

The American Decline & Prophetic Themes in the Matrix

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“The principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.”

- **Thomas Jefferson, US President (1743 – 1826)**

“Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.”

- **The Lord Jesus Christ, Matthew 12:25 (NASB)**

“If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.”

- **Senator Daniel Webster (1872 – 1852)**

“We have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place.”

- **II Peter 1:19-20 (NASB)**

“Europe must take as soon as possible a federal structure.”

- **Pope Francis, July 8, 2017**

Greetings to All,

Earlier this year I wanted to address some **prophetic themes** that I have researched, outlined and presented in [my book](#), and this will be a quick overview of where things are *really heading*. We are living in a **spiritual matrix** between good and evil as many of you are aware. Things are getting more urgent as we hear about “rumors of war” because we all share concerns about the future of our nation, our finances and loved ones. The subtitle of **my book** mentions the “monetary and political decline” of the **US** and this necessarily includes a **moral decline**. In the last days, it will be **Europe**, and not the **US**, that plays a prominent role in **Bible** prophecy. So, this will be an ambitious newsletter with many links if you care to dig deeper, and I appreciate your interest and feedback as always.

USA: *Demagoguery, Demographics & Debt*



“Men, it has been well said, think in herds; it will be seen that they go mad in herds while they recover their senses slowly and one by one.”

- **Charles MacKay, *Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds* (1841)**

The above quote is related to financial bubbles and market psychology, but it equally applies to our contemporary **culture wars** and the *pervasive* **Group Think** that has cast a spell on people. Have we ever seen a time when public discourse has gotten this snarky, contentious and acrimonious? We have **demagoguery** in every corner of society which “appeals to the prejudices and emotions of the populace.” The leftist media whores are leading the way. According to the [Pew Research Center](#), *only 5%* of media coverage of Trump is positive (it was **80%** for Obama). The fake news circuit has now lost *all* credibility and relevance – it is more like tabloid news covering the base and the trivial.

Now comes the politization of sports. In the latest spasm of political correctness and **Group Think**, the **NFL** has allowed some of its “employees” to celebrate progressive causes during their sports venue, and fans are not taking to it very well since all they wanted to do was drink beer and shout. I am of course referring to the public endorsement of **Black Lives Matter** (during work hours) started by Colin Kaepernick in **2016**. Kneeling during the anthem only got worse once Trump’s Twitter account got into it. What is the issue here? Some cops (who are white) are shooting at blacks. Really? Even though blacks represent 13% of the population, *but commit 80% of the crimes?* I say clean up your act, quit doing crime, pull your pants up and speak English. Black Lives Matter (**BLM**) was founded in **2013** by a trio of *leftist black lesbians* with ties to dozens of radical Left groups according to [THIS LINK](#) by former Marxist **David Horowitz**. **BLM** is a violent coalition that is funded by Soros, Ford Foundation and others that also calls for redistribution of the wealth, full employment, housing, free education, food, reparations and so on. It also praises the late brutal dictator Fidel Castro (as seen in Colin’s wardrobe) and also teaches courses by Saul Alinsky. Leading protests during **NFL** games is the *wrong* venue; and **BLM** is the *wrong* cause. Cowardly owners/coaches have allowed this to happen, and now their employees have gone mad in herds (and people are leaving in herds).

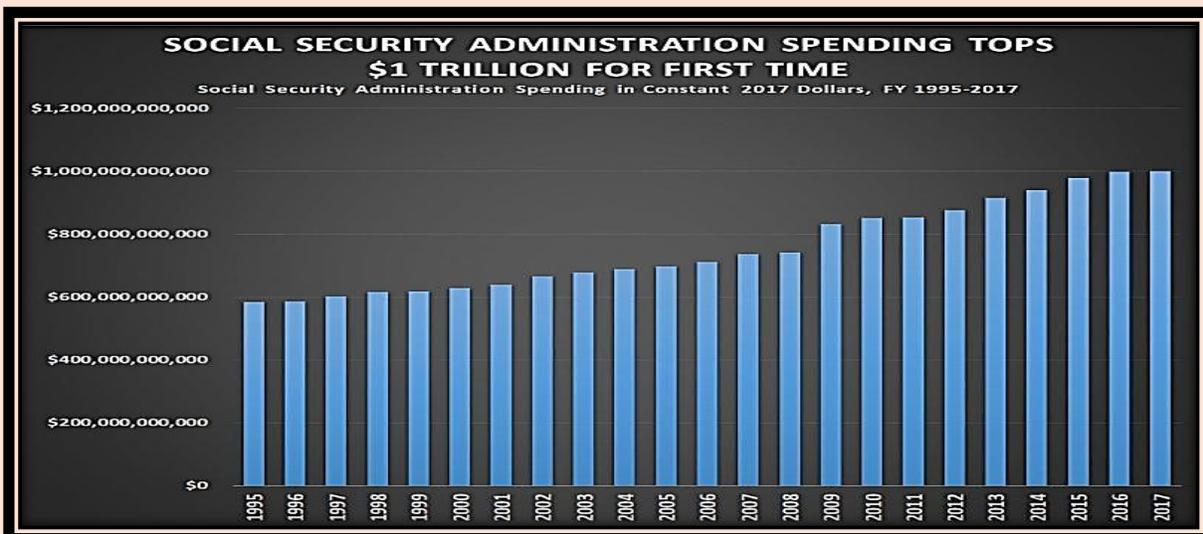
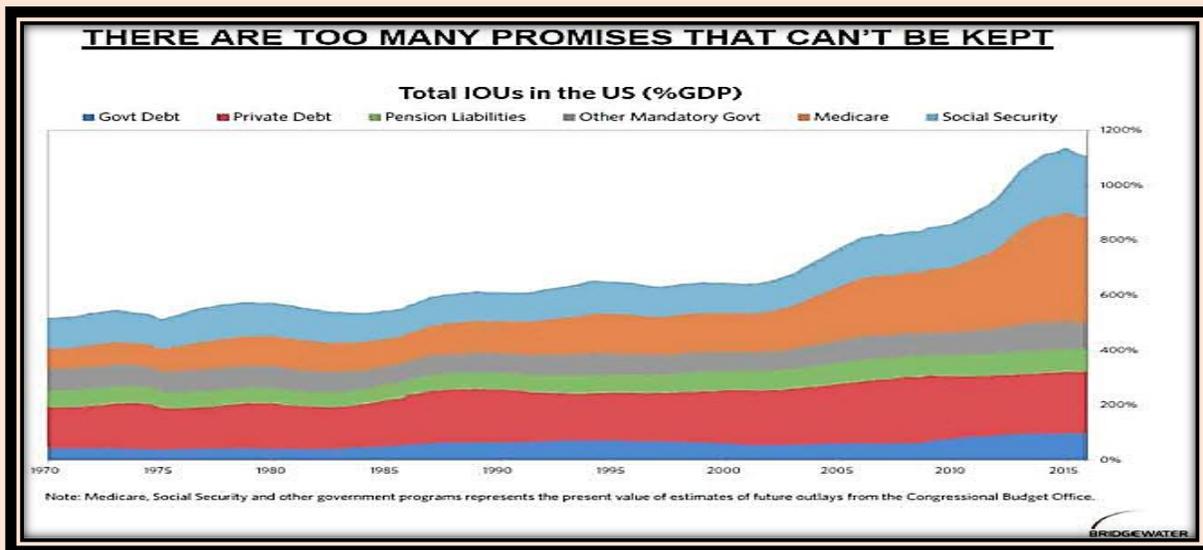
Mark Dice: Black Lives Matter Hurricane Relief Effort

The above clip is a hilarious jab at **BLM** and values held within the black community that we see all too often. In **2015**, the DNC dutifully endorsed **BLM** and Obama, *Demagogue in Chief*, was a proud supporter. Obama’s [official website](#) now refers to his “office” in DC, and at the bottom is a link to **OFA** (Organizing for Action). What kind of action you might ask? The progressive/leftist kind and you can check out [www.ofa.us](#). I call progressives “regressives” since Marxist policies *always fail*.

