LOOKING BEYOND THE OBVIOUS: TOWARD POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL CHAOS
PART II

I. HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR SOCIETY IS IN THE MIDST OF COLLAPSE?

Will economic collapse happen gradually, or will it happen all at once – literally overnight? Political collapse, while a long time in the making, could happen over night if one giant event like a terrorist attack (real or false flag) should be unleashed on America – like the Reichstag fire in 1933. The political dictatorship of the Nazis in that case came into being in one hour. Or it could just keep on advancing slowly as it has been. But as economic turmoil worldwide becomes increasingly apparent, what will it look like, and, with the governments and media predictably lying about every aspect, how will the public know it is really happening?

Recently the Daily Sheeple discussed this question: What is collapse? How do we define it? And are some of the notions of collapse in the public consciousness completely wrong? In today’s world, skeptics opposed to the idea of a US collapse will often retort with a question they think we cannot or will not answer – “So, Mr. Smith, when specifically is this supposed collapse going to take place? What day and time?” Our response could be – “We’re in the middle of a collapse right now; you really can’t see it right in front of your face”.

The main reason people cannot see the coming collapse is that they are being lied to nonstop by the media, Wall Street, and the government about the true condition of the economic system (i.e., “everything is fine and always will be”). And they believe the “Pollyanna spin” because they want to believe it.
But another reason these people are incapable of grasping the concept of collapse is in large part due to the popular mainstream conceptions of systemic collapse. The public idea of collapse comes predominantly from Hollywood, and not from personal experience. For the masses, a collapse is an “event” that happens visibly and usually swiftly. You wake up one morning and behold, the television, Internet, and phones don’t work anymore and zombies are at your doorstep! This is the driving reason why many Americans are absolutely oblivious to the economic instability that is rampant and blatant within our system. They might see the same signals that alternate media analysts see, but these signals do not register in their brains as dangers.

When we encounter skeptics with false assumptions of what a collapse actually is, we are often reminded of that woman in Anchorage, Alaska, who jumped an enclosure fence at the zoo to get a closer picture of Binky the polar bear. These people have been made so inept (and dumbed down by the media) when it comes to identifying threats that they will continue arguing with you as the animal is devouring them. So what is the root of the problem? The problem is that social and economic collapse is not a single event, it is a PROCESS. Collapse is a series of events that sometimes span years. Each event increases in intensity or magnitude over the last event, but as time goes on these events tend to condition the masses. The public develops a normalcy bias towards crisis (like the “frog in a boiling pot” analogy). They lose all sense of what a healthy system looks like.

It is not uncommon for a society to wade through almost a decade or more of violent decline before finally acknowledging the system is imploding on a fundamental level. It is also not uncommon for societies to endure years of abuse by corrupt governments before either organizing effectively to rebel or caving in and submitting to totalitarianism. But how does one recognize a failing system? How does a person know if they are in the middle of a collapse rather than on the “verge” of collapse? Here are some signals we can learn from breakdowns in modern nations and why they indicate we are experiencing collapse right now.

A. THE CRIMINALS OPENLY ADMIT TO THEIR CRIMES

The surest way to know that your society is in the midst of disintegration is to see that the criminals who created the instability in the first place are openly discussing a collapse scenario or warning that one is imminent. A year ago, central bankers presented little more than a chorus of recovery propaganda. Today, not so much. The Royal Bank of Scotland is now warning investors to “sell everything” ahead of a “cataclysmic” year in markets. The Federal Reserve’s Richard Fisher has admitted that the Fed “frontloaded” (manipulated) stock markets into a bubble and that payment is about to come due in the form of severe economic volatility (up to a 20% crash in equities).

The Bank for International Settlements, the central bank of central banks, has a track record of warning the public about collapse conditions — right before they happen, leaving little or no time for people to prepare. They have followed their habit by warning in September and December that a Fed rate hike would “shatter” the uneasy calm in markets. The former Chief Economist of the BIS now says the economy is in worse shape than it was in 2008 and is headed for a larger fall.

What happened between last year and this year, and why are these internationalists suddenly so forthcoming about our economic reality? The fact that central bankers are the cause of our current collapse leads us to believe that such admissions are designed to deflect guilt. If they put out a few warnings now, they can then later claim they are prognosticators rather than culprits, and that they were trying to “help us.” Beyond that, the reality is that our situation was just as dire in 2014/2015 as it is today. The difference is that now we are about to enter a new phase in the ongoing collapse, a much more detrimental phase, but still a phase of a breakdown that has been progressing since at least 2008.

