the *FUSA President* had determined that the authorities of the state were incapable of maintaining public order. The ultimate authority rested with the FUSA President, and only after the fact did he or she, as was the case of its first documented usage⁶, need to notify FUSA Congress of its use.

The bill also modified Sec. 334 of the Insurrection Act giving the President authority to order the dispersal of either insurgents or (new language) “those obstructing the enforcement of the laws”. The new law also changed the name of the chapter from “Insurrection” to “Enforcement of the Laws to Restore Public Order.”

Aside from establishing various “Detention” facilities designed to augment the services used for the retention of prisoners who either were or were not subject to the

⁶ “Kingman Rebellion” November, 2009

laws of protection under the FUSA Constitution, including those of Habeas Corpus ad Subjiciendum (FUSA Constitution, section 9, “The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.”), it also effectively negated the safeguard provisions afforded through the Posse Comitatus Act (PCA) of 1878.

In short, H.R. 5122, vastly broadened the capability to use military force against (FUSA) citizens in various instances, beyond those originally defined in the Insurrection Act of 1807 and anticipated in the FUSA Constitution. From that point on the FUSA President was capable of using Federal troops routinely as a police force anywhere at any time for any “*Other Condition*” as he or she saw fit.

After the passage and signing of H.R. 5122 it was only a matter of time before governance by Martial Law would become the *Law of the Land*. While most FUSA citizens were blind to the impending catastrophe that loomed beyond as their civilization raced ahead to the precipice, their government, seemingly, was not.

Similar to events that led to the ***Enabling Act of 1933*** in Germany, those critical of H.R. 5122 contended that the federal government was taking steps to quietly increase the power of the Federal authority while simultaneously increasing Presidential control specifically for policing the domestic population through the legal use of the military.

There were very few voices from FUSA citizens objecting to H.R. 5122⁷. It is chronicled that fewer than 1% of the FUSA population knew that H.R. 5122 had been enacted because of those reasons appearing in this text:

FUSA citizens were centered on maintaining an existence in the face of growing personal debt and reduced real income

⁷ Most groups identified as suspecting the motives behind the legislation were also espousing concern over Alien Life Cover-Ups, Assassination Conspiracy Theories, and other irrelevancies, and therefore compromised their credibility with mainstream FUSA thinking. Their viewpoints were only heard on late-night Radio talk shows that served to separate them further from the core of FUSA citizens.

Very few read and remained informed

They were preoccupied with the Media which focused primarily on issues of little or no consequence

They fell victim to the Deployment of Fear

Greed had enveloped the culture and permeated all levels of civilization, most importantly, that of the governing bodies of the FUSA, primarily on a Federal level where elected officials purporting to represent the masses beyond all else, deferred to elevating their own station in society. By the close of 2012, many of these “citizen-representatives” had been publicly executed by the newly formed government of New Colonia.

Beyond all else, and what puzzles scholars today is why only one citizen of record⁸ questioned why their government, itself, feared its citizenry with such intensity.

To quote one scholar from the *Washington Law Quarterly Review*, “The silent revision to the Insurrection Act to ignore and/or evade the controls set forth by the PCA thus may be seen as going against one of the clearest political traditions in Anglo-American history.” Yet, it occurred.

The Media, looking no more in-depth than what was presented *prima facie*, withheld reporting on H.R. 5122 or only gave it casual mention. The full text of this historic document follows. After reading it, you will note that the substantial change associated with Section 1076 was not apparent in the then-President’s dispatch:

“Today, I have signed into law H.R. 5122, the “John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007” (the “Act”). The Act authorizes funding for

⁸ FUSA Senate, Senator Patrick Leahy (a member of the now defunct *Democratic Party*) expressed on September 19th, 2006 "We certainly do not need to make it easier for Presidents (of FUSA) to declare martial law. Invoking the Insurrection Act and using the military for law enforcement activities goes against some of the central tenets of our democracy. It creates needless tension among the various levels of government – one can easily envision governors and mayors in charge of an emergency having to constantly look over their shoulders while someone who has never visited their communities gives the orders."

the defense of the United States and its interests abroad, for military construction, for national security-related energy programs, and for maritime security-related transportation programs.

“Several provisions of the Act call for executive branch officials to submit to the Congress recommendations for legislation, or purport to regulate the manner in which the President formulates recommendations to the Congress for legislation. These provisions include sections 516(h), 575(g), 603(b), 705(d), 719(b), 721(e), 741(e), 813, 1008, 1016(d), 1035(b)(3), 1047(b), and 1102 of the Act, section 118(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 1031 of the Act, section 2773b of title 10 as amended by section 1053 of the Act, and section 403 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-375) as amended by section 403 of the Act. The executive branch shall construe these provisions in a manner consistent with the President’s Constitutional authority to supervise the unitary executive branch and to recommend for the consideration of the Congress such measures as the President deems necessary and expedient.

“The executive branch shall construe sections 914 and 1512 of the Act, which purport to make consultation with specified Members of Congress a precondition to the execution of the law, as calling for but not mandating such consultation, as is consistent with the Constitution’s provisions concerning the separate powers of the Congress to legislate and the President to execute the laws.

“A number of provisions in the Act call for the executive branch to furnish information to the Congress or other entities on various subjects. These provisions include sections 219, 313, 360, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1227, 1402, and 3116 of the Act, section 427 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 932 of the Act, and section 1093 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-375) as amended by section 1061 of the Act. The

executive branch shall construe such provisions in a manner consistent with the President's Constitutional authority to withhold information the disclosure of which could impair foreign relations, the national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, or the performance of the Executive's Constitutional duties.

"The executive branch shall construe as advisory section 1011(b)(2) of the Act, which purports to prohibit the Secretary of the Navy from retiring a specified warship from operational status unless, among other things, a treaty organization established by the U.S. and foreign nations gives formal notice that it does not desire to maintain and operate that warship. If construed as mandatory rather than advisory, the provision would impermissibly interfere with the President's Constitutional authority to conduct the Nation's foreign affairs and as Commander in Chief.

"The executive branch shall construe section 1211, which purports to require the executive branch to undertake certain consultations with foreign governments and follow certain steps in formulating and executing U.S. foreign policy, in a manner consistent with the President's Constitutional authorities to conduct the Nation's foreign affairs and to supervise the unitary executive branch.

"As is consistent with the principle of statutory construction of giving effect to each of two statutes addressing the same subject whenever they can co-exist, the executive branch shall construe section 130d of title 10, as amended by section 1405 of the Act, which provides further protection against disclosure of certain homeland security information in certain circumstances, as in addition to, and not in derogation of, the broader protection against disclosure of information afforded by section 892 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and other law protecting broadly against disclosure of such information.

GEORGE W. BUSH THE WHITE HOUSE, October 17, 2006."

Destabilized Middle Class and Redistribution of Wealth

“Wo unto you poor men, whose hearts are not broken, whose spirits are not contrite, and whose bellies are not satisfied, and whose hands are not stayed from laying hold upon other men’s goods, whose eyes are full of greediness, and who will not labor with your own hands!”

D&C 56: 17

Leading to the fuel market shut-down discussed in previous sections were other conditions that made collapse of the tenuous economic tight rope possible, not the least of which was the widening abyss that existed between the Wealthy and the Poor as the 21st Century opened.

Few of the FUSA citizens realized that their life had substantially changed in the last 50 years or so prior to the collapse. Most were completely placated by the consumption of goods readily available at modest prices at any of the large, full-phase stores (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club, Costco, etc.). “Gadgetry” became a mainstay, along with the acquisition of superfluous household and recreational items. Thus, their ***Basic Needs***, as one might arguably identify those at the base level of existence⁹ beyond air to breathe, had mutated into a complex *need* for specialized clothing, foods, vehicles, gadgetry, and adornments.

The fact that the manufacture of nearly all of these articles had been transferred to other countries apparently made no difference. It is presumed that even those who may have been displaced in their jobs continued to shop and acquire these items, seemingly blind to the consequences of such a subtle act, because they were convinced of the ultimate good associated with their acquisition (see *Media*, above). What facilitated vibrant economic activity was a combination of mounting personal debt, made possible through consumer credit devices such as a multitude of credit card

⁹ See Abraham Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

companies, and the ability to subvent income through increasing mortgage debt: First, Second and even Third Mortgages were possible and often negotiated, leaving the mortgagor's family at peril.

Many or most families existed in this tenuous relationship not more than one pay period's compensation from financial ruin. Yet, seemingly undaunted they continued to acquire unneeded articles supporting, once again, jobs that had long ago, in many cases, been sent to other countries.

But, why were these jobs sent to other countries? And, how was a service-based economy expected to exist without the support of work that produced a tangible product?

Engrained deeply and integral to our Country today are those Amish immigrants who in the last two years have sought refuge in Deseret bringing with them their piousness, values, skills and ethics. For many years these people etched a path through FUSA history creating products that were functional and necessary, while preserving ancient skills and abilities. Yet, we are told that through the many decades of their existence in the FUSA, not one Amish craftsman considered relocating their manufacturing operations to China or Mexico.

At the heart of this peaceful community that now thrives in the east and northeast portion of Deseret, in what was once parts of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado is a sense of involvement in family and community and interdependence that precludes reliance on technology and on others outside their community. There are many elements of commonality between the founders of our Government and the Amish, the absence of Greed being foremost.

Yet, Greed was at the heart of economic decisions made throughout the recent history of the FUSA. It was a condition and a state of being, combined with avarice and the characteristic coveting, or duplication of a neighbor's things. Greed set into motion the necessity to *Offshore* manufacturing jobs. In a complex dynamic of Greed on the

part of worker and union, company executive and stockholder, merchant and sales person, consumer and family, the demise of productive work fell from the roles of employment opportunities in the FUSA.

Service employment – catering to the needs of others – became the essential job type. (The predominant remaining economic group was classified as “Retired”, either medically through the government or more conventional means such as company, military or service retirement.)

Sustaining employment in the Service Industry, though, presumes that the need for services will grow and mature as does the population of those benefiting from the services. Thus the Healthcare Industry was born and matured as “Preventative” care evolved into a complex series of treatments and technology intended to uncover conditions that *could* lead to disability or death. In vast areas of the FUSA the Healthcare Industry also addressed the needs of those who sought to enhance their societal acceptability through the modification of their physical form, face, torso, or otherwise, believing that greater personal wholeness would result. The incredible amount of FUSA dollars that were expended in these types of treatments exceeded eight billion annually, fueling interest by those who directed the Healthcare Industry to redirect resources from basic Healthcare to these types of elective procedures. Another inherent economic difficulty was the sustainability of growth for those providing services to the Retired sector of the FUSA, since retirement typically presumes stagnation in income. So, while the cost of providing services necessarily escalated, driven by higher levels of Greed, there was little opportunity for increasing costs to this particular sector of Service user.