In true hypocritical *Animal Farm* fashion, Barack and Michelle (Mike) have joined the **1%** of the elite wealthy class, with speaking fees *double* that of the Clinton days. Nevertheless, they feign solidarity with the downtrodden and encourage (violent) action on the street through various fronts.

37 Minute Video: America under Siege: Antifa

I must also draw your attention to an important documentary by researcher **Trevor Loudon** exposing **Antifa** (Anti-Fascist Action), a Communist front dating back to the **1930s**. **Horowitz** again exposes the real roots and agenda of **Antifa** at [THIS LINK](#), and they are planning nationwide violent demonstrations on **November 4th**, so be aware of this. This is an apparent link to the *100-year* anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. So, we are becoming a very divided nation and a divided society “cannot stand” as our **Lord** said. In my last newsletter I made mention of *The Fourth Turning*, a study done by historians **Wm. Strauss and Neil Howe**. This research found a pattern that society goes through identified as “the high, the awakening, the unraveling, and finally **the crisis.**” We are now entering the crisis phase. This crisis is linked to **debt and demographics**, as seen in these stunning charts. The **light blue** in these charts refer to retirees leaning on the system along with accumulating debt in both the public and private sector. **Social Security** is obviously going bust.



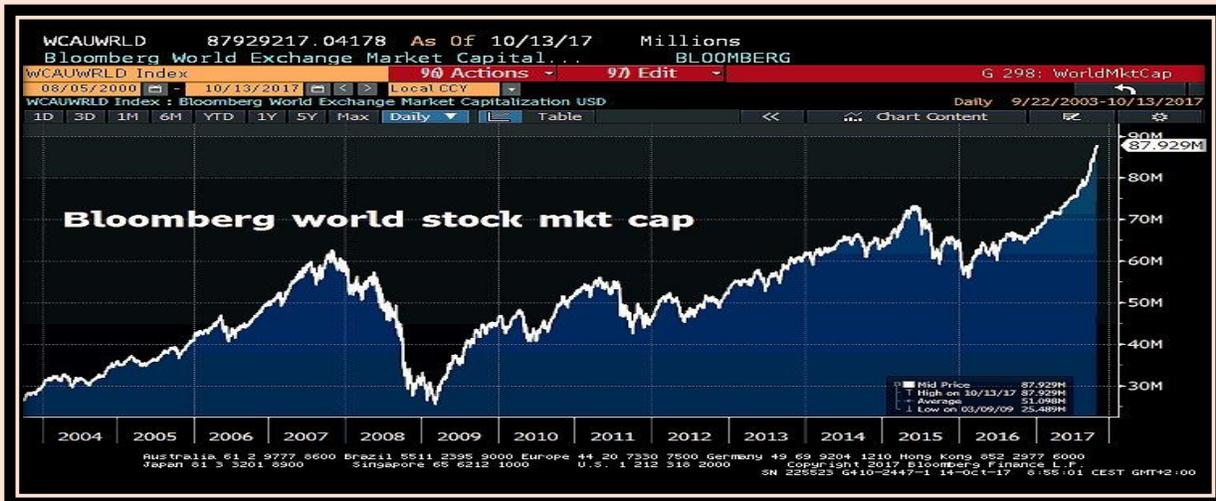
“How do you go bankrupt? Two ways. Gradually, then suddenly.”

- Ernest Hemingway, *The Sun Also Rises*, 1926

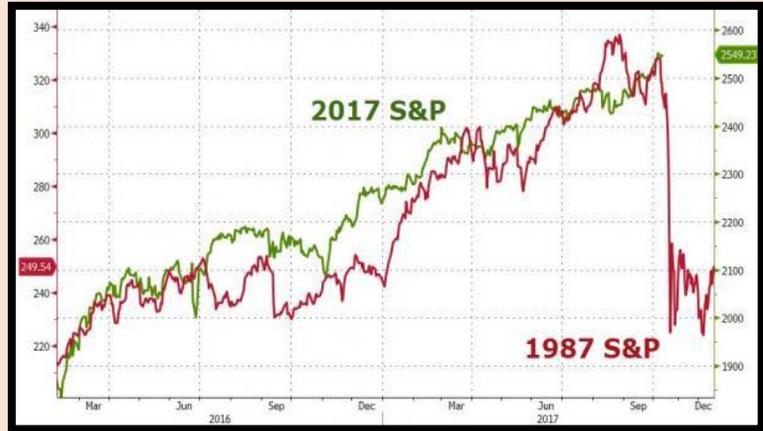
In his many lectures, **Chris Martenson** is always pointing to the **unsustainable path** that we are on with too many promises that cannot be kept, as in the [top chart](#). The US is gradually going broke, and soon it will become sudden. On September 8th, federal debt surpassed a \$20 trillion debt-ceiling and Trump signed a bill to fund the government until December 8th. **As seen in this chart**, our debt quickly surged by **\$598 billion!**? Now we learn that Trump wants to [eliminate](#) any debt-ceiling!



We are mortgaging the future for our posterity, and Jefferson stated, “The principle of spending money to be paid by posterity...is but **swindling** futurity on a large scale.” Indeed it is. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, our total deficit for fiscal 2017 was **\$666 billion** (more on ‘666’ later). You will also notice that the **stock index** always gets a nice boost when we recklessly go further into debt. In fact, *the entire increase from March 2009 (QE1)* has been the result of easy money from the central banksters **as seen below**. This is not a real market. It is a crime scene. It is a rigged casino.



Perhaps it is worth noting that this very day – **October 29th** – was the **Wall Street Crash of 1929**. This was **88 years** ago, and according to [this study](#) it took **25 years** to recover market cap losses. More recently we have had the **Crash of 1987**, or **Black Monday**. This occurred on October 19th, and *Barron’s* magazine has noted the similarities to our present run-up in the **S&P 500 Index**:



I can distinctly remember that day when the Dow Index plunged 23% in one day! Today that would be the (inflated) equivalent of a **5,300 point** drop! Could this happen? Probably not all at once. The Plunge Protection Team was established in **March 1988** to allow the banksters/cronies to rig the Dow Index, and they do a darn good job. In **1987**, the Dow Index was a mere **2,200** points.



Today, the **S&P 500 Index** has also been rigged to stop trading at 7%, 13% and 20% drops. All of this rigging and algo trading has *deceived* retail investors into an historic level of **complacency**. The **VIX Chart** below measures day-to-day volatility, and **this chart** is telling us that people are not taking risk in their portfolios seriously. They are not heeded the warnings of massive downside risk.

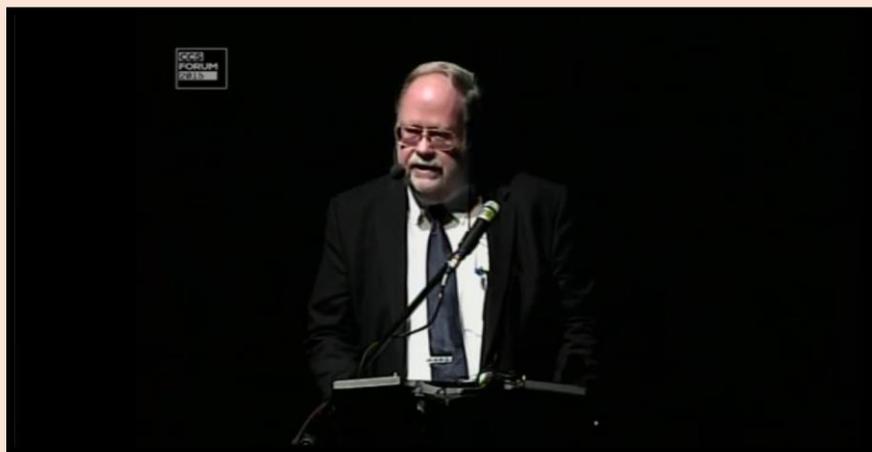
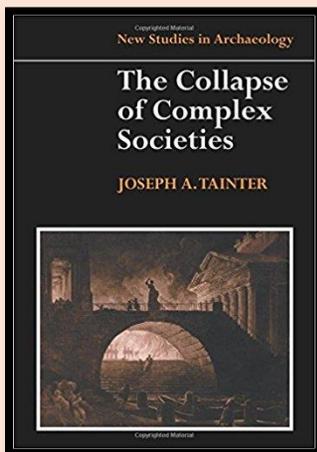


So, we have **culture wars** dividing our nation, an embattled president, an institutionalized Welfare State compounded by the **demographics** of an aging population, **unsustainable debt** to the moon and capital markets that have been so distorted by central bankster mischief that the next crash will make all previous crashes look tame. I am always asked, when will this **reckoning day** arrive? If I knew that day I would not only make profit...I would *be a prophet!* But one thing we can be certain of dear reader, it is coming, and you best be prepared. More on that later.