B. THE FUNDAMENTALS BREAK THROUGH THE MANIPULATION BARRIER

Governments and central banks do not have the capacity to artificially create demand for goods or a supply of well-paying jobs in a crashing economy. What they can do, though, is hide the visible problems in supply and demand with false numbers and media disinformation. However, recently the fundamentals of supply and demand have begun to break through the deceit of manipulated numbers, and this is a sign that the collapse is about to move from one stage to the next.

With global shipping and trucking freight in steep decline; with retail inventories building up as retail chain stores are being closed by the hundreds; and current oil consumption falling to levels not seen since 1997 despite a larger population — the mainstream media and the Wall Street/government manipulators can no longer deny that consumer demand is
crambling. If demand is falling dramatically, then the financial system is in the middle of falling dramatically – there is simply no way around this truth.

C. STOCKS AND COMMODITIES BECOME VIOLENTLY UNSTABLE

It should be understood that if stock markets (which are now completely dominated by institutions, hedge funds, and day traders) represent anything at all, they are merely lagging indicators of economic instability. Stock markets are NOT predictive indicators of anything useful. (This is a big change from 40 years ago when stock markets were predictive.) Therefore, any person who does nothing but track equities each day is going to be completely oblivious to the bigger picture behind the economy until it is too late. They will be so mesmerized by the green numbers and red numbers and lines on minute-to-minute graphs that they will lose all sense of reality.

Violent swings in stocks are a sign of a financial system that is at the middle or end of the collapse process, not the beginning. It is also important to note that extreme shifts in stocks and commodity values to the upside are just as much a signal of instability as shifts to the downside. For instance, if you witnessed the recent 9% explosion in oil markets and thought to yourself “Ah, the markets are being stabilized again and nothing is different this time...”, then you do not understand.

Of course, the next day oil markets lost almost all of the gains they made the day before. And this is how markets behave when they are about to die; they expand and implode chaotically each day on nothing more than meaningless news headlines rather than hard data. This heart attack in equities inevitably trends downwards as the weeks and months pass. Keep in mind, equities are down nearly 10% from their recent highs, and oil is down approximately 50% in the past six months. Every time there is a dead-cat bounce in stocks, skeptics come out of the woodwork to call alternative analysts “gloom and doomers,” yet they are nowhere to be found when markets come crashing back down. They are not looking at the overall trend because their short attention spans hinder them. Again, extreme swings in markets, whether up or down, are a sign of progressing collapse.

D. DETERIORATION OF CULTURAL VALUES, HERITAGE, AND IDENTITY

Many have written extensively over the years about the Cloward-Piven strategy – a strategy used by Marxists and global socialists to destabilize social systems by dumping high numbers of foreign immigrants into the population without demand for integration. This process has been obvious in the US and Europe for quite some time, but only now is it peaking to the point that collapse is seen as an inevitable result by the public. Europe is worse off than the US in this regard as millions upon millions of Muslim immigrants are injected into the EU’s already dying body; immigrants that intend to transplant their culture from their own failed societies rather than adopting the values and principles of the more functional societies that have invited them in.

Natural-born Americans and legal immigrants with aspirations of integration appear to be fighting back against the Cloward-Piven strategy with some success by holding onto traditional American values despite being labeled “barbarians” and “racists.” Illegal immigration, though, is still completely unchecked. In the EU, the long campaign of cultural Marxism has made natural-born Europeans perhaps the most self-hating people on the planet, as well as the most passive and weak. Organized opposition to massive immigration programs in the EU should have taken place years ago. Now it is far too late, and the European system is finishing a social implosion that should have already been obvious to average citizens.

E. OPEN DISCUSSION OF TOTALITARIAN MEASURES

When corrupt leadership moves from quiet totalitarianism to more open totalitarianism, your society is in the FINAL stages of collapse, not the beginning of a collapse. The US in particular has been slowly strangled with subversive legal directives and political policies ever since the so-called “war on terror” began. However, there are now multiple signals of a much deeper and open tyranny in the works.

A few recent examples stand out, including Barack Obama’s insistence that the office of the president has the legal authority to issue executive orders that affect constitutional protections such as the 2nd Amendment. As many conservative activists are aware, there is absolutely no constitutional precedent for the use of executive orders and such powers are not mentioned anywhere in the Constitution. They were simply created out of thin air to be used by the federal government and sometimes state governments to supersede normal checks and balances.

While numerous presidents have issued executive orders, including some that were outright tyrannical, like Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s unconstitutional internment of Japanese Americans into concentration camps, George W. Bush and Barack Obama have been the most aggressive in their bypassing of the Constitution. Obama, in particular, has tried to hide
the number of executive actions he has taken by issuing hundreds of “presidential memorandums,” which are basically the same “executive orders” by another name. Hitler also ruled via hundreds of such “executive memoranda.” These actions have been progressively setting the stage for the removal of checks and balances entirely in the name of “crisis management.” They are so broad in their nature and vague in their definitions and applications that they could be interpreted by federal authorities to mean just about anything in any given situation.