As well, at the onset of the economic collapse of the FUSA, many of the sources for this “Retired” income dissipated, as did deposits held by institutions guaranteed by

Federal and State insurance deposit funds¹⁰. For example, in Eureka (that portion which was then California) the Public Employees Retirement System, or PERS, as it was called, which was an investment and management entity capturing and distributing retired employees' investment revenue, collapsed after its investments and holdings measuring into the billions of FUSA dollars dissipated. In the case of the FUSA's Social Security benefits paid by the government from a managed fund, the effect was far more reaching, stripping some 42 million people of their periodic income.

As a matter of point, the FUSA dollar sustained substantial losses Internationally, evidenced by its value plummeting in 2011 to an all-time low of One (1) Chinese Yuan to 63.58 FUSA dollars. Given its lack of "worth" the FUSA dollar's erosion further exacerbated employability in the Service sector.

In the few years that led up to the collapse of the FUSA the gap between the Poor and the Wealthy steadily increased, finally resting at 92.5% of wealth being held by .032% of the FUSA's wealthiest families. After the collapse, it became known that many of these families had converted their resources and placed their wealth in foreign banks and institutions that would prevent erosion or loss. The Poor and what remained of the Middle Class FUSA families, in retrospect easily identifiable as their "victims" by those seeking approbation amongst the mired multitudes, were not so fortunate.

¹⁰ It is noteworthy that deposits held by Zions Bancorporation were sustained and made available as converted currency in the form of *Deseret Currency Association* monetary notes through the efforts of the company's executive leadership in concert with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Personal Debt

“None shall be found blameless before God except little children”

Mosiah 3: 21

While overviewed above, summarizing the conditions of Personal Debt just prior to the collapse of the FUSA will help the reader understand how the condition of Greed fed the machinery leading to the collapse. In 2010 data available indicates:

FUSA citizens borrowed against home equity, generating an average of \$620 billion per year in spendable cash, far more than ever in history signaling a reliance on indebtedness to secure and acquire products and services, rather than through savings and cash purchases from income.

The real (inflation-adjusted) income of the typical household fell for 11 years in a row through 2010.

Credit card debt, average debt balance per cardholder rose to \$9,560 at the end of 2009.

Newly generated low-income families became subject to predatory lending as they continued to strive to acquire, or in some cases, merely exist: payday loans, car title loans, usurious mortgage lending, etc.

Homeowners increasingly withdrew equity from their homes to meet their spending needs and pay off credit card balances. As a result, the level of outstanding mortgage debt rose to \$14.8 trillion.

An economist projected the fate of the FUSA with these words, “With homeowners’ equity near all-time lows, any softening in home prices could engender the risk of a cascade into negative equity...” He went on to say, “The tragedy of the U.S. economy is not one of excess consumption but of the ruthless pursuit of wealth by a few at the cost of the population as a whole.” In retrospect he was wrong, of course, but only partly. The “ruthless pursuit of wealth” became relativistic, and permeated all aspects

of the FUSA, as a vast majority of individual consumers attempted to idealize their lives in a material world devoid of God. In the end, it was no one's fault: it was, in fact, everyone's.

Housing Market Collapse

In the preceding section you will have read the words, "...any softening in home prices could engender the risk of a cascade into negative equity..." Negative equity was an experience not new to the housing market. At various points in the economic cycle, over the many years of the FUSA's history, home values in specific regions had dropped to below mortgage level, as an average. In each case they were isolated regions that had experienced a temporary economic retrenchment as industries suffered from the cycles of government spending, as an example, or in diminished resources, such as in the northern portion of Eureka, once the seat of a booming logging industry centered in then-Oregon.

In all instances and to varying degrees Housing Market recoveries have always occurred stimulating the resumed growth of the Housing Industry. However, in no such prior instance had the effects of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Collapse, **combined with** Negative Equity, Diminished Real Wages, and looming Starvation and the potential for Homelessness. An outbreak of Crime in concert with the inability to provide personal defense, fueled what became complete abandonment of Housing, not only as an investment, but also more importantly as shelter against harm as transient gangs roamed formerly sedate neighborhoods seeking whatever form of wealth may have been left behind.

Thus, defaulting on one's mortgage in these heavily urban areas, wasn't a voluntary choice: it was an issue of survival.

Unemployability in the Context of the then Globalized Workforce and
“Offshoring” of Jobs

“It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance”

D&C 131: 6

In all cases, the initiation and the growth of “Offshoring” was attributable to complex reasoning and dynamics:

Greed on the part of executive leadership, and the ultimate desire to enhance personal income and profitability

Greed on the part of worker, presuming enhanced wages leading to an escalated standard of living, driven by Labor Unions, when applicable

Unionization and the drive to develop and maintain perceived worth of the Union by Union members, resulting in justified Union fees (“Dues” as they were called)

Manufacturing flexibility as a result of easily manipulated, dehumanized workforce

Readily available natural resources at reduced costs (1, above)

Reduced/eliminated environmental concerns and government intervention (1, above)

Unskilled workforce (see *Diminished Educational Standards* (Eppson & Barnard Study, Princeton, July 2010))

The recipients of Offshored jobs were predominantly geographies and economies situated in Asia (and its extremities): China, India, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, South and North Korea, Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia and others. Each “Participating” country became known for its specialized capabilities, such as Information Technology in India.

Prior to the collapse, FUSA firms seeking to reduce labor costs transferred about 3.4 million jobs and \$136 billion in wages during the period 2000 to 2010 in “White-

Collar” jobs alone to Offshore locations. Manufacturing job loss is incalculable, but believed to be “Historic” in one economist’s words.

The result was that by the year 2010 fewer than 4% of jobs remained in the Manufacturing Job Sector compared to 34% in 1950. Reported net job gains occurred in the Service Sector, only (see *Destabilized Middle Class and Redistribution of Wealth* above). Real Wages, or the then-current purchasing power of a FUSA Dollar fell dramatically but was masked by the availability of less-expensive products not necessary to survival, and an abundance of low priced non-essential, diversionary products¹¹.

In all cases the consumer was unaware that his or her Real FUSA Dollar Purchasing Power had fallen off dramatically over the period 2000 to 2010, and had been supplanted by the availability of non-essential items, thus the consumer directly benefited from the Offshore trend while simultaneously contributing to the economic failure of the FUSA economy.

¹¹ Products that tended to occupy non-work time, such as personal communication devices, improved viewing screen televisions and related products, music reproduction, kitchen and culinary devices, etc.

Diminished Educational Standards

Eppson & Barnard Study, Princeton, New Colonia (formerly New Jersey), July 2010
Few more telling studies than that issued by Adjunct Professors Eppson and Barnard better chronicled the perilous fall of the FUSA into an abyss of national ignorance. Published July 14 14, 2010, the report was shunned by educators and government officials as “Sham Academics” relegating it and the meritorious efforts of both Eppson and Barnard to obscurity¹².

In summary, the report found:

National Academic Standards for K-12 education had devolved by 2008 to .63 (63%) of the National Academic Standards of 1960¹³.

Functional Illiteracy at the time of the study, 2008, was .43 (43%) of the (FUSA) public¹⁴.

Less than .32 (32%) of people nationally read at least one book¹⁵ per year¹⁶.

Internationally, graduates of K-12 Public schools ranked 23rd in overall academic capabilities¹⁷.

Internationally, graduates of K-12 Private schools ranked 22nd in overall academic capabilities.

In Science and Math, graduates of K-12 Public schools ranked 37th in these specific disciplines (Private, 38th).

Nationally, 99.4% of K-12 students received .5% of their academic instructional time in anti-smoking curricula. 0.1% of K-12 students received .01% of their academic instructional time in anti-drinking curricula.

¹² Both were refused tenure.

¹³ Extrapolation.

¹⁴ 5th Grade Reading and Comprehension (2008 downward standard revision from 7th Grade).

¹⁵ 72% responded that they considered Television their preferred method for learning.

¹⁶ 62.6% read “No books at all”.

¹⁷ Arts, Sciences, Resident Languages

An enigmatic quality identified as *Empirically Extrapolated Work Ethic* resulting in a single factor rating disclosed an international ranking of the job market new entrant as 52nd internationally¹⁸.

Responses to the following questions asked by Eppson and Barnard tell much about the underlying motivations of the FUSA's primary entry workforce group, age 18 to 26:

When considering whether to accept a job or not, which factor is most important? (Several key factors were provided so that respondents could select from a wide range of possibilities.) The cumulative result: 46% said "Allocated/Accruing Vacation Time, annually"

What do you think is the maximum time you should remain in a job position before expecting promotion and increased pay? The cumulative result: 66.3% said "One Year"

(In this question a simple matrix was provided which allowed the subject to freely relate expected wage to his or her educational level) What would you expect to receive in hourly compensation, given your present educational level? The cumulative result: 48.7% of High School Graduates indicated an hourly wage of not less than \$20; 55.7% of Four Year College Graduates, not less than \$30.

Who is responsible for your obtaining the requisite skills necessary to perform your job? The cumulative result: 81.2% said, "The Employer"; 12.5% said, "The Government".

Overall, expectations by the FUSA entry-level worker fell far from those of the prospective employer. Thus, those jobs where market concerns were foremost, in

¹⁸ Evidenced by Absenteeism, Periodic Self-Selected Unemployment, and Increased Reliance on Social Systems (Welfare and early Social Security Retirement increases attributable to Disabilities of varying types).

terms of productivity and margin containment, were targets for Offshore transfer. This was especially true where overseas competition for same/similar products, the importation of which was not constrained by unusually high tariffs, negatively affected the market share of domestic manufacturers. As Full-Phase retailing forced smaller, independent operators from the FUSA market, the competition for price containment escalated.

The Loss of Logic

“When men are learned, they think they are wise”

2 Nephi 9: 28

Many years before the collapse there were numerous signs that there was a diminished national capability to address societal issues on a logical basis. Mild to extreme hysteria permeated nearly every avenue of thought. One profound example, and one that led to the Middle Eastern War preceding and, to some extent, precipitating the collapse of FUSA, was an attack on two large office buildings in the city formerly known as New York, in what is now New Colonia.

On September 11, 2001, a group of 19 young Middle Eastern men bent on destroying lives and property took command of several commercial aircraft, and in a suicidal pact, caused the deaths of more than 2,000 Americans within the space of very few minutes. It was tragic, and most of our citizens of more than 20 years of age or so recall the details.