[Gordon T. Long: Macro Analytics Recession Model](#)

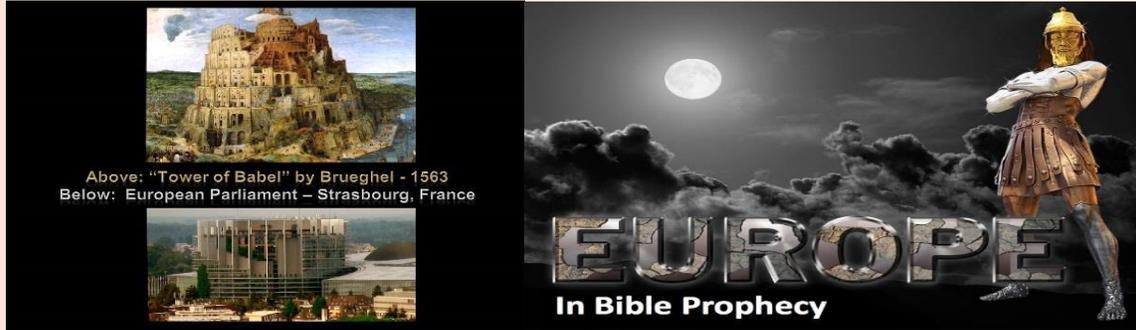
Gordon T. Long is a respected financial analyst. To get a keen sense of where we are you can watch this presentation if you have time (and his others at his channel). **His conclusion** (like Schiff, Rickards, Pimplava, Grant, Celente, Mauldin, Rogers, Casey, Sprott, Stockman and so on) is that only **one thing** is preventing a financial reckoning day – **CONFIDENCE**, or as I like to say **IGNORANCE**. Because if most people knew what I know, and you know, they would have a healthy dose of fear. As **Buffett the Oracle** says, there are only two emotions in the market; fear and greed. He also said that when people get greedy, I get fearful. And when they get fearful, I get greedy. Perhaps maybe this is why he has **\$50,000,000,000 in CASH** on the sidelines ready to scoop up all those great deals after a **23%** drop?? Does the confident/ignorant retail investor understand this? Of course not. And I submit one more [LINK](#) that proves this. **The University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Chart** indicates that investors think that stocks will keep going to the moon (thanks to the banksters, which they have **NO** idea). The article concludes with this comment: “But we think it's clear what is driving the optimism... **total delusion!**” So there you have it. **Delusion**, not reality is driving everything.

Tainter: *The Collapse of Complex Societies*



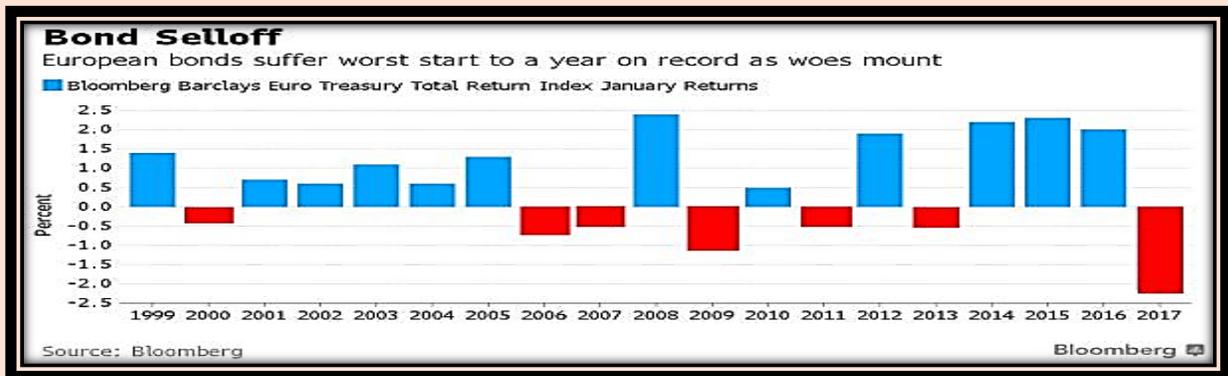
One of the best studies done on collapsing political/economic systems is by Utah Professor **Joseph Tainter**. I have referred to him in a **past newsletter** (June 13, 2015), that you can access at [THIS LINK](#). I recommend a longer presentation at [THIS LINK](#), but if you want the short two-minute version [CLICK HERE](#). Either way, check it out. His thesis is that the more **complex** a society gets, the **less marginal return** on investment (debt). In other words, the status quo or marginal costs remain the same, or increase, and this always leads to **currency debasement** – and there is the key. This is precisely where we are in the world. Complex/industrial nations are facing a debt implosion, but this is also leading to a major political paradigm shift...favoring the **European Union**.

Major Political Paradigm: *The Rise of the EU*



I have written on this **prophetic theme** extensively in **my book** and past newsletters, but it bears repeating in the context of this newsletter and the times we are living in. Briefly stated, in the **OT** book of **Daniel**, God revealed to the prophet Daniel that there would be **four** (4) successive kingdoms from the Babylonian kingdom in **600 BC** before the Messiah (**Jesus**) established His kingdom upon the earth (Dan. 2:1-45; Mt. 6:10). These have proved to be Medo-Persia, Greece and the ancient Roman Empire. The final pagan kingdom will be a **Revived Roman Empire**, and this is precisely what we see in **Europe**. Prof. Tainter primarily based his study on the collapse of the ancient Roman Empire, so it is interesting to come **full circle** and witness the **EU** becoming the largest economy in the world to fulfill **Bible** prophecy – a new **Tower of Babel** as depicted above.

How will this political paradigm shift come about? It will require an epic fiscal/monetary reset in the West – the kind that is presently unfolding. The **US dollar** has been the reserve currency of the world since **1944**, but a new architecture is being proposed through the **IMF** that will favor the **Euro**. I am referring to the **SDR** (Special Drawing Right) comprised of a currency basket with the US, EU, UK, Japan and China. As unlikely as this may seem today, all it will take is a collapse in the bond market to expose **US** weakness. The **EU** has its own debt issues, **but nothing like the US**.



The real issue in the **EU** is the **Eurozone** membership that supports the **Euro**. In other words, they need a smaller membership (currently 19), and more importantly a **common fiscal policy**. In June **2015**, the EU issued a report “Completing Europe’s Economic & Monetary Union” also known as **The Five President’s Report** (Google it). This report calls for a European Fiscal Institute, Eurozone Treasury Minister and the issuance of EU Stability Bonds. New French President Macron has called for “a Eurozone budget managed by a Eurozone parliament and finance minister.” The **Bible** clearly indicates that **ten (10) nations** will comprise a final fiscal union (Dan. 2:40-45; Rev. 17:12-17).

In its current state, the EU/Eurozone is very dysfunctional. In a [recent article](#), ECB Chief Economist **Otmar Issing** stated that “the Euro project will collapse,” but he has also [stated](#) that there is too much “political investment” and the Euro “will stay – I am sure about that.” And he is right about that. It will be a newly restructured Eurozone to support the Euro project. Economist **Nouriel Roubini** has talked about the “slow disintegration” of the Eurozone, and World Bank economist **Joseph Stiglitz** [predicted a year ago](#) that perhaps “2017 will be the year in which reform of the Eurozone really takes hold.” Things are pointing in this direction and even Establishment/Globalist economist **C. Fred Bergsten** (CFR/TC) has stated in *Foreign Affairs*, “The Euro will become a full competitor (with the USD) whenever the Eurozone countries adopt a more **common fiscal policy**.”

