

Scarce World Gubmint

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A reader asks (questions extracted from a recent comment):

Q1: So, If I understand well, our physical dimension is geared toward creation of so called "scarcity" of resources. Or better said, toward a huge slowing of the processes that could negate/remove this scarcity, correct?

C: In a dense environment, resources are scarce to the occupants of the environment. These limits only exist inside such environment. Outside of it, the limits do not apply, and concern for and about the limitations likewise does not exist.

Q2: Is a similar pattern is awaiting us in the next few decades?

C: No, however it seems to be. Physical forces, events and effects will temporarily suspend this activity and thinking, although the opposite will seem to be the case. As geophysical events cause disruptions to human behavior, patterns and general activity, there will be a renewal of the old and currently existing habits to secure control of resources, however these efforts will surprise both the observers and those attempting domination and control, for they will not be successful.

Q3: What about USA, China? Will their path resemble the same as Europe or URSS, or will be different? Will we see a "maximum level of fragmentation" worldwide, and then start to rebuild a more cohesive political/economical ordering?

C: The pattern will resemble historical trends but with different events, such that as each event occurs the pattern will not be obvious or even clear. As economic study cannot identify peaks and valleys in financial cycles until some time after the end of the cycle, and so will the decline of the USA and China be understood. Both enter periods of decline now, to be hastened by events larger than either or any group of nations.

An example is the recent trend of jumping aboard the boat in large enough numbers to sink it. The USA has been coming under this pressure for some time, and the first members of the host nation to feel the effects are the citizens with the least control or ability to stop the process. Promoters of immigration, with ability to influence or outright control it, have pushed for more because they remain dry longer and better, as the boat sinks.

China is a far different set of influences; it will fall prey to its protectionist preferences, where the USA has been affected by the relative absence of protectionist measures.

How maximum will be the fragmentation, is still a choice to be made.

The rebuilding of a cohesive economic and political ordering assumes it exists now and moreover, that enough humans will want rebuilding. We say, mankind is not so cohesive and this need not be the case. Cohesion across how many billions and in what ways and to what degrees? As soon as one observer declares cohesion to have been met by the criteria that observer establishes or prefers, along will come another observer with far different criteria and assessments of mankind's cohesion.

This political game will always be played. Lose cohesion as a goal, and it will be soon achieved. This is called equilibrium in terms of economics analysis, but there exists social equilibrium and voluntary action is what leads to it, and most quickly.

Q4: Someone said that a unified world government is en route for the end of the century, after a period of deep turmoil.

C: World cooperation, we hesitate to use the word government, because this implies something resembling what humans intrinsically understand government to be. We say, all human governments in the periods of time humans now know, and for good portions of civilizations such as what became Atlantis and Lemuria before the current one, have employed compulsion, force and penalty as the implicit or actual threat for non-cooperation.

Passage of laws impossible to be enforced in the ways and with the methods laws have traditionally been imposed, will decline. Law enforcement activity will also. The money willing to be dedicated to these functions will reduce, as the prime motivator of this change, however it will soon be discovered, or realized, there was an excess of law enforcement activity where it was a common function.

The divisions between sovereign nations will dissolve however this development will be as or even more traumatic to those who might now say they prefer such arrangements. There will be an almost complete absence of rules and regulations now assumed necessary, even common, for national borders to exist.

Naturally readers of these words want timing; and to this we say, you shall all determine this as you prefer and choose. The geophysical events to occur, and which have already occurred but fallen into a quiet or more calm period, will serve as an irrefutable catalyst, however reaction to these events is still very much inside the area of influence and choice.

Control of resources as these contribute to survival are indeed the origins of current human behavior, however little introspection is deemed valuable as these relate to limitations or satisfaction. Human societies socially reward consumption, and some humans prefer the conspicuous variety. You place value in reaction, and many humans pursue those reactions. Many more do not, but this quality is not deemed socially valuable or even desirable, thus de-emphasized or simply ignored.

These traits will give rise to a large re-set, when the newest automobile with the newest gadget no longer provides value, as the well being of the would-be car user now taken for granted, is no longer seen as automatic.

Regional differences will abate, as migrants will discover they must change a degree of their preferences and expectation for each degree of welcome they simultaneously desire. It is and has nearly always been easy, in the current human civilizational memory of the most recent sixty centuries, to observe, analyze and render an assessment or opinion without much or any consideration of one's own ideas, preferences or behaviors, much less effort given to altering them.

This will change, and the degree to which humans make this change is the great opportunity to be presented. How much time and to what extent, are very much within the power of mankind, however the change will take place. You have been informed.

Be well, one and all. A good day we wish you.

After this Q&A session and hereafter, I will no longer respond to questions, comments or inquiries unrelated to a post. Thank you to everyone reading these words who has asked stimulating questions.

My regrets for disappointments I have or will cause (*what little my regrets are worth.*) Time, its cost & value plus the prices charged for access to this website, are the ingredients of this recipe.