15 of the 19 of the men who executed this crime were from Saudi Arabia. In retaliation for this crime, FUSA leadership first invaded Afghanistan, followed by Iraq, followed by Iran, which of course kindled the blaze that ignited the entire Middle East. In the invasion of Afghanistan, the military incursion was directed toward locating the alleged master planner of the attack, Osama (or Usama) bin Laden, himself a citizen of Saudi Arabia. The second and third incursions cited above were for various other reasons that remain unclear to this day, owing to the destruction of the central records system of the FUSA, shortly before its collapse.

In all, three important facts remain:

The total cost of all operations¹⁹ at the conclusion of 2006 was estimated to be in excess of 430 Billion FUSA Dollars or 4% of the national debt. By the conclusion of

¹⁹ CRS Report for Congress, September, 2006, The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11

2010, just four years later, the total cost of all operations²⁰, including continuing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as Iran and Israel was more than 1.5 Trillion FUSA Dollars.

Osama bin Laden, notwithstanding the vast resources expended in prosecuting the war in the Middle East, was never found prior to the collapse of the central government²¹. Through to the collapse, Saudi Arabia, and its Oil company, Saudi Aramco, remained seemingly immune to reprimand for any involvement or complicity they may have had, nor had any sort of investigation of record been conducted evaluating possible culpability.

There were likely very good reasons why the FUSA's leadership hadn't pursued Saudi Arabia to better understand their role, if any, in the 2001 tragedy. Business relationships, perhaps may have been one such obstacle to better understanding. One relationship was with a company still in existence today, now headquartered in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Halliburton Company.

Their revenues were:

2010 FUSA 38.7 billion

2009 FUSA 34.4 billion

2008 FUSA 33.1 billion

2007 FUSA 29.4 billion

2006 FUSA 26.8 billion

2005 FUSA 20.99 billion

2004 FUSA 20.4 billion

2003 FUSA 16.2 billion

2002 FUSA 12.5 billion

²⁰ CRS Report for Congress, September 2010, The Cost of Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11.

²¹ As of this writing, no agency appears to be attempting to locate him.

2001 FUSA 13 billion

From Halliburton's 2005 (and again in 2009) Annual Report, "...we are investing in our core business where we have a leading market position and the best (continuing) growth prospects – especially the Middle East..."

The Vice President of the FUSA during this period was Dick Cheney. Just prior to his becoming Vice President of FUSA he was the Chief Executive Officer of Halliburton. To make certain that he maintained neutrality in all of his official dealings, he placed his considerable stock holdings in this and other companies, in a "blind trust". Mr. Cheney died of natural causes in 2009.

Along the way, Halliburton acquired a company called Dresser. FUSA president George H. W. Bush worked for Dresser Industries in several positions from 1948-1951, before he founded Zapata Petroleum Corporation. This FUSA president had a son who also became president of the FUSA and held office during the 2001 attack referred to above.

Under FUSA president George H. W. Bush, Dick Cheney, as Secretary of Defense, and his Undersecretary for Policy, Paul Wolfowitz, were lobbying the FUSA president to strike out against smaller, resource-rich nations, including recommending the use of "low-yield" nuclear weapons.

When George H.W. Bush left office in January 1993, Cheney joined the neo-conservative American Enterprise Institute, and in 1995, Halliburton as president and Chief Executive Officer. Cheney also became "Chairman" of Halliburton in 1996, and ran the company until August 2000, when he stepped down to run for Vice President. During the 1995-2000 period, **One** FUSA Dollar of every **Seven** spent by the Pentagon, passed through what is now Kellogg Brown & Root, at the time a wholly-owned Halliburton company.

Zapata Petroleum Corporation is an oil exploration company now also based in Dhahran. Zapata Petroleum merged in 1963 with South Penn Oil and other companies to become Pennzoil. By 1964, Zapata Off-Shore (GHW Bush's company) had a number of subsidiaries, including: Seacat-Zapata Offshore Company (Persia Gulf), Zapata de Mexico, Zapata International Corporation, Zapata Lining Corporation, Zapata Oil Company, Zapata Overseas Corporation, and a 41% share of Amata Gas Corporation.

So, perhaps business relationships impeded objectivity.

To reiterate, more than 2,000 FUSA citizens died on September 11, 2001 in these attacks. On that same day, too, about 10,000 other FUSA citizens died for various reasons.

As importantly, *during that year and every year* for years prior and for the years to come until the collapse of FUSA, in *alcohol-related automobile accidents*, about 25,000 people died, and about 700,000 were injured.

The total annual cost for healthcare in alcohol-linked medical expense was *more than 170 Billion* FUSA Dollars. For smoking it was about *120 Billion* FUSA Dollars.

Political Action Committees (PAC) were those organizations that "contributed" money to FUSA Congressional Representatives. During the period 1987-97 the top PAC contributors were (in *FUSA Dollars*):

National Beer Wholesalers Organization, 5,003,379

National Restaurant Association, 3,595,097

Joseph E. Seagram & Sons Inc. (a distiller of alcoholic beverages), 3,518,684

Anheuser-Busch Co. (a beer and beverage maker), 2,473,220

Brown-Forman Corp. (a diversified alcoholic beverage maker), 1,433,980

Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America, 1,068,655

Harrah's Entertainment Inc., 982,741

Outback Steakhouse Inc. (no longer in business in North America: a purveyor of alcohol), 951,350

Distilled Spirits Quorum of the the United States, 834,378

Chili's Grill & Bar, (no longer in business in North America: a purveyor of alcohol), 725,400

In the 1960's a Psychoanalyst named Erich Fromm authored a book that asked the question, "Are we sane?" The central tenet of this and of many others of his works was to ask a question the answer to which might only be gained through the luxury of retrospect, such as we have today in Deseret.

"If **most** of us believe the same **wrong** thing, then as a society we become aberrant believing we must be **right**."

Attributed to the author, Noah Lawrence Warren

Although not in common parlance during the last years of the FUSA, this sort of truncated logic may be defined as *Normative Relativism*. If a critical mass of society can be made to believe something, it will become true, regardless of how errant a conclusion it may be.

Suppose that a neighbor in House B, in a particularly heinous way kills the wife of the man living in House A. The husband of the dead wife in House A in order to exact revenge kills the man living in House C. Are his actions justified, if the dead man in House C had only heard rumors of the intent of the man in House B? What if those rumors were reported, but the husband of the dead wife chose to ignore them?

If the killer in House B hid somewhere in the surrounding city following his deed, can we imagine that there might be some citywide search to capture him? Might we imagine that this search would be exhaustive and unending until he was apprehended? Perhaps every man in that particular neighborhood consumed alcohol to the point of intoxication and routinely beat their wives in alcohol-induced rages, resulting in incredible costs to the community in their health and spiritual well being: To

counteract this community trait would it be appropriate to teach the neighborhood's children *not to smoke, forgoing instruction in the importance of abstaining from alcohol?*

There are numerous instances where the citizens of FUSA attempted to link *Effect* to *Cause* resulting in what ought to have been discernable truncations of logic. To seek *Causality* is a human characteristic. To justify one's actions predicated on *false presumptions or manipulated conditions* is also a human trait. FUSA society had no system to safeguard them from truncations of logic on a national scale owing to the primary unilateral national system of communication, the Electronic Media.

It is correct to conclude that if one person acted alone in a manner similar to the actions of the FUSA in retaliation for the deaths that occurred on September 11, 2001, while the balance of society did not, his actions would be seen as *sociopathic*. Such was FUSA. The Media was at the center of establishing relative truth. FUSA Dollars were at the center of establishing relative cause. The two worked synarchistically well together.

Science and the Isolation of Man from God

“Character is the aim of true education; and science, history and literature are but means used to accomplish this desired end. Character is not the result of chance, but of continuous right thinking and right acting. True education seeks to make men and women, not only good mathematicians, proficient linguists, profound scientists, or brilliant literary lights, but also, honest men, with virtue, temperance, and brotherly love. It seeks to make men and women who prize truth, justice, wisdom, benevolence, and self-control as the choicest acquisitions of a successful life. It is regrettable that modern education so little emphasizes these fundamental elements of true character.”

David O. McKay, *Gospel Ideals*

It was not only regrettable that “modern education” failed to emphasize these fundamental elements, but that society, as a whole, began to regard science as the *foundation for living*, as “progress” in the area of Quantum Theory (and limited application) evolved. Science, in particular Physics, was responsible for the development of numerous timesaving and entertainment enhancing devices. From the earliest development of the semiconductor one “wonder” after another became available to the FUSA consumer (to the World, for that matter) promising greater efficiency and enjoyment from life, and to facilitate communication with each other, but not with God nor Family.

As the Sciences continued to expand, the FUSA’s educational systems fell more into line with the demands of a technology-driven society, emphasizing learning in the fragmented disciplines of Math and Chemistry, at the cost of Literature and the Arts. FUSA’s institutions of higher learning leaned progressively further toward addressing the needs of industry, abandoning disciplines of lesser economic significance,

churning out post-secondary graduates whose functional literacy²² and understanding of History fell dismally below the standards of only a few decades prior.

As a result, these young people, who became the citizen leaders of FUSA society had only limited knowledge on which to draw for analogy, and virtually no understanding of the past, leaving them, to paraphrase their own folk-hero Albert Einstein, to do the same things over and over again and expect a different, more favorable, outcome.

What was most striking about Quantum Physics was, that *below all else*, there were no answers: only probabilities and hypotheses. Only a very few of the Physicists understood that the *essence* of their study was, and would always be, beyond their knowledge. So, while these learned people could determine the likely location of an electron within a probability of certainty, and could assign unique names to the particles presuming to comprise some probable superficial level of subatomic elements, and could conjecture on the nature and, perhaps, duality of light, they would never be able to see, touch, feel, or understand the true nature of the Cosmos, thus it was termed, “Theoretical Physics”.

This was the then-tantamount equivalent of a vastly-funded group of very bright people expending incredible resources “thinking about nothing” much as the “village idiot” might spend his or her day, rather than utilizing their superior intellectual capabilities in addressing those needs and concerns of society that led to the collapse of the FUSA, and still endanger mankind today. (Some would have argued the validity of this statement. Yet, the reader should note that it was only by the contrivance of a mathematical system developed by Man within the context of the Finite, the intent of which was to assign values to the Indeterminable, that any “conclusions” of the Infinite were presented as possibilities.)