There have been [many scenarios](#) for the **Eurozone** breaking up, but here is what I envision. In his book *The Road to Ruin*, Jim Rickards explains how the “global elite” intend to exploit a financial crisis to impose the **SDR** standard and reprice **gold** into the thousands. The trigger could be counterparty risk in derivatives, market collapse, bank runs/failures, geopolitical tensions and so on.

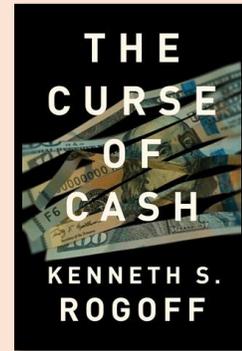
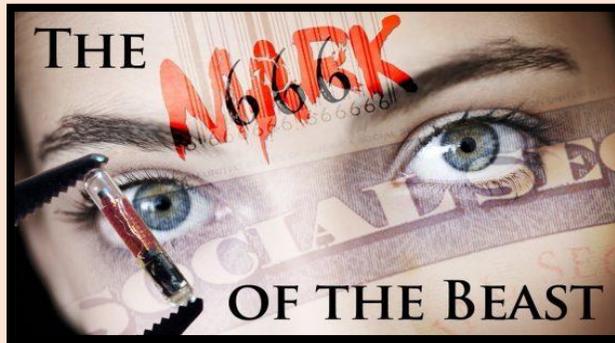
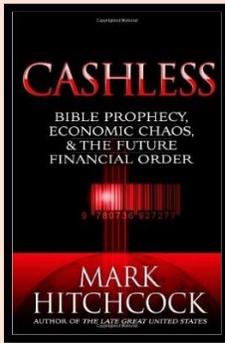
6-Minute Video: The Day the Dollar Died

The clip above is also in my **IDP** site and depicts what a currency/bond crisis could look like. It starts with the **Fed** introducing **QE4** (likely), a Chinese response, end of the petrodollar and more. This contagion would require debt restructuring, an **IMF** gold standard and monetary reset. Brussels would use this crisis to finally restructure the **Eurozone** to support the Euro and overtake the USD in the **SDR** currency basket. A **gold** component would be added to the **SDR** (like the original SDR in 1969), and this would help restore confidence. Price discovery for gold (and silver) would be stripped from the rigged exchanges in NY and London and shift to the Shanghai Gold Exchange (**SGE**). A new benchmark for **crude oil** would favor the SDR, Euro, Yuan or all three. NY and London financial districts would lose their influence to the **Frankfurt** financial district in **Germany**. The Brexit vote has already led to [major banks](#) moving their operations to Frankfurt. “Frankfurt remains in front of the pack for financial outlets seeking a secondary home away from London,” [says another writer](#).

Does this seem probable? Yes, it does, but it will take almost “**superhuman**” political skill and maneuvering to guide this process in the **EU**. And this is *exactly* what the **Bible** predicts.



Speaking after the **G20 Meeting** in June, **Pope Francis** told the Italian [La Repubblica](#) that “Europe must take as soon as possible a federal structure.” The sentiment in Europe is to restore the Holy Roman Empire and the man for this job will be the **Antichrist** (Dan. 7,8,9,11:36-45; Rev. 13:1-10). Last year, **Tony Blair** told [USA TODAY](#) that he admired Vladimir Putin’s “style of leadership.” He added, “I think people want their country moving and they think that if the present system is not moving it, and not making the changes that they want to see, then maybe someone who just says, ‘I don’t care what anyone thinks; I’m just going to go for it, and this is what I’m going to do’ — that has a **certain attraction**.” This is what the **Antichrist** will do in a very big way, and the world will be mesmerized by this charismatic leader as seen in [this short clip](#) by **Irving Baxter**.



Another major theme in the **matrix** between good and evil is the introduction of a **cashless society** enforced by the **Antichrist**. Most people have heard of the ‘mark of the beast’ that translates into the number **666** (Rev. 13:11-18, 14:9-13). This trend is well underway, as most of you know. **Kenneth Rogoff** is a Harvard economist (CFR, Group of 30) who is leading the way with [the war on cash](#). Why are they doing this? The rationale is that bond/bank rates going negative will lead to bank runs and they want to eliminate this from happening. In the end it is all about *loss of financial privacy and control*, right? In the case of the **Antichrist**, one cannot “buy or sell” without **this mark** and it will also require **mandatory worship** of this man as a demi-god or **avatar**. Citigroup, Catholic Relief Services, Clinton and Gates Foundations have launched a site called www.betterthancash.org to help “the poor.” In November of [last year](#), **India** removed large notes to curb **gold sales** and an effort to impose a cashless society. **Martin Armstrong** has been watching this closely and says that India is the [guinea pig](#) for a cashless society, and further their goal is to implement this by **2018**. More recently he featured this **new card** with an embedded microchip for **positive ID** as seen here:



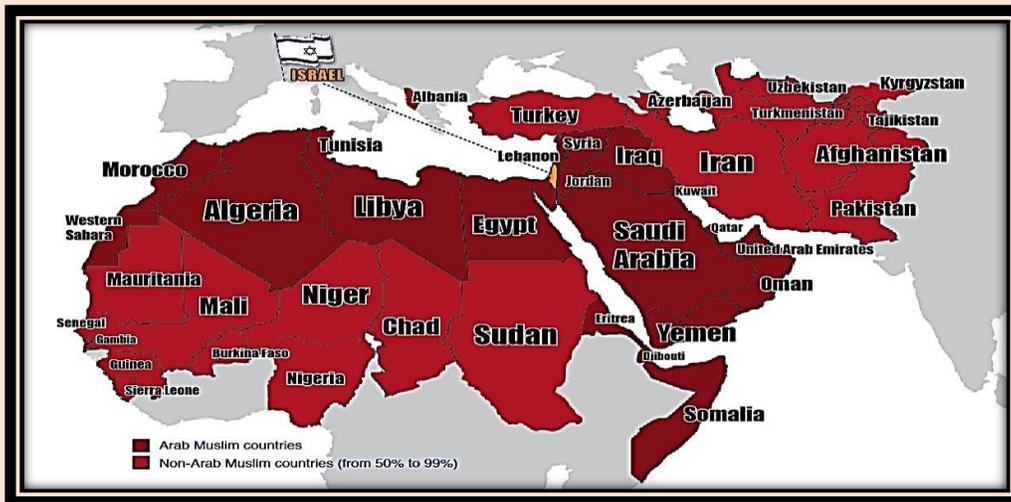
This new card includes healthcare information, driver’s license, passport and credit card all in one! [Mastercard and Visa](#) are at the forefront of this initiative along with central banksters. In [Sweden](#), people are getting microchip implants for positive ID, and the [IMF](#) just released a report to “de-cash” the world, and on it goes. I also think that cryptocurrencies are setting us up for this global network and this will be exploited by these evil powers. This also ties into technocracy, carbon credits and rationing food. If you want to know all about **the mark of the beast – 666** – [CLICK HERE](#).

Russia, Israel & Middle East *Peace Treaty*



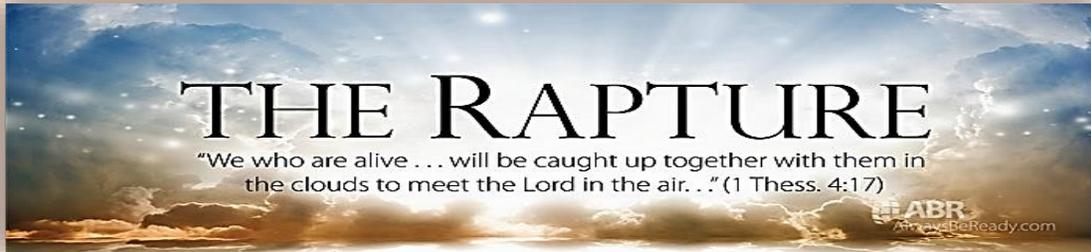
“I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it up will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it”
 - Zechariah 12:3 (NASB)

A very central theme in prophetic passages in the Bible, is the restoration of the nation of **Israel** and a resulting **war** that brings about a final **peace treaty** imposed by the **Antichrist**. Just prior to leaving office, **Obama’s** team *betrayed Israel* by supporting [UN Res. 2334](#) that granted all of East Jerusalem to the so-called Palestinians! This includes the **Temple Mount** and Western Wall as seen above. Almost **500,000** Jews live in East Jerusalem and a [recent poll](#) indicates that **95%** are against this resolution. What has taken place is setting the stage for **WWIII** in the Middle East. On **January 15, 2017**, **70 nations** met in Paris to implement a **two-state solution** with Israel/Palestine.



As seen here, tiny little **Israel** is surrounded by **22** hostile Arab/Muslim nations who would like to destroy Israel. The **Bible** predicts that several Muslim countries will invade **Israel** with the support of **Russia** in the region (Ez. 38-39). This could be in response to a large pre-emptive strike by **Israel** and the resulting blow-back; but whatever triggers this **will be huge**. It will likely turn against the **US** also and leave the **European leader** to secure/confirm resolutions with a **final peace treaty** (Dan. 9:27). After taking office, Trump told the Israeli press that “peace is possible and that the time has come to make a deal” (you know, *art of the deal*). But this *deal* will go to **Antichrist**. It is also important to point out that this **peace treaty** will be signed in the Hebrew month of **Tishri** (Sept/Oct). Why is this? As I cover in my book, the **last three** (of seven) holy feast days will be fulfilled when the Messiah (**Jesus**) returns to establish His millennial kingdom (Lev. 23; Mt. 24:29-31).

This is why it is important to watch events in the Middle East some months prior to the Fall each year. It is indicated in the **Bible** that this conflagration against Israel will include nuclear weapons (Ex. 39:1-16). Israel is among a handful of nations that have not signed the **Non-Proliferation Treaty of Nuclear Weapons** since **1968**. They have done this for strategic reasons and to put their enemies on notice that they will also get destroyed. **Strauss and Howe** have noted that, “Every **Fourth Turning** has registered an upward ratchet in the **technology of destruction**, and in mankind’s willingness to use it.” You can learn more about this issue at [THIS LINK](#) or [THIS LINK](#), or in my book.

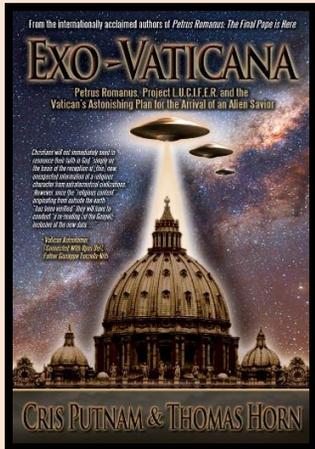


Another prophetic theme that must be addressed is The Rapture. What is the **Rapture**? As you can read above, there will be a generation of **born-again Christians** that will *never taste death*, but will be *translated* into heaven immediately. The question is not *if* this will happen, *but when*. It is a matter of timing, and I call it the “cosmic trigger” in my book. It seems pretty clear that the **Lord** comes for His people *prior* to the final Tribulation days on earth (a seven-year period). **Dr. Tommy Ice** has pointed out [the differences](#) between the Rapture and the Second Coming, and below is a partial list for consideration. As you can see the **Lord** comes *for* His saints, and then returns *with them*:

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH	SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
1. It occurs <i>before</i> the tribulation LUKE 21:36	1. It occurs <i>after</i> the tribulation MAT. 24:29-30
2. Christ comes <i>for</i> the saints I THESS. 4:13-17	2. Christ comes <i>with</i> the saints JUDE 14; REV. 19:11-21
3. Christ takes the saints to heaven JOHN 14:3	3. Christ brings the saints back to Earth ZECH. 14:4-5; REV. 19:14
4. Christ returns to the clouds I THESS. 4:17	4. Christ returns to the Earth ZECH. 14:4-5
5. Christ is not seen I COR. 15:52	5. Every eye shall see Christ REV. 1:7
6. It is the "blessed hope" of the church TITUS 2:13	6. It is the great day of His wrath REV. 19:15

Dr. Ice goes further to note the doctrine of the *imminency* of **His** coming at *any moment* in contrast to clear signs and timing in the Tribulation period. In other words, we would know the day and the hour. He concludes, “The distinctions between Christ’s coming in the air to rapture His church are too great to be reduced into a single coming at the end of the Tribulation. These biblical distinctions provide a strong basis for the pre-Trib rapture teaching.” In the **NT** this is known as our **Blessed Hope**. “Looking for the *blessed hope* and the appearing of the glory of our great **God and Savior Christ Jesus**” (Tit. 2:13). I pray that this is **your hope** as well as we live in these latter days.

Taking a closer look at this event prior to **His Second Coming** is the matter of how the world will react to this mysterious and stunning cosmic event when millions vanish. The universal nature of this will cause the world to assume a powerful, even hostile, **alien contact** has been made and several Hollywood movies are setting us up for this deception as in **The Arrival** last year. It is not commonly known that even the **Vatican** is anticipating alien contact as covered in this book by **Tom Horn**.



The Rapture will be construed as an **alien abduction** as depicted in the film **Left Behind**. In a critical scene when airplane passengers vanish, the others *quickly conclude* an extraterrestrial event, and how could they not? In a famous speech given by **Ronald Reagan** at the **UN** in **1987**, he said that an alien contact would cause nations to put aside their differences and **unite** – SEE CLIP. The **UN** has created the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) complete with their own director and 50 staff members (www.unoosa.org). But the impact on world religions will be the most significant as a **new spiritual paradigm** unites world religions on the *unifying principle* of a shared planet and faith. In January of this year **Pope Francis** released a **video** for the feast of the epiphany with an ecumenical message that “we are all children of God” and one people – SEE CLIP. **Alice Bailey** (Theosophical Society and trans-channeler) said the final **New Age Religion** “would rest upon the foundation of a *newly interpreted and enlightened* Christianity...being universal in nature.” The **Bible** says in “the latter times” people will follow “deceitful spirits and doctrines of **demons**” (1 Tim. 4:1). Demonic forces inhabit the invisible matrix of the spirit world, but Scripture says that “greater is **He** (Holy Spirit) who is in you than **he** (Devil) who is in the world” (1 Jn. 4:4). It is for this reason that the **Rapture** must precede the arrival of the **Antichrist** (2 Th. 2:7). A fiscal/monetary/geo-political crisis is also likely to precede this event and requires some personal contingency planning.



Finally, the question most often asked is where is American in prophecy? **Answer: Nowhere.** As I have stated, it is the **EU**, not the **US**, that plays a prominent role in prophecy. Some have even concluded that the **US** will be affected more by the **Rapture**, since the **US** has a larger Christian demographic according to polls and research. This would make sense, but there are other factors.

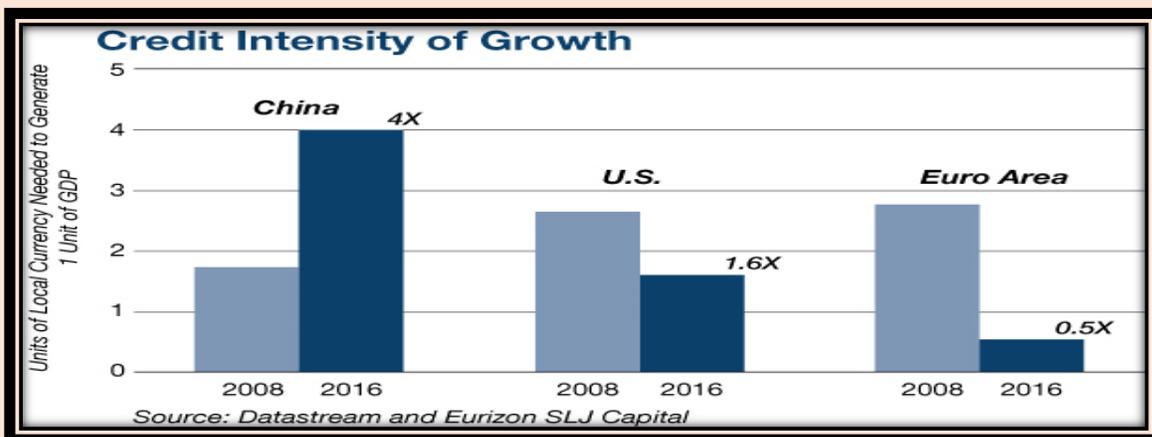
N. Korea Threatens Nuclear & *EMP* Attacks