²² One may see numerous examples of this functional deficiency in the recorded statements of Yale graduate, George W. Bush, to wit, “My most important job is to defend the homeland, to protect innocent Americans from the deaths of the killers” and many others.

What did come from the decades of immersion in Science proved in the end to be of no human value, other than to alienate much of the population from a reverence for life and respect for humanity. Also, through Science we were able to turn just a few kilogram's of material into an explosive device capable of annihilating a large number of people: It was this particular scientific effort that led to the use of "low yield" nuclear weapons in the Middle East in August 2011.

Political Unilateralism

“But it used to be that oceans—we thought oceans could protect us, that we were guarded by the oceans. And that if there was a threat overseas, as a result of the protection from the oceans, we could decide whether to be involved or not. It might affect us overseas, but it couldn’t affect us at home. And therefore, we have the luxury of kind of picking and choosing gathering threats.”

FUSA President George W. Bush²³, Kennesaw, Georgia, Feb. 20, 2003

“The other thing we have to do is to take seriously the role in this problem of...older men who prey on underage women...There are consequences to decisions and...one way or the other, people always wind up being held accountable.”

FUSA President William J. Clinton, June 13, 1996, in a speech endorsing a national effort against teen pregnancy.

Imagine a voyage on board ship where you have left a port for a destination 1,000 nautical miles away. Shortly after getting underway in the open seas the compass develops an error that, if followed, will bring the ship onto a massive barrier reef just 50 nautical miles from your destination. The compass error is ***not discovered***.

The ship you are voyaging on is unique from all others in that it has two Captains. Each of the two Captains has his own opinion as to which is the best course to chart to navigate around a group of islands 900 nautical miles in the distance. One believes it would be best to chart a route to the North of the islands, while the other Captain believes the preferred course is to the South. Their conflict becomes critical and together they decide to put the issue to the crew and passengers.

On one especially warm, calm day as you make way across an open expanse of ocean, you and all crew and other passengers are hailed to the Weather Deck where a great quantity of food is prepared and made available to everyone, regardless of station or

²³ Though long suspected by some, it was not until 2010 that empirical evidence became available documenting this FUSA President’s IQ (a generally accepted indicator) as 92 on the Stanford-Binet scale, fully two points above “Dullness”, countering observations by his critics that he fell into the grouping commonly classified as “Mild Mental Retardation”.

status aboard. To make the day more pleasant everyone is provided a comfortable deck chair on which to lounge. Cocktails are amply provided. Some of your fellow passengers are preoccupied with various diversions such as shuffleboard and card games. Some are pursuing afternoon dalliances with other passengers and crew. Others are wistful and remain leaning on the rail observing the slow passage of water as the hull cuts a swath unrelentingly ahead.

On the Wing Bridge both Captains appear. By a toss of the coin they identify which of them shall precede to first make his case. The chosen Captain picks up the microphone so that he may be heard over the entire length and breadth of the deck and begins, “This is your Captain. The other Captain and I are in disagreement about a critical issue. I am right, but he will not relent and thus we are seeking your confirmation. Beyond us, just before we reach our final destination lay a group of islands through which we may not pass. We must pass around these islands. The course must be to the North if we are able to successfully arrive at our destination. The reason we must pass to the North is...” And here he goes on to articulate the benefits of the course he deems appropriate. He speaks to the availability of local island-based television signals and how the weather will lend itself to outdoor dancing. He talks about a small village on the North coast of one of the islands where the passengers and crew alike will be able to shop for native trinkets and hand made garments, gaining greatly from the islanders’ labor and ignorance. Many, in fact about one-half of all, applaud the Captain’s message. Finally, he turns the microphone over to the other Captain.

The second Captain likewise describes the benefits of his preferred course to the South, stressing the “...beauty of the weather, the island scenery, the ample shopping opportunities for native made bargains...”

Then, the second Captain asks for a vote. By a 52% victory the passengers and crew endorse the *first* Captain’s chosen course because, as they told others on deck

following the delivery of speeches, they liked the way he talked to them. “He used gestures and you could see in his eyes that he spoke the truth.” Other passengers who had voted in the minority became wrathful and alarmed, but soon calmed after the bars were reopened.

Meanwhile, below in his cabin, a young Second Mate officer sits hunched over an array of charts and instruments of navigation. He had earlier that day been on deck and took a series of fixes based on the position of the sun. Now, by the light of the dim bulb, near the innermost depths of the ship, the floor of which rested on the engine room ceiling yielding a constant, sleepless drone, he sat at his desk cautiously calculating the course on which the ship currently plunged.

A moment of profound cognition comes over him. An epiphany, if you will: Whether North or South the ship will run aground after resuming course on the other side of the islands. He calculates that it will mean the complete destruction of the ship and result in the loss of most or all life aboard. Knowing that he must make the Captains understand, he elects to take his findings to the passengers and crew. But he does not have a microphone: he has no way to communicate his suspicion to everyone. He decides that if he speaks to everyone individually that it will take far too long. His only hope is to speak to as many as he may and ask that they pass the message along to others. In this way, he thinks, he will be able to create a change in the ship’s direction.

Hurriedly he makes way out of his cabin and begins to speak to the first crewmember he meets. He tells the crewmember everything and asks that he pass it on to others so that all may know. He repeats this process throughout the forward segment of the second deck, speaking to as many as he possibly may. Some ignore his words; while others listen then dismiss his warning. On his way Aft he meets a new crewmember and tells him of his findings, and, as before, asks that he convey the message to others. Instead, the new crewmember knocks on one Captain’s hatch and then the other and

tells them about the Second Mate's actions and how they are manifesting hysteria among some of the passengers.

Together, both Captains decide that the Second Mate's actions are tantamount to a mutinous act and cannot be tolerated because, "...it will spread fear and distrust among our passengers and crew. Besides, it can't be true because our compass tells us the basic course is correct."

And, so, a heavily armed contingent of crew seizes the Second Mate and brings him to the Brig. There he languishes until the miserable end comes upon them: All for the lack of a microphone.

From the pages preceding and following we know that the critical issues that ultimately led to the collapse of the FUSA were:

Control of Information

Pervasiveness of Fear

The Economics of, and Dependency on, Fossil Fuel

The subtle establishment of a system of Armed Control over the FUSA citizens

Building a Debt-Controlled Society

Exportation of Jobs, Unemployability and an Unsupported Housing Market

The Diminution of Thought and Logic

Replacing *God* with *Science*

For many decades preceding the establishment of Deseret there were two primary political parties directing the operations of the FUSA: The Democrats and the Republicans. Neither party exists in name any longer, although in Eureka and New Colonia many still cling to the archaic and decadent practices of the Democratic doctrine. (Today in Deseret we live in a Benevolent Theocratic society devoid of the arcane rules of the past and the constraints of a democracy.)

It was often said that there was little difference between either of these parties, and for very good reason. Of those critical causes listed above, either party to any satisfactory level addressed none. In defense of the two-party system there were those whose mission it was to contrive less critical issues as significant indicators of party differences, therefore allowing the actual course to remain unchanged. The truly salient issues were set aside – relegated to obscurity while the electorate wrangled over diversions or subterfuge.

Third parties or individuals who may have presented solutions to the critical issues listed above never manifested themselves to any apparent level, although there were third parties that emerged promising an alternative to the two prevailing political organizations, but these were only further contrivances.

As an example, groups of individuals in the former FUSA states of Texas and Vermont resurrected the icon of FUSA President Theodore Roosevelt's ideology and attempted to relate their party platform to that of the "Bull Moose" or what became "Progressive Party". Yet, on an issue-by-issue basis neither did they share any commonality with Roosevelt nor did they address, other than superficially, any aspect of the critical issues that led to the collapse.

No "Third Party" of any consequence ever emerged. No individual of merit, no person of thought, no man of foresight, no enlightened woman ever stepped forward: there was no microphone.

FUSA Liquidity

“Pay the debt thou hast contracted...Release thyself from bondage”

D&C 19: 35

In the years preceding the collapse little attention was paid to the indebtedness of the government. The FUSA was, in fact, insolvent from the early 1980's on when national indebtedness began a major upward sweep, followed by massive increases starting in 2004. The country was bankrupt, but its debtors (who might secure operations and bring the economy into balance) were its citizens, and they were precluded from taking charge of their government under the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act, risking the invocation of Martial Law.

By the close of 2010, the National Debt had topped \$14 Trillion FUSA Dollars²⁴, as a result of prosecuting wars in the Middle East (and elsewhere) and building up security forces at home to safeguard its citizens from the apparitions the government had created, and under which guise the Defense Authorization Act had passed into law. At the heart of the spending issue was the ability of the government to create Paper Money at will and as needed, with the consent of the government, *only*. (Commodity Money, such as that guaranteed by something of value, such as Gold, had long been abandoned in the FUSA.) One can easily imagine being in charge of the printing press out of which came spendable currency, and the likelihood of mischievousness that would result, yet that's precisely what occurred.

As well, China remained not only the recipient of FUSA's manufacturing jobs, but also the beneficiary of the FUSA trade imbalance. At the conclusion of 2005, the **Trade Deficit** with China was a little more than 200 Billion FUSA Dollars²⁵. At the conclusion of the first decade (2010), the Deficit stood at 330 Billion FUSA Dollars,

²⁴ An increase from about 10 Trillion at the end of 2007

²⁵ Per the “US Census Bureau” a statistical arm of the FUSA Government

having continued its upward surge of the prior many years²⁶ since FUSA citizens first discovered China's alternatives to FUSA made goods.

The FUSA's World Trade Deficit was a much bleaker story. In 2005, the "US Deficit" in Trade to the balance of the World was 767,475,000,000 FUSA Dollars. In one year, by the end of 2006, that same deficit increased to 2,177,902,000,000 FUSA Dollars. In other words, the FUSA Trade Deficit to the rest of the World grew 284% in less than one full year: From this point on the FUSA Dollar fell quickly²⁷ into disfavor among investors.

The Formation of Deseret

"And now, behold, I say unto you that it is not revealed, and no man knoweth where the city Zion shall be built, but it shall be given hereafter. Behold, I say unto you that it shall be on the borders by the Lamanites."

D&C 28: 9

"To the East, now, lies the Country of Sequoya, Brothers, all, side-by-side as it was Written."

Excerpt from Doctrine and Covenants, Official Declaration – 6

The final gasp of the last vestige of the Former United States of America immediately followed the resignation of the FUSA President, Barack H. Obama, on August 14, 2013. None had anticipated the rapidity with which the collapse of the Former United States of America came to pass. In all, though, it ought to have been expected given the circumstances and the lessons of history: Through the collapse of the former USSR in August 1991, FUSA citizens should have taken away the lesson that "the Lord cannot look upon Sin with allowance".

²⁶ With particular up-surges occurring from 1992, on

²⁷ "Quickly" relative to the long-standing presence of the FUSA Dollar on the International Monetary Market

What made the formation of Deseret possible was nothing less than a Revelation, evidenced when our leadership had received a message a year prior to the collapse, that an apocalypse was to come, and that he, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Raymond L Johnson, should call up all of the men within his summons and ready them to defend against an enemy yet unknown. By the time the first stone was cast at what has now become known as the *Battle of Yuma* (which see) the Militia of Deseret was joined to counter the aggressions of those who sought to control the lands that we call home today.

The battles, both minor skirmishes and severe throughout the country that was to become Deseret, began with the repulsion of the Mexican Army, aided chiefly by advisors from foreign lands, in Yuma, and concluded with the final shots fired for the Battle of Spokane, repulsing the combined Canadian and British forces.

To the east, Cheyenne cost us dearly in battle as the families of more than 800 of our men mourned their passing at the hands of Canadian and British troops. To the west, the fields of Reno beneath the shadows of the great Sierra mountains saw as many as 725 of our finest young men lay down their souls along with those of more than 1,200 who would become saviors to the country known today as Eureka, for our freedom as the Mexican and Southern California Militant forces sought to retain the gains they had made through the former mid-section of what was California, only to be repulsed and sent back to what today is the southern-most boundary of Eureka.

The division today, and that agreed upon at the Convention of North America, retains Reno to our West as the demarcation point of our western-most boundary. To the North, Spokane in the Northwest and Belfield to the Northeast. To the East, Cheyenne. To the Southeast, Santa Fe and to the South-Southeast, Las Cruces. Both battles against the Mexican forces at these latter two points marked a profound crossroads in our history as we joined forces with the Militia of the Republic of Texas.

Our allies on the various fronts were factions of the state militias and freely-formed citizen armies of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and New Mexico. Together we focused on the battlefield or point of aggression threatening our mutual existence. In some cases entire companies of state militia men, machinery and supplies joined our efforts after being self-released from their oaths of office following the suspension of the FUSA Constitution and the imposition of Martial Law, unable to shoot down their neighbors, friends, and in some cases families at the behest of what has been referred to by many scholars today as a “paranoid, delusional government”²⁸.

Now, today we look to the future as a time of peace and prosperity for all citizens of Deseret. The battles are over. The enemy has been excommunicated. The Fear is gone. We are returning to a life where we are at peace with where God has led us. The memory of what *was* must not impair our vision for tomorrow as we move forward together in productivity and harmony. Let the memories fade for,
“...if they should die in their wickedness they must be cast off...they must be brought to stand before God, to be judged of their works...and if they be filthy it must needs be that they cannot dwell in the kingdom of God...”

1 Nephi 15:33

²⁸ Among numerous scholars who have encapsulated the rise and fall of the United State of America, among them was, Dr. Milton Meyerstein, Phoenix Institute of Technology, Brain + Cognitive Sciences Department, in his “Dissertation Regarding the Formation of Societies in an Age of Technology.

Part C:

History of the Two Major Battles

In the Formation of the

Sovereign Nation of

Deseret

The Battle for Yuma

The battle that began for the possession of a city near the border of Mexico, in the southern most part of the former state of Arizona, became, as the ashes cooled and the blood dried, a beast not anticipated. Orchestrated, as it became apparent one year after, under the will of the Russian government, Mexican forces penetrated the border of the FUSA directing their fire and energy toward the seemingly ultimate goal of the city of Yuma.

The following is the Intelligence Summary, prepared by our Defense Strategy Unit under direct command of the Deseret Militia:

Russian agents were dispatched to the northern states of Mexico with the mission of persuading the states' Governors to lead an invasion across the southern most FUSA border.

Russian Intelligence estimated that the Mexican Central Government then in the hands of the Revolutionary Party would not approve such an action for fear of censure by the balance of societies, and particularly those with whom Mexico traded, but their apprehension was eased by the growing internal strife evidenced in daily news reports from America.

As the logical alternative, Russian Intelligence came on the idea of utilizing a Rogue State blind to facilitate the Central Government of Mexico's clandestine leadership. Now, in the aftermath, it is widely believed that not only did the Central Government have full knowledge of the intent of her northern states, but gave tacit approval and facilitated the movement of troops and ordinance, as is evidenced by the landing of a full Brigade of Russian Special Forces, the 16th Independent Spetznaz, consisting of 1,200 men and equipment.

The task of convincing the "rogue" states to launch an assault on American soil was fairly simple given that two of the three governors were members of either the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) or Party of Democratic Revolution (PDR). The

third and only questionable element was the Governor of Baja Norte, a member of the National Party of Action (PAN), a fact that would be used to the advantage of the others.

A narrative of the ensuing events by the Mexican author, Arturo Garces Viennes, from his weekly column appearing in *La Prensa*:

At 7:30 A.M. Governor Eugenio Walther of Baja California Norte leaned over the kitchen counter and met his wife for a brief kiss before he set off for work that morning. It was a system that had been practiced for many years, since they were both devoutly creatures of habit: she at the sink, he with briefcase in hand. It was a promise they kept, and both would have felt as though they violated some secret trust if they were to meet for that brief kiss elsewhere in the house. No "Good bye's" were ever uttered: Mrs Walther, Rosalia, despised them.

Governor Walther walked out the front door with his black monogrammed attaché, a gift from Rosalia on his inauguration, in left hand and the keys to his car in the right. He never wanted a driver – he felt as though that would be inappropriate to his position: he often referred to himself as a governor "of the people". We, in "Norte" agreed. He was.

Earlier, somewhere between midnight and six a.m., the Governor's car was set with explosives. For a brief moment he may have realized what was about to occur when he turned the key to the ignition, but the devastation was formidable and reduced the façade of the house to near rubble instantly. Alas, the Governor became nothing more than remotely placed bits of carrion distributed over several square kilometers of his small, humble estate. Rosalia succumbed within the hour: she never truly had to say, "Good bye".

Through agents working under the direction of both Russian advisors and the other parties' leaderships, the immediate successor was placed as *Emergency Head of Government, Baja California Norte*, Andre Lopez Obrador, a well-known confederate

of radical elements within the PRI and defeated presidential candidate in the 2006 national elections. “Governor” Lopez Obrador was the ideal catalyst. The assassination of Governor Walther, with the help of local radical news journals and the blustering of the Emergency Governor, fanned the flames of the long-standing cross-border hatred, sparking the rise of the Mexican gangs in then Southern California, and in fact throughout the Southwestern FUSA.

The PDR proposed and substantiated US involvement in the assassination through rumor and innuendo which signaled, through no apparent pre-arranged method, the uprising of the large Mexican organizations embedded in the *American* society.

Sonora’s Governor Castelo’s plea to the Central Government for troops to secure Sonora’s border was granted. Mexican law prohibits any military combat unit to deploy to a foreign country. This law was cover for the Central Government, a cover that wouldn’t be necessary as events would unfold. It was under this cloud of confused events that the Special Forces Corps was moved to the air base in Hermosillo, Sonora.

Troops were also sent to Governor Lopez Obrador to secure the border area in Baja California Norte. As 2011 closed and the first quarter of 2012 slipped by, the events north of the border enabled the plan to proceed.

On 1 April, the order was given to launch operation “Recuperacion” (Recovery). Basically, the plan called for the capture of Yuma and the (Former United States of America) Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) south of the city. As it unfolded, no further incursion north was planned, attempted, or repulsed.

The Mexican and Russian forces would seize the city and establish defensive positions along Highway 8 and the Colorado River in the north and west while anchoring their right on the MCAS. Large numbers of Mexican gangs, made up of both legal and illegal citizens would aid in this effort by seizing major routes of transportation and many key city government buildings.

The attacking force would include the Mexico's Special Forces (SF) Corps (ground element) consisting of 3,500 men, 10 Light Tanks (Lynx 90's) and 50 VAB APCs (Véhicule de l'Avant Blindé, Armored Personnel Carriers).

The Russian 16th Independent Spetznaz Brigade of 1200 men and equipment was assigned to act as advisers and make sure the Mexican troops carried out the mission. One Spetznaz battalion was assigned to each SF brigade. Little resistance was expected: The MCAS was stripped of all fighter squadrons, being fully deployed in the air war in the Middle East: VMA 211, 214, 311 and 513 were all deployed to Iran. Only base personnel remained to defend the station. Although there was an estimated 90,000 civilians living in the greater Yuma area, most had been disarmed through the efforts of B. Obama's administration under the court-agreed "Militia Principle" of "gun" ownership. Thus, the Second Amendment had been stripped of its civilian right of ownership by Executive and Judicial decrees.

The local police, understaffed and of splintered allegiance, would be handled by the Mexican gangs and there was only a handful of Arizona National Guard units in this area of any level of effectiveness.

The entire operation was to last just two days. The date of attack was set.

BMNT (begin morning nautical twilight) arrived at 0620 on the morning of 4 April 2012. The lead elements of the Mexican Invasion Force (MIF) consisting of the men of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, Special Forces Corps (SFC) were mounted in VAB APC's. This unit was supported by the Russian 2nd Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Independent Spetznaz Brigade (ISB). The Advanced Force (AF) contained 535 men and arms. Their mission was to cross the Colorado River at the border town of San Luis, quickly secure that breach point for the main MIF, and move up Highway 95 to secure the north end of the town for the pass-through of the MIF.

This operation went off as planned: The still sleeping town offered no resistance. The task was assessed, *Complete* at 0726.

The MIF began crossing the San Luis bridgehead at 0655.

The second phase of Operation Recuperacion, was to move the advance force due north up Highway 95 through the small town of Gadsden and take up positions running east along Highway 95 to the city of Somerton. This line would be held until the MIF formed its battle formations to the rear. This was the Line of Departure (LD) for the push north to capture Yuma.

The city of San Luis was secured by trailing units of infantry. The advanced force began deploying their vehicles north at 0800. They penetrated unimpeded through Gadsden and reached the designated LD by 0845.