Obviously, the **little dictator** in Pyongyang is amused with the prospect of raining down missiles upon the **US** mainland and other locations. This is a serious threat as covered by the *NY Times* at [THIS GRAPHIC LINK](#). An even more lethal attack would be an **electromagnetic pulse (EMP)** detonated over the **US** that would destroy our electrical power grid infrastructure. Studies have been done and conclude that an incredible **90%** of Americans would be **dead** within one year! That is correct – **90%**, or **270 million** people, and you should learn more at [THIS LINK](#). Now this would most certainly account for the **US** not being featured in the last days! This topic was brought up in a recent interview with **Jim Rickards** and you can listen at **six minutes below**:

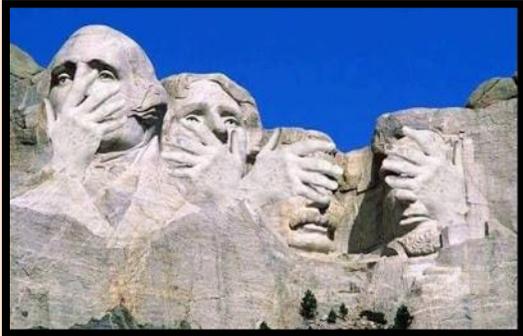
[Jim Rickards: North Korean Existential EMP Threat](#)

In his usual concise manner, **Rickards** talks about this asymmetrical threat to the **US**, and he also covers the financial meltdown that is coming in the present monetary system based on his several important books. It is my own conclusion that a **financial reckoning day** is what will bring down the **US** due to unsustainable debt, the collapse of a complex society and loss of **USD** reserve currency status. Nothing has been fixed since the so-called **Great Recession of 2008**. As seen here, credit (debt) in the **US** has increased *three-fold* of the **EU**, and I will address **China** in a moment.



[A recent study](#) by the **National Intelligence Council** has concluded that the next five years will see an increase in “rising tensions within and between countries” and that “for better or worse, the emerging global landscape is drawing to a close an era of American dominance following the Cold War.” [The American decline is happening now.](#) Trump will *not* make America great in any significant way (except for great debt). During a serious economic dislocation and breakdown of the social order Trump will also preside over an [Emerging Police State](#) says researcher **Mike Adams**.

Main Issue: *The Moral Decline of America!*



“If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.”

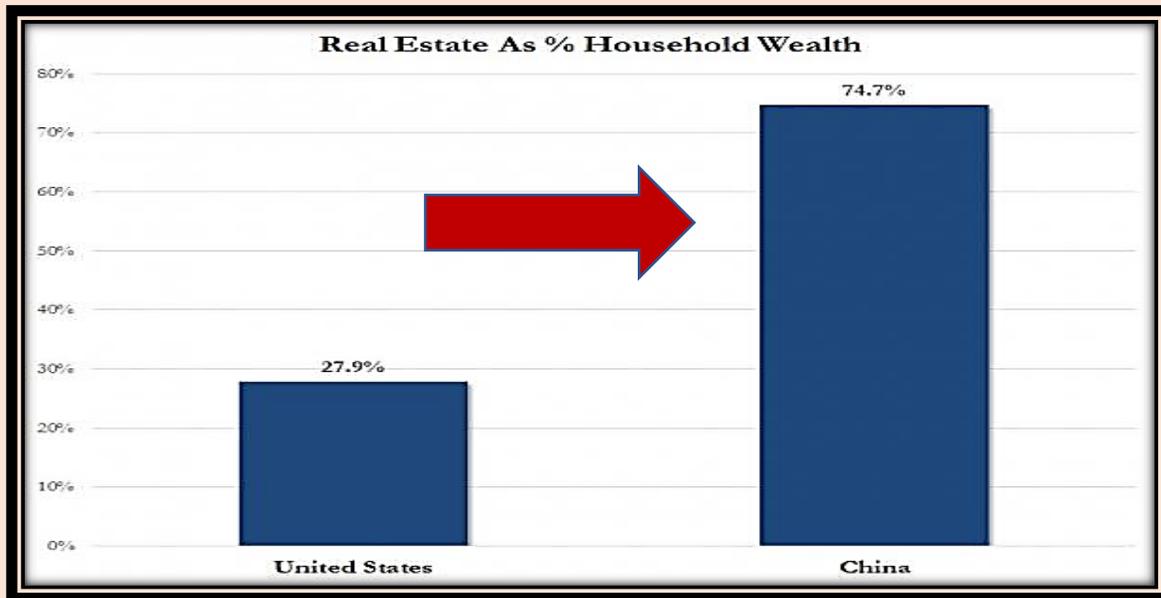
- **Senator Daniel Webster (1872 – 1852)**

In 1798, President John Adams said in a public address, that “Our Constitution was made **only** for a moral and religious people. It is *wholly inadequate* for the government of any other.” If you want to *really* want to know why our nation is heading into profound obscurity, here it is. Indeed, how can have you a nation of godless atheists, occultists, crypto-Marxists, Communists, anarchists, LGBTQ perverts, pornographers, pedophiles and so on and expect a virtuous society? **Jesus** said that “you cannot bring good fruit out of a **bad tree**” (Mt. 7:18). Our culture wars, bankster fraud, scandals, drug epidemic, broken homes and wholesale moral hazard is merely exposing our own apostasy in a secular humanist society. In **1951**, retired **Gen. Douglas MacArthur** said, “History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic **decline**. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the **moral lapse**, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster.” We appear to be heading for the latter, and our **Founding Fathers** would be ashamed. The day that Trump was sworn into office, social justice warriors, feminazis, anarchists, environmentalists, queers, and who knows what, marched in **DC** and left miles of debris in our nation’s capitol (above photo). In contrast, Tea Party conservatives and activists also marched and left clean boulevards. **A fitting metaphor of the culture wars.**

Chinese Economy & Challenge to the West



The Chinese Communist Party just concluded their five-year Congress. According to many news sources, it is their goal to be the world’s largest superpower by **2050**. They envision “a new era” to become “a great Socialist country” and challenge the **West** in a very significant way. The **Bible** has predicted this challenge from “the kings of the **East**” (Rev. 16:12-16), but according to hedge fund veteran **Kyle Bass**, there is going to be trouble along the way in achieving this collectivist goal.



Here is the domestic problem for China. China has become a manufacturing giant since **1978**, but this upward mobility and household wealth has been *severely malinvested*. Because they are a great Socialist country, they suffer from the *fallacy of central planning* and cronyism. China has adopted State-Owned-Enterprises (**SOE**) run by Communist party members that ignore **free market forces**. This has led to building massive *empty* ghost cities, monuments, parks along with basic infrastructure projects (designed to enrich party members). The Chinese people are fairly restricted to invest in what they call Wealth Management Products (**WMP**), which include Chinese bonds, financial funds **and real estate**. This fund has grown into a *\$30 trillion bubble*. **Kyle Bass** says China's economic growth is "illusory, or somewhat of a fallacy" due to massive credit expansion, as I noted earlier.