The city of Somerton, (8,855 population), provided the first resistance in the battle. News had spread rapidly mostly via the cell phone network, although the MIF closed off all access roads out of San Luis. A force of 300 to 350 armed citizens had gathered at the Dove Valley Golf Course and formed what was later called the Somerton Brigade. It was led by several retired FUSA Marine officers and enlisted men. Their arms were mostly hunting rifles, shotguns, and hand guns of varying calibers, along with scattered military-type weapons. The Brigade was deployed at the intersection of South Avenue F and Main St (Highway 95) with its main elements in Somerton Park. When the leading elements of the AF reached the western end of Somerton, the citizen army ambushed them. The citizens were no match for the mounted infantry of the 1st Company 2nd Battalion and the fight quickly turned into an urban confrontation with the citizens *melting* into the city. The fight lasted only 20 minutes and casualties were relatively light (17 citizen KIA's, several wounded with 3 Mexican KIA's, 13 wounded), but the fact that the Americans seemed willing to fight at the grass root level was an unexpected turn of events for the invasion plans, because no resistance was expected until the MIF attacked the MCAS and Yuma City.

The 20-minute skirmish in Somerton delayed the establishment of the LD, but as the majority of the MIF was infantry afoot, the line was secured well in advance of the arrival of the MIF.

The battle at Somerton spread the alarm north to Phoenix where the startled Governor and staff scrambled to rush the newly reformed 158th Infantry Regiment south to meet the invasion. The “Bushmasters” as they were designated in World War II, had been restructured several times since, but as the needs for the Arizona Army National Guard (AZRNG) changed after the invasion of Iran in 2008, the old Bushmaster Regiment was reestablished to give the state an infantry unit as its guard, reformulating the 153rd Artillery.

Most of the Regiment had rotated in and out of the Middle East war in the past four years, but at this critical time in history, the regiment was in state. The Regiment consisted of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Battalions of, in most cases, battle experienced troops. Its strength was estimated at near 1800.

Located in the City of Phoenix, the unit would have be called in, organized and transported south to the border area: A daunting task at best, given the expediency in which it had to happen. Once the unit was formed, the advance to Yuma would take two hours to cover the 120 mile trek down Highway 8. It would be imperative that Highway 8 east of Yuma not fall into Mexican hands before the 158th could arrive on the battle field. Word was sent to the MCAS to hold that facility as long as possible. The Mexican AF continued to secure the city of Somerton, and to establish the LD. Throughout the hours following the ambush, the armed citizens continued to harass the Mexican troops, especially when they ventured out of their APC’s. The MIF began to arrive at the LD near 1200. It would be another two hours before the attacking force would be in line and ready to advance.

The apparent slowness of the Mexican forces was reported to be a constant aggravation to the Russian leadership. No amount of prodding could hurry the

progress. It was planned to be in position to launch the attack at 1200, but the march from San Luis took two hours longer than expected.

The operation called for a three-pronged attack. The Left Prong (LP), consisting of the 1st Brigade (minus 2nd Battalion) would drive north-west out of Somerton and using the Colorado River as left guide, push north to the small town of Steam at the junction of the Colorado and Highway 8. The Center Prong (CP), consisting of the 2nd Brigade with nearly 2,000 men, would push straight north out of Somerton up Highway 95, securing the western half of Yuma and linking up with the LP at the Colorado River. The Right Prong (RP), made up of the 3rd Brigade, would strike for the MCAS and capture that facility: This would secure the right flank of the MIF and cut Highway 8 as a line of communication and resupply.

The largest force, the four Battalions of the 2nd Brigade, was sent up the middle because it would have to contend with the fighting in the city itself, although no heavy resistance was anticipated. It was estimated the Marine force at the Air Station would be 200-250 base personnel with small arms and would not stand long against the 800 man force of the 3rd Battalion. No resistance was anticipated on the right flank.

At 1400 hours in the warmth of the Arizona sun, the attack stepped off. The attack formations were the classic two echelon "V" tactic. The first echelon consisting of two Battalions advancing in line and a company following in reserve. The second echelon would be the remaining units following 300 to 1000 meters behind. The LP moved astride South Somerton Road with ease and reached West 40th Street by 1500 hours. The CP moved astride Highway 95 and was abreast the LP. At the same time the others reached West 40th, the RP was moving down the MCAS main runway. By 1530 the leading elements of the 4th Battalion had moved within a few hundred meters of the heart of the air station when the Marines let loose their small arms fire. The defenders had prepared their defense among the buildings and hangers at the north-east end of the base.

The Mexican troops were caught in the flat open environment of the air base runway. The immediate reaction of the ambushed force was a recoil and retreat to the rear. The leading platoon (1st Platoon 4th Company) took 12 KIA's and Wounded in the initial burst of fire. The rearward thrust caused a ripple action and dispersed the attack formation in all directions. The Marines continued to pour withering yet accurate fire into the retreating ranks of the enemy. Marine strength was near 300 with M-60 machine guns, M-16 rifles, M-40 grenade launchers and various other infantry weapons: This was no citizen fighting force.

The Marines were well disciplined and trained in the use of their weapons. The attacking force fell back to the north-west side of the runway and took cover in the drainage ditches that ran along the edges of the tarmac. 23 bodies strewn on the runway marked the withdrawal of the Mexican force. The commanders attempted to rally their bewildered men to no avail.

The 9th Battalion following in the attack formation moved ahead passing through the bogged down 4th Battalion positions along the axis of the runway. The commander ordered a two-company rush across the open ground toward the defenders. The result was the same: the fire from the Marines was too intense to penetrate and the attack fell apart within minutes of its inception.

The commanders would again rally the troops and, once more at about 1610, a two-company attack was ordered across the runway. This attack reached within a few meters of the hanger area but once again the well planned interlocking fields of fire by the Marines stopped the advance and the Mexicans fell back.

By 1630 the Mexicans had suffered 32 KIA's and 47 Wounded, while the Marines reported 6 KIA's and 22 Wounded. The call went to SFC HQ for a Lynx Light Tank section to be rushed to the aid of the pinned down RP. The Russian advisors tried to persuade the Mexican commanders to launch a massive attack to dislodge the defenders, but they chose to await the arrival of Lynx support. The inexperience of

both Mexican troops and their leaders was evident and would cost their operations dearly.

While the RP awaited tank support the LP proceeded largely unopposed north, moving past their second check point (West 24th Street) and was poised only a few kilometers from their assigned objective.

The CP too had moved quickly and unopposed to their second checkpoint (West 24th Street) but once they crossed that street and entered the populated part of the city the situation changed. The advancing columns became entangled in the “Built Up Areas” (urban housing developments or BUA’s) and came under increasingly heavy fire from hidden small units of civilian resisters: Yuma would not go away easily.

As the CP advanced deeper into the maze of buildings, their lack of training in Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain (MOUT) tactics became more apparent. The outcome of this encounter was *written* by fate, owing to the sheer numbers and equipment of the attacking force. It would just take longer and cost more than estimated. It was now 1800 hours and the CP had penetrated into the city near the east-west portion of Highway 95.

At the MCAS, a plan to flank the defenders was developed: Elements of the 9th Battalion crossed the runway to the south, and moved north into the housing area of the base in an attempt to *fall on* the flank of the Marine positions. Two companies of the 4th resumed the frontal assault as the flanking element attempted to breach the Marine defenses. The flanking force became so entangled and disoriented in their attempt to pass through the BUA that they failed to even engage the Marines and fell back to the southern end of the runway. Thus, the frontal attack was again repulsed. For reasons unknown at this chronology, the requested tanks never arrived at the airfield.

Sunset was closing in fast on the air station and the first day of the operation was about to end. By sunset, the LP had reached its objective and was setting in for the

night along the Colorado River. Also, the CP had not reached its objective and found itself bogged down in hotly contested street fighting.

Exacerbating the Mexican state of affairs, a new *enemy* to contend with had arrived and moved into the fray, much to the Mexican forces dismay: Several groups of militia from Utah, under direction of our own leadership, activated and organized earlier owing to the Revelation that had manifested itself to him, joined the fight.

They would become known as the *Deseret Militia*. Taking positions at the sides of every citizen soldier, and the next day moving into point, shoulder-to-shoulder with the troops of the 158th, the fight took a different direction.

During the night of 5 April the leading elements of the 158th arrived from Phoenix. The lead companies of the 1st Battalion with the Deseret Militia came down Highway 8 via truck and deployed along the Highway directly to the rear of the MCAS. By 2300 most had been placed in defensive positions along the Highway and prepared for a fight the next day.

BMNT came at 0626 on 6 April. The Marines at the air station had done their job: they held the Mexican advance back and denied them the air station. More importantly, they kept them from seizing and containing the main artery, Highway 8. Long before BMNT, the Marines were ordered out of their defenses and joined the 158th and Deseret Militia along the defenses.

The Marines had suffered a 15 KIA total. 106 had been wounded in the battle while the Mexican forces suffered far more substantially: 136 and 240. The Russians experienced virtually no losses, except for a *friendly fire* event resulting in the death of a field commander. The Mexican RP swept through the abandoned air station that morning and ran straight into the accumulated defenses. The advance was halted and the Mexican RP took up defensive positions as well.

The CP pushed through the city and by late afternoon had reached the Colorado River only to find themselves facing a defensive line occupied by elements of the 2nd and 3rd

Battalions of the 158th and more than 1,200 heavily armed members of the Deseret Militia.

Word came for the MIF to consolidate its gains and hold their positions until further orders.

This effectively ended the battle of Yuma. The Mexican force wasn't large enough to attempt further advances and the FUSA assembled troops could not muster enough force to dislodge the MIF, because there was word of two new threats:

To the north, a firefight had erupted at the City of Rossland, just north of the Canadian border, one that would eventually lead to the battle that established the final north-west boundary of Deseret. It began as the local Militia of Washington ignited a skirmish between a small cadre of Canadian forces assembled to safeguard and bolster the northern border.

To the very distant north, the Russians had accomplished their goal: they had retaken that which they had exchanged for a little more than seven million FUSA Dollars many years before – Alaska – defeating the dwindling National Guard and small, dispersed citizen-fighters who took up arms in a vain attempt to repulse the massive Russian invasion. This had been the aim of the Russians in supporting and inciting the Mexican incursion. But, it was too late by then. It was over in less than 72 hours.

As Arturo Garces Viennes so eloquently phrased it in La Prensa, “We were but pawns in a calculated game of international consequence...Once again at the expense of life, we have brought added wealth to a government of the corrupted, by the corrupted and for the corrupted...It is not enough that our people remain in poverty. It does not do that we are ignorant. We must also give our lives so those few who have so much, may have more. God may forgive them, but we shall not.”

The Rossland Incident: A Misunderstanding and The Battle of Spokane

The Rossland Incident:

The events at Yuma flashed quickly throughout the FUSA. Reaction ranged from quiet dismay and bewilderment to virulent outrage. The most significant reaction came from the numerous militias located in most every state of the FUSA. Of note were the actions of the Washington State Militia (WSM) and their predictability.

From the Seattle Times, Jonas Lindquist reported, “While we all reel in disbelief at the actions many miles south of us, it would be ironic if the much maligned organized reactionary forces of the local Militias proved in the end to be the salvation of civilization. Yet, already in retrospect this may be the case: Organized and deployed to our defense more rapidly than our own National Guard troops, and equally as equipped in light weapons, we may only hope that the infirmities of age afflicting some of their membership won’t prove too weighty.”

The reports of the Deseret Militia, Arizona National Guard, and the instantaneous formation of armed citizens under the direction of retired and experienced FUSA military leadership, fighting the Mexican forces’ foreign and domestic troops at Yuma, inspired the leaders of WSM to “head North to guard our borders”.

Before the sun set on day two of the battle of Yuma, WSM was mustering in Yakima, a Washington city about 100 miles south of the Canadian border. The WSM leadership estimated that if a Canadian force were to invade Washington’s Eastern region, the city of Spokane would be the target. The city lay a mere 66 miles from the border. The extreme mountainous terrain in the border area was ideal for a small unit blocking force to control the main lines of advance southward. WSM chose Highway 25 where it crossed the border to execute their hastily drawn up plan.

At 2030 hours nearly 200-armed men in pickup trucks, mini vans and SUV's headed northeast in the darkness of April 6th, 2012. Their destination was a small village called Frontier that sets astride Highway 25 right at the Canadian border. The men *and women* of this caravan were armed with shotguns, hunting rifles, AK-47s, SKS's, M-16s and handguns of various calibers and size.

They *passed through* their intended stopping point sometime in the blackness of the mountainous night around 2300 hours and dove errantly eight miles into British Colombia. None of the militiamen were familiar with the terrain and in the confusion of the night, they deployed on the outskirts of the small Canadian town of Rossland, missing their target destination.

The Canadian military leadership while keenly observing the events in the FUSA over the preceding year had begun to take protective measures along its southern and northern borders. Their 19,000 personnel land force was inadequate to defend its 8,893 km of borders, so the Canadian military planners and intelligence units attempted to select strategic points at which to deploy their limited remaining assets for observation and warning post only. It was this mission that found the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3PPCLI), in harms way at Rossland, BC.

(An unknown number of Canadian Light Infantry were currently otherwise engaged in *peace keeping* efforts intended to quell the eruption that had taken place in various areas of Quebec, owing to a growing French Separatist movement spawned by a small, yet influential group of university professors and local politicians. Their aim was to bring the province of Quebec under French authority. Canadian intelligence had been aware of this "terrorist threat" as they had reported it, for many months prior to their emergence on the streets of Montreal and Quebec.)

The Reconnaissance Platoon had arrived on the 7th of April and set up a radio relay station at the Red Ski Resort. The platoon encamped in the Centennial Park at the west

end of the resort town. Spring was in full swing and the lowlands were free of snow and the roads were clear and all passable.

The main body of the 3PPCLI was a mere 10 miles north of the platoon moving in a westerly direction along Highway 3 to drop off other elements of the unit at strategic observation points. The Brigade had been transferred from its base in Winnipeg, Manitoba to support the Land Force Western Area (LFWA). LFWA is headquartered in Edmonton and is the Headquarters for the 1st Area Support Group (1 ASG HQ). (Units attached to this HQ are the (HQ subordinate unit) 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1CMBG), consisting of the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA) and Lord Strathconas Horse (Royal Canadians), or “LdSH (RC)”, and the three battalions of the PPCLI Regiment.)

The platoon consisted of 32 enlisted men and one officer. In the early hours of 7 April, the second and third squads were preparing to embark on patrols west of the town. The WSM were engaging in early morning patrols of their own, the leading elements of which, a fifteen man combat patrol, encountered the Canadians. After the initial shock of seeing “enemy personnel” (the Canadian forces) in their country (FUSA), the WSM troops opened fire, without delay, hesitation or question. As the firefight began the WSM, equipped with old PRC-10 radios, quickly relayed the contact to the rear elements.

The Canadians at first recoiled from the mostly inaccurate fire but recovered quickly and began a deliberate return fire that sent the WSM patrol in full retreat. The platoon leader organized his squads and pushed forward advancing up Highway 22 on the heels of the retreating WSM. At the junction of Highway 22 and Black Bear Drive, the advancing Canadians ran straight into 75 fatigued clad, poised-for-fire WSM “Infantry” troops. Once again the skirmish took a turn. The Canadian force was only 20 strong and couldn’t continue their advancing attack.

The WSM pushed forward and the Canadians fought a delaying withdrawal back to their encampment. The militia became disoriented in their advance-position surroundings and the attack stopped at the junction of Highway 22 and Columbia Ave. This delay allowed the Canadian troops to take refuge in the Rossland Museum. It also permitted a siege situation to quickly develop.

The WSM troops surrounded the building and demanded the surrender of the 23 trapped soldiers. The skirmish by then had cost the Canadians three dead comrades and seven wounded. 12 militia were dead and 33 wounded - almost a quarter of their force. The time was 1010 hours. At that moment, the militia leadership had come to realize their mistake and was in a leadership fall-out as to direction and next steps. Events, however, would solve the problem in short order: When the skirmish began, the radio operator at the relay point quickly apprised the commander of the 3PPCLI of the situation. The commander ordered the lead elements to turn south on Highway 3B and head for Rossland.

Militia outpost reported the advancing armored personal carriers (APC's) down Highway 3B. The militia began an immediate withdrawal and an ensuing, retreating, running fight developed and protracted the length of the WSM retreat to the FUSA border, bringing Canadian KIA's to seven and the WSM KIA's to an estimated 19. Once again, from the Seattle Times (Jonas Lindquist), "Only moments before the streets were a suburban setting of peaceful morning adventures while people made their way on never-changing errands and outings, only to find themselves on this day mired in street combat that might be reminiscent of more densely urban areas as of late. In this small community the dead of both sides of the conflict rested undisturbed along pathways and roadways used by the town's children as they bicycled to the store or to school.

“Under Canadian Government Military orders, men of the community of Rossland were conscribed to remove the litter of bodies and hold them in the community center until such time as their fate might better be determined.”

The Battle of Spokane, Washington: April 8 - 10, 2012

The *Rossland Incident* sparked a deeply seeded animosity between these hitherto amicable and affable North American neighbors. Until cooler heads could prevail, though, the Canadian reactionaries would control the destiny of the two countries. Other forces were driving the current sensitivity to border intrusions. While the FUSA's intelligence agencies were engrossed in the internal strife within its own borders, they missed the indicators that would have pointed straight to the Russian invasion of Alaska. The British, on the other hand, did not.

British Military Intelligence (MI) had tracked the indicators and fearing that the Russians had plans on taking Alaska and continuing into Canada's North West Territory, dispatched, with full permission of the Canadian Government, several combat units to assist a woefully inadequately-sized armed force in that country. Not only did the Canadians have to contend with a possible invasion from the north, but the internal threat of the French Separatist Movement (FSM) in Quebec was draining their military assets to a critical point. The influx of the British Forces (BF) allowed the Canadians to engage in the operations to secure the border with their southern neighbors and when the Rossland Incident provided the opportunity, they fully acted upon it.

While the 3PPCLI Brigade was penetrating FUSA's border, wheels were set in motion to reinforce this unit with all the men and equipment LFWA could muster. The aforementioned military units under the command of 1 ASG HQ were dispersed between 70 and 300 miles of the impending Area of Operations (AO).

Orders were issued to the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA) at Cranbrook, 67 miles northeast of road Junction 3 and (FUSA) US Highway 31, for 1st and 2nd Battalion, 3PPCLI at Kelowna (100 miles northwest of Rossland) and Lord Strathconas Horse (Royal Canadians), at Lethbridge (200 miles northeast of Highway 3 and (FUSA) US Highway 31). 3PPCLI was ordered to proceed south along (FUSA)

US Highway 25 and secure an area suitable to use as a debarkation point for an attack southward to secure the city of Spokane.

The 3PPCLI would have to hold the selected area until the main force arrived. It was 1130 hours when the 3PPCLI passed through the border village of Frontier and entered the country of FUSA. The column continued pursuing the remnants of the WSM, now in full flight, down Highway25.

Seven miles into FUSA territory, the advancing column reached the narrows of the Columbia River and crossed passing through the town of Northport. The commander ordered a halt to reorganize and confer with higher HQ. Orders were issued to proceed south and establish the area of debarkation and wait for the main forces to arrive. The terrain dictated the Canadians follow Highway 25 as a line of advance.

The Brigade Commander selected the town of Colville at the junction of Highway 20 and Highway 395 as the staging area for the follow-on forces. The flat lands surrounding Colville would provide the necessary space for the formation of the attaching units and Highway 395 provided the line of approach to Spokane.

3PPCLI covered the 50 miles to Colville with ease and secured the area by 1300 hours. The unit had 988 personnel in the field with all their equipment. The troops were transported in Bison APC's and Coyote Reconnaissance Vehicles. Their arms included CI close support howitzers, 81mm mortars and various infantry small arms. In the mid afternoon, around 1430 hours, the RCHA arrived at the town of Tiger, 36 miles northwest of Colville, and took positions in preparation to drive south down Highway 20 as the second prong of a two prong attack on Spokane. The RCHA would hold its position until LdSH (RC) arrived.

Their estimated time of arrival was 1830 hours. The 1stPPCLI would arrive at Colville at 1545 followed by the 2nd at 1630. LdSH (RC) arrived as darkness set in preventing any further movement for the day. (The move south had to wait until BMNT on 8

April.) This was a fortunate turn of events for the FUSA and its defending forces, providing additional time to muster supporting troops.

Days before the Rossland Incident, wheels were set in motion to mobilize remaining National Guard Units throughout the FUSA: Both Washington and Idaho had undeployed resources. In Washington, the main fighting units were the 81st Brigade Combat Team (BCT) and the 66th Theater Aviation Command (66th TAC).

The 66th TAC counted more than 5,300 Army National Guardsmen from 15 states and had command and control over all Washington Army National Guard (WANG) aviation units based at Fort Lewis. In addition to its airlift assets, the 66th TAC maintained remanufactured AH-64D Apache Longbow Attack Helicopters, with battalions in Idaho, Arizona and South Carolina. This asset would tip the balance in coming events at Spokane, particularly since the introduction of the revised Fire Control Radar (FCR) target acquisition system.