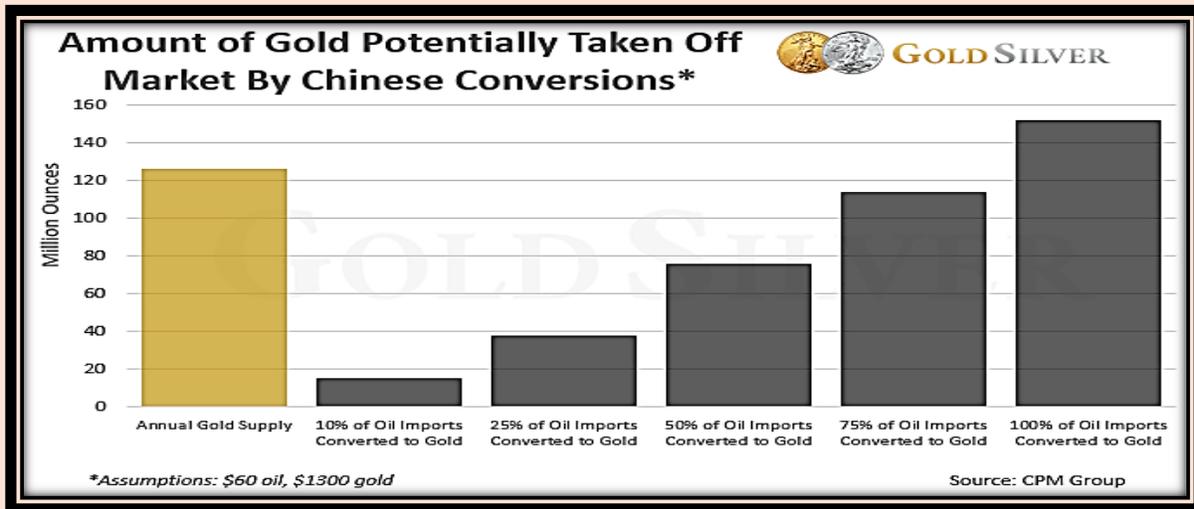
As you can see in the above chart, in the **US** real estate represents only **28%** of household wealth, but in China it is a *whopping 75%* of their wealth/investment! This is extreme exposure to what many see as collapsing bubble. **Blogger James Quinn** had this to say recently:

*"They have a real estate bubble that makes the U.S. bubble seem like a pimple on the ass of a fly. A trade war initiated by **Donald Trump** would be the pin bursting the Chinese debt bubble. The situation could intensify into a bond selloff and panic. If derivative positions of over-leveraged or poorly-hedged **globally systemic banks** begin to unravel, cascading losses could lead to a vicious cycle and a tragic outcome."*

Will this real estate (and WMP) bubble burst soon? Only if Trump foolishly makes good on his threat to slap **tariffs** on China. **Kyle Bass** agrees. Regardless, it is hard to see how this collapse can be avoided. But China can likely avoid a hard landing. The *apparatchiks* in **Beijing** simply freeze markets as we have seen before, and they know the value of having **gold and silver** as a hedge.

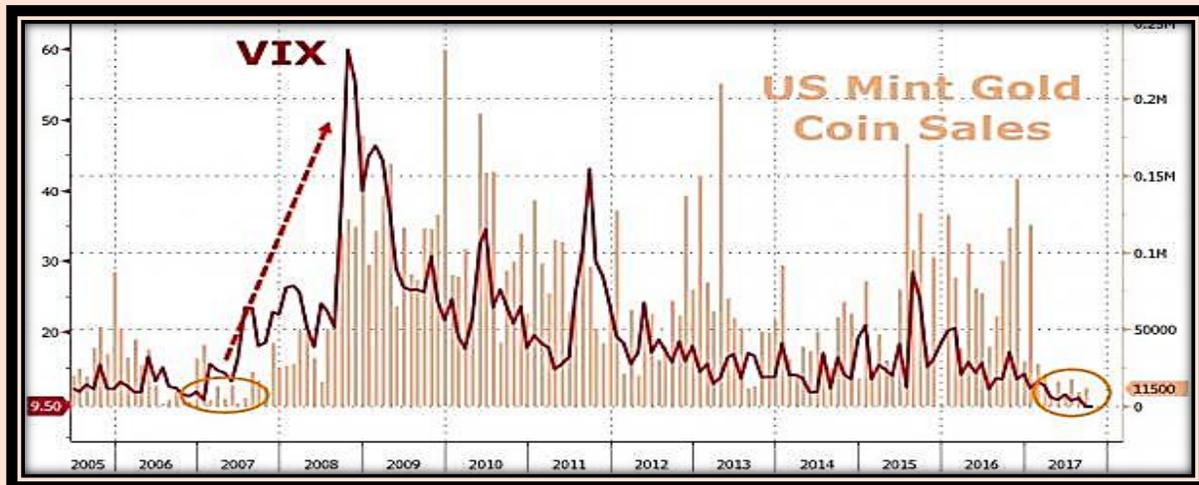
Gold reserves with China have always been a state secret. Once they became a member of the **SDR** in **2015** they announced **1,658 tons** of gold. As the largest producer of gold, and largest importer of gold the estimate is much higher – perhaps **20-30,000 tons**. Earlier this month they announced they have **12,100 tons** of "proven" gold reserves (presumably in the ground). Either way, the Chinese love gold and their citizens are encouraged to buy gold/silver in their malls and exchanges (*unlike the West*). Now comes the announcement to peg **crude oil** contracts to the Yuan convertible in **gold!**

According to [sources](#) this is a direct attempt to not only internationalize their currency, but offer an alternative to the **US-based petrodollar** (recycling US dollar for crude with **OPEC**). This means that oil contracts can be priced in Yuan and exchanged for **gold** at the **Shanghai Gold Exchange**. I mentioned the **SGE** earlier (p. 8) becoming a new benchmark for pricing **gold**, and this is a step in that direction. Launched in **April 2016**, the **SGE** traded **70,000 tons** of physical contracts last year, and this latest announcement (effective in January), is a huge deal! China is the largest importer of crude oil and now they are offering a **5%** (\$100 billion) stake in **Saudi Aramco** shares. Now we also learn at [THIS](#) important link that China is *demanding* that **OPEC** oil be priced in Yuan – talk about a game changer! **The chart below** indicates what all of this means for global **gold demand**:



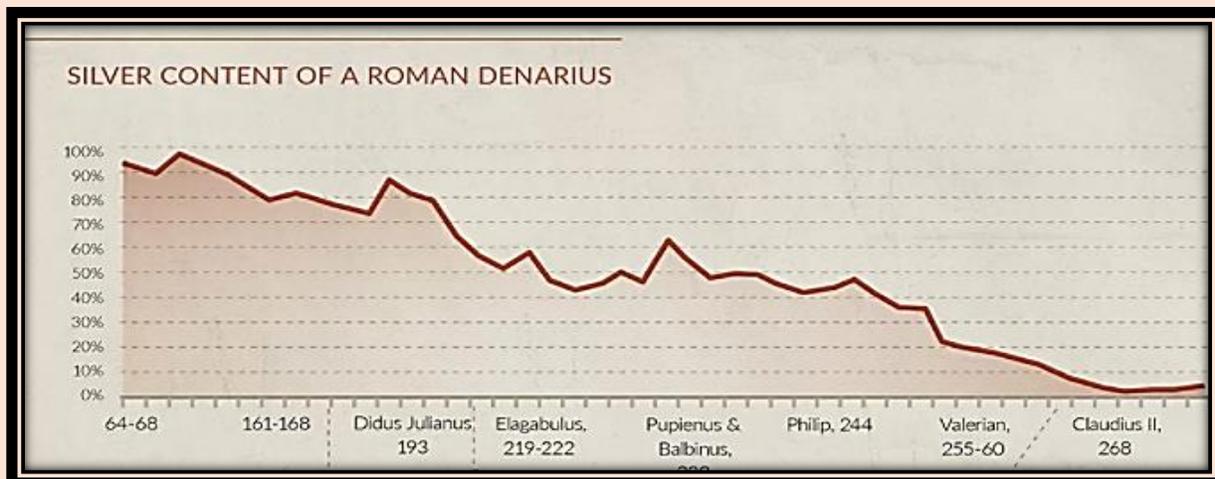
At the left is the total annual gold supply (125 million oz.). Moving to **the right** is the amount of gold drawn down if *just 10%* of oil imports converts to gold, or **25%**, or **50%**, or **75%**, or even **100%**! This is very bullish for **gold**. Annually, the crude oil market is **\$1.8 trillion**, and *only \$170 billion* of gold is produced. You can do the math here. According to [THIS LINK](#), this new crude oil benchmark could force **\$13,000/oz. gold**, and I am sure the party members in **China** are very well aware of this fact. Big things are shaping up in the precious metals market. Even though things may appear quiet, we have huge developments, and even **Comex** is recording higher volume as seen here.