The 81st BCT would contribute the 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery to the action. The 1st Battalion 161st Infantry Regiment counted 1,242 members assigned to five rifle companies. The 161st was based in Spokane. The third element of the BCT, the 1st Battalion, 303rd Cavalry was deployed in the Middle East. The 81st BCT was a battle tested and savvy unit that saw heavy action in the fields and cities of Iran and Iraq.

Contributing greatly to the battle was the arrival of the 20 M1A1 Abrams Tanks from the 2nd Battalion 116th Cavalry Brigade and the 1st Battalion 183rd Aviation Unit of the Idaho National Guard. The 183rd and 1st Battalion 285th from Arizona would provide the Apache Longbow support.

In addition to the listed National Guard units that numbered near 2,500 troops, nearly 2,500 members of the Deseret, Idaho and Montana Militia groups bolstered the defensive force. These groups, although civilians, were well armed and as a whole,

well trained and led by competent field “officers”. Their sheer weight in numbers would prove a major asset in the fight.

At 0630 hours on the morning of 8 April, the order to advance was given to the elements forming the attacking force of Canadians. The defenders numbered around 2,300 at this time, consisting of the Battalion of the 161st Infantry and its supporting Field Artillery (FA). Their defensive line was established west to east along East Hawthorne Road. The left was anchored at Nine Mill Road and the right at Market Street and the railroad bed. The FA was stationed in the low rolling hills east of the railroad tracks with their field of fire covering the open fields and main avenues of approach. The defensive line extended nearly three miles. The selected battleground lay six miles north of central Spokane and straddled highways 395 and 2, the expected attack avenues.

The *advance to contact* commenced with the 3PPCCI down Highway 395 and elements of the RCHA down Highway 20. The plan called for the left wing from Colville to march the 50 miles to the junction of 395 and Denison Chattary Road and wait for the right wing from Tiger to arrive at that road before continuing south. The right wing had 20 miles further to travel, following Highway 20 to Highway 211, then to Highway 2 and on to the checkpoint.

There were no FUSA forces to harass the advancing Canadians but the commanders of both wings advanced with caution, notwithstanding. The left wing (LW) reached the check point at 0910 while the right wing (RW) did not reach the area until 1030. The defender’s main line of resistance (MLR) lie ten miles away. With radio contact established, the two wings commenced movement to contact at 1100 sharp. Their forward scouting elements had reported the presence of the defending forces and approximate strength.

The defensive lines had been augmented by the arrival of many of the militias and *may* have been as high as 2,800 at the time. The line of departure (LD) had been

established at the junction of Hastings and Farwell Roads as they intersected with Highway 395 and 2 respectively. The LD was but a mile-and-a-half north of the MLR. At approximately 1130, the leading elements of the LW emerged through the Wandermere Golf Course and into the open ground astride Highway 395. The RW made the turn southwest along Highway 2 and approached the LD. The two wings were to merge and form the battle lines just north of the LD and as they began arriving in force, the defending FA commenced fire with its 105 and 155 Howitzers. Aside from casualties, the bombardment caused a great amount of confusion in forming the lines of battle for the attack. The Canadian's support Howitzers were soon unlimbered and commenced counter battery fire. On the LW, the 2PPCCI passed through the 3PPCCI and commenced the attack. On the RW, the artillery and tank units organized into support roles.

Once past the LD, the terrain opened into a flat, giving the defenders a good field of fire. The attacking infantry remained mounted in their APC's until they reached a point about 500 yards from the MLR and as the APC's laid down covering fire, the infantrymen advanced. 120mm mortars now joined the incoming artillery and the defending infantrymen began withering small arms fire. The attack faltered and soon began to fall back ending the initial probe. It was now 1245 hours and the Canadians had their entire 3,600 force present and, after the opening probe, was organizing for a strong effort.

About 1330, the second effort was mounted. It would be the 1st Battalion and 3rd Battalion supported by Alpha Squadron of LdSH. Alpha Squadron consisted of three platoons of 3 Leopard Tanks each. RCHA howitzers announced the attack as a covering barrage rolled along the front of the MLR. Again, the infantry dismounted around 500 yards from the MLR and with the nine tanks in support, advanced.

The attackers were persistent and penetrated the center of the defenses. The defenders Tube-launched, Optically tracked, Wire-guided missiles (TOW's) knocked out two of the Leopards, but the Canadians pushed hard and broke through the line.

Charlie Company gave way to the attacking force and fought a retreat to the junction of 395 and 2. Delta Company held strong on the left but Bravo Company began to waver. The center fell back to Holland Avenue and attempted to reorganize. Just as it seemed a collapse was eminent, the leading elements of the 116th Cavalry rolled up Highway 395 and turned the tide of battle.

The Leopards were no match for the M1A1's and three were quickly knocked out. The tank action rallied the remaining members of Charlie Company and along with a large number of newly arrived members of the Deseret Militia, started pushing the Canadians back.

Time again, rushes resulted in hand-to-hand combat, erupting as the Canadians began a slow organized retreat. The MLR was restored but at a heavy cost: One M1A1 tank was put out of action, Charlie Company was decimated with 50% casualties with 32 dead and 60 wounded. An additional 6 Militia members were killed and 22 wounded. Delta Company reported 16 killed and 26 wounded while Bravo reported 28 killed and 33 wounded.

Alpha Company relieved Charlie in the center while militia elements secured the left flank of the line. The Canadians reported seven tanks knocked out, six APC's destroyed and 72 killed with 3 missing (captured).

The attack lasted almost two hours and darkness would set in within a few hours. The Canadian Commander would wait until day light the next day and finish what they *almost* accomplished on that day. The presence of opposing tanks was the only reason his Headquarters was not based somewhere in the city that night.

(Military) Supplies were a major concern for the invading force. It was estimated that they could sustain only one all out effort. The leadership of the defending FUSA units

came to the same conclusion and believed their best strategy would be to hold their line and repulse any attack to come.

The Canadian Command planned to strike the FUSA's right forces and roll up that flank. They would conduct a feint on the left front to draw the tanks to that area and strike the right with two battalions of mounted infantry. Throughout the night of 8 April, the Canadian force prepared for the morning assault.

The beat-up 1st Battalion, taking the brunt of casualties that afternoon, would stage the *demonstration* on the MLR left. The remaining two Leopards from Alpha Squadron reinforced by a platoon from Bravo Squadron, would support the feint. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions, supported by three platoons of Leopards would assault the MLR *right* at the industrial complex, and then turn the FUSA's flank and roll up the line.

At 0620, the attack commenced. Immediate success was realized when the Abrams tanks were shifted to meet the threat on MLR right. At 0650, the attacking forces slammed into the industrial complex held by Echo Company. This time the infantry did not de-board from the APC's, instead riding them right into the surprised defenders.

The Canadian Commander hoped to first overrun Echo's position, *then* dismount the troops and continue the advance down the MLR. The initial shock drove the men of Echo back and the second echelon of attackers turned the Americans.

Echo Company fought a stubborn retreat through the industrial complex but was giving ground. The suppressing fire from the tanks and APC's was too much for the defenders to accept and they were pushed out of the complex and into the open with their right flank along Market Street.

As Echo Company gave way they began falling on Delta Company's right. The Commanding Officer of Delta adjusted his line to meet the oncoming assault. 200 members of the Idaho Militia augmented Delta Company and together they met the Canadians with a counter thrust that slowed the momentum of the attackers. As in the

first day's fight, hand-to-hand combat ensued, but the weight of the APC's and Leopards stopped the American's advance and they began to fall back.

Before the attacker could gain the momentum again, the battle took a decisive and final turn: The Apache Longbows from Arizona and Idaho swept in on the battlefield and with their *fire-and-forget* Longbow Hellfire air-to-ground missiles, severely damaged the fighting capacity of the tanks and APC's supporting the attack.

The ground forces reacted swiftly and a counter attack was launched with Delta and Alpha Companies. The Canadian attack collapsed: Without mechanized support, the infantrymen could not retain their ground. A steady retreat commenced across the open field in front of the shattered industrial complex. Heavy artillery exchanges continued as the RCHA tried to cover the withdrawal and the American howitzers attempted to pound the retreating Canadians.

Around 0830 the guns fell silent and the invading force withdrew to the golf course area and into the protection of the low rolling hills three miles north of the MLR.

The carnage left on the field was massive for the numbers of combatants involved. Action Reports showed the FUSA losses for the two days of fighting was 433 killed, 912 wounded and 6 missing in action. Of these 1,351 casualties, 303 of the dead and 236 of the wounded were Militia members. FUSA losses also included two M1A1 tanks, three 105 Howitzers, two Apache Longbows and 12 Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicles (ICV).

The Canadians reported 1,866 casualties (nearly 50% of their force) with 604 killed, 1,205 wounded and 57 missing. 18 of their 27 Leopards were destroyed and 23 APC's were knocked out. The FUSA force was in no shape to pursue the fleeing Canadians. The Canadians reformed and consolidated their positions and waited for orders. The wait ended when an organized retreat was negotiated with what remained of FUSA's Central Government, allowing the Canadians safe passage north.

From the Seattle Times, Jonas Lindquist reporting:

“Less than one year ago I sat at a table under an umbrella at an outdoor bistro with an associate of mine while we commiserated on the ill state of society.

“We talked about the economy and how, although it seemed lackluster and stagnant, was as regular as a clock in its recovery. We spoke about politics and how in many times past we opined on the logical successors to leadership of these United States. We talked about our families – our wives and our children. We spoke about what we would do after we retired.

“We planned our individual futures and prophesized that, although fraught with difficulties, the United States would continue, just as empires in the past had long succeeded in doing. We conjectured that eventually a future generation might bear witness to the collapse of the United States, and when that time came we speculated that it would be a period of immense upheaval.

“We mourned the loss of reason, but saw the world today as a place where the new logic that had settled in on the populace, although exceedingly different from what we perceived as the norm, was not deadly. Change has always been subtle. Change has always been slight. Who could have calculated, say, just five years ago in 2007 that the United States would end with such swiftness? In retrospect, I suppose anyone who has read history could have predicted it. It’s just that we were all so involved in our day-to-day lives: sitting at outdoor cafes, talking about politics, working, shopping, dining out, thinking about the future, while the ship sailed on with no one at the wheel.

“It’s ironic. It’s even thrilling in an eerie way to see something so wonderful caught in its last throws of life, like a great ancient beast finally caught by one too many spears from a horde of long-lost hunters. What will tomorrow bring, I wonder?”

(Editor’s note: Jonas Lindquist was killed April 9th, 2012 while covering the Battle for Spokane. This was his last dispatch.)