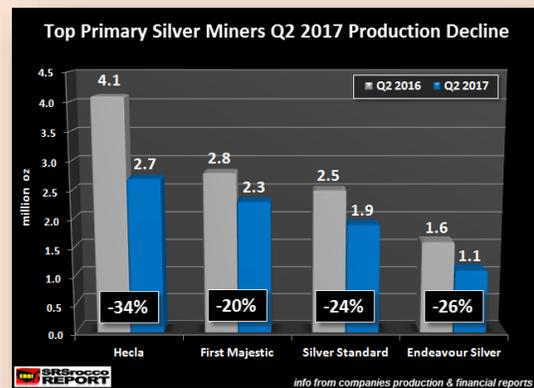
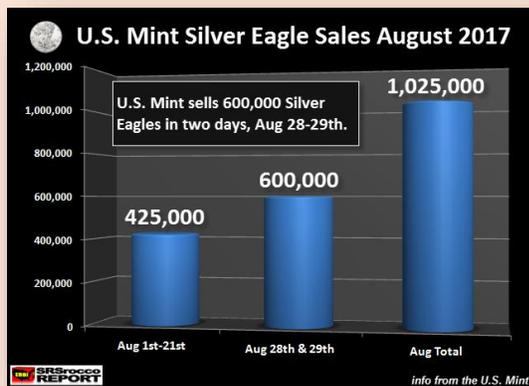
Above is a chart indicating that gold sales have fallen at the US Mint YOY. Is this an accurate gauge for gold demand in *the entire world*? **Hardly**, and **THIS** article squarely puts things into perspective. **Chinese** and **India** demand continues at a robust pace. **Russia** has *doubled* their gold holdings. **Australia's Perth Mint** gold sales *doubled* last month, and their silver sales surged **78%**! According to the Silver Institute, **India** has consumed **16%** of global demand in recent months (due to the government curbing gold sales as I mentioned in p. 9). To appreciate how *meaningless* **US Mint** sales are to the precious metals market consider that according to this article, "US demand for physical gold is likely *less than 1%* of Chinese demand and *less than 2.5%* of Indian demand." All this tells me is that **US** investors are *dumber than a rock*, and swept up in the **Wall Street** matrix of buy on the dip, chase yield, the greater-fool theory and risk-on baby! This is not good (cf. p. 5).

Earlier, I mentioned the study done by **Professor Tainter** of collapsing complex societies. He always makes mention of the fact that maintaining *the status quo* leads to **currency/coinage debasement**, and **here** is a good example of the **Roman silver denarius coin** over two centuries:



You can see that to maintain their Empire (military garrisons, etc.) they kept shaving and diluting the value of their **coinage**, and it finally **bankrupted** the Empire. Does this sound familiar? This is precisely what **America** is doing – *and even more rapidly with worthless fiat paper currency*. Does this concern you? I am sure it does if you have read this far. And I want to comment more on **silver**.

Although gold is a monetary metal that captures the headlines; silver is more important. Why is that? Both **gold and silver** have been monetary metals in history, but **silver** has more industrial uses than any other metal on earth. Did you know that? Industrial use for silver is **55%**, with **34%** for jewelry and **only 11%** for investment demand (coins and bars). It is estimated that **90%** of all silver ever produced has been used up in the last **100** years. A mere **\$18 billion** would buy **all** of the available silver in the world today! Since Egyptian and Roman times, eight oz. of silver has been mined **for every one ounce of gold** – an historic **8:1 silver/gold ratio**. What is it today? Due to paper market manipulations this ratio has been distorted all the way to a **75:1 ratio**, making physical silver the *most undervalued asset* in the world with the *most upside potential* of any other **asset class**. In other words, what “Bitcoin” is doing today, **silver** (and gold) will do tomorrow – **trust me**.

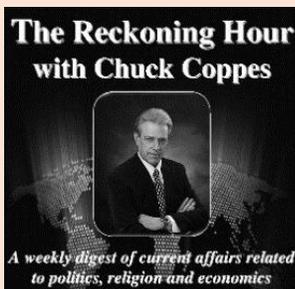


We had a spike in silver in US Mint silver sales recently. In my August newsletter, I noted the fundamental fact that we have reached peak silver production as of **2015**, and **this chart** on the right also indicates this trend. At the same time, we have the criminal suppression of silver/gold by the banksters shorting the futures markets at **Crimex**. Silver industry macro-analyst **Ted Butler** [recently commented](#) (again) on **JP Morgan’s** complicity in this scheme, but their nearly **700 million oz.** hoard of silver “...has insured the bank against loss anytime the concentrated selling scam comes apart.” In a [more recent commentary](#), he alerts us that the **second** key player, **Nova Scotia Bank** is calling it quits in the suppression scheme, because **JPM** has cornered the market. In other words, the cartel is breaking down, and this is **good news** for all silver investors. Metals blogger **Adam Hamilton** [says](#), “Once these QE-inflated stock markets inevitably succumb to QT, gold and silver investment demand will return. **The tiny silver market** will rapidly surge on major capital inflows, with lots of room to mean revert *far higher relative to gold*.” We totally agree on this point. **Get silver people.**

Summary & Conclusion. On this **last point**, I will tell you that I am nearly **100%** invested in physical silver in my retirement, depository and physical holdings portfolio. And I keep adding. If you have also been suffering this **artificial suppression of silver** in recent years, do not despair and be patient. We are living in a **very deceptive financial-spiritual matrix** that is going to do great harm to the **vast majority** of people on this planet. You do not have to be one of them. If I can assist you with **precious metals** let me know by contacting me through my **IDP** website below.

To summarize this rather comprehensive newsletter, let me remind that this **spiritual-financial matrix** that we are living in is leading to a very distinct outcome that I have shared with you. I don’t know if you are a person of faith and trust in the **Lord Jesus Christ**, but I would like to invite you to humbly consider the need for faith in Him in **these uncertain times**. More on that below.

Someone once said we don't know what the future holds, *but we know Who holds the future*. We also have "the prophetic word" and **Peter** says we "do well to pay attention [to it] as a lamp shining in a dark place" (2 Pet. 1:19-20). We have the lamp of **God's Word** to guide us in this dark world. It saddens me to see the cultural/moral degradation in our times, but **Paul** writes that in "the last days, difficult times will come" and "men will proceed from bad to worse" (2 Tim. 3:1-17). This battle between **good and evil** will not go on forever. **John Adams** observed, "The world, the flesh, and the Devil, have always maintained a confederacy against [liberty], from the fall of Adam to this hour, and will, probably continue so till the fall of **Antichrist**." The **Revived Roman Empire** is an indication that things are drawing to a climax. **Daniel** writes, "In the days of those [ten] kings, the **God** of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed...Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to **the people** of the saints of the **Highest One**; **His** kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominion will serve and obey **Him**" (Dan. 2:44, 7:27). The **US** is going down and the **EU** is being raised up, just as the **Word** says. "**He** makes the nations great, then destroys them" (Job 12:23).



I invite you to listen to a **recent interview** I did posted on my podcast link here on the left that addressed some of these issues. I also invite you to request a **free copy of my book** by sending an email with your address. My book and message is unique. Most analysts address current affairs from a *purely secular worldview*, but we need *His divine lamp* (Ps. 119:105). I am currently revising my book as we go into **2018**, and will let you all know when I am finished with this tedious project and other projects I am working on. **The Lord** said, "night is coming when no man can work" (Jn. 9:4).

Finally, I want to invite/urge you to have a **strong faith in the Lord Jesus** and be among "the people of the saints of the **Highest One**." Paul says, "For now we see *in a mirror dimly*, but then face to face" with **God** (1 Cor. 13:11). This *earthly matrix* is temporary, and *eternity* is a long time to be wrong. [CLICK HERE](#) for the **Good News**, and be assured that you will not be "left behind" when **He** comes for **His** own...and I shall see you there (1 Th. 4:13-18; Jn. 14:3; Dan. 12:3). Lord willing, my next newsletter will deal with **Deep State** issues in Trump's first year in office along with other topics that are also of an urgent nature. God bless and be safe everyone.

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