If executive actions are not scary enough, corrupt politicians are now becoming blunt in their demands for dominance. Two Republican Senators, Mitch McConnell and Lindsay Graham, are calling for unlimited AUMF-style (Authorization of Use of Military Force) war powers to be given to the president. Such powers would allow the president to project US military forces anywhere in the world for any reason without review or time limits. This includes the use of military forces on US soil. The rationale for this is, of course, the threat of ISIS – the same group of terrorists the US government helped to create.

And finally, if you want perhaps the most blatant admission of future tyranny in recent days, check out former General Wesley Clark’s call for “disloyal” Americans to be placed in internment camps through the duration of the war on terror, a war that could ostensibly go on forever. One could argue that all of these measures are meant only to deter “Islamic extremism.” However, government officials could have stemmed that tide at any time by enforcing existing immigration laws, or, by stopping all immigration for a period of years until the problem is handled. Instead, they have allowed open borders to remain, and have even imported potential terrorists while lawfully etting the door open to the violation of any group of citizens, if we allow the concept to everyone else.

CONCLUSION

If we accept the violation of the constitutional rights of any group of citizens, if we allow the concept of “thought crime” to become commonplace, then we leave the door open to the violation of our own rights someday. And that is how tyrants trick populations through incremental collapse – by applying despotism to a claimed dangerous minority, then expanding it to everyone else.

America is sitting near the end of the spectrum in terms of economic collapse and in the middle of the spectrum in terms of social collapse. While more violent events are certainly gestating and are likely to be triggered in the near term, we should not overlook the reality that collapse is happening in stages all around us. This process gives us at least some time. All is not lost yet, and the steps we take to organize and prepare today will affect how the collapse process unfolds tomorrow. People who continue to ignore the outright evidence of collapse based on false assumptions of what collapse should look like are only preventing themselves from taking proper action until it is too late. Make no mistake – our system is dying. We cannot allow our false perceptions of this death to cloud the reality of it, or our response to it.

[End of Daily Sheeple quotation: TheDailySheeple.com]

II. THE GLOBAL PLUNGE
TOWARD A CASHLESS SOCIETY IS ACCELERATING

Are you aware that you are a criminal and are already in violation of several (or even dozens) of Federal laws, rules, and regulations (that you probably never heard of) that spew forth from the government every year? These laws, rules, and regulations cover everything from A to Z, and violation of many carry with them heavy fines, property confiscation, and/or even jail time. Unless you regularly read the Federal Register, you will be totally unaware of these burgeoning edicts – but as the government likes to remind us, “ignorance of the law is no excuse.”

In the past few decades, more and more restrictions have been instated (most are just issued by unseen government bureaucrats and a myriad of government alphabet agencies) related to financial matters and especially cash. Large amounts of cash (from a few thousand dollars up) in your possession, being deposited or withdrawn from your bank account can get you labeled as a suspected money launderer, drug dealer, terrorist, tax cheat, or other despicable lowlife. Your bank accounts and safety deposit boxes are now monitored by the government, as are cash deposits and withdrawals and moneys carried (or wired) in or out of the US. The stage is now being set for the total restriction of all cash – with more and more cash transactions now being restricted.

This writer’s old friend Mark Nestmann recently wrote about where this is all going (both here and around the world) and how it is connected to the bizarre concept of negative interest rates: It might sound like a conspiracy theory spun by right-wing crazies. But judging by the increasing desperation of governments to reboot the world economy, it just might happen. “It” is the recall or confiscation of cash, i.e., dollars, euros, pounds, etc., in physical form. And a key justification cited by those calling for this radical
measure is that it reinforces the ability of central banks to impose negative interest rates.

Negative rates mean that lenders literally pay businesses and consumers to borrow money. They also penalize savers for hoarding it. The Danish and Swiss national banks have gone the farthest into negative territory, with interest rates of -0.75%. That means €100,000 in a euro-denominated account in Switzerland would be worth only €99,250 after one year. While these rates apply only to the “excess reserves” that banks maintain at the central bank, nothing stops banks from requiring depositors to share the pain.

But that’s not enough, according to some economists. Citicorp’s chief economist, a technocrat named Willem Buiter, thinks the US needs much lower interest rates to push the economy out of the doldrums. He thinks negative interest rates around -6% would do the job. But there’s one condition: For his plan to work, he says, the government must abolish cash. If your bank is taking 6% from your savings, $100 in your account would be worth only $94 at the end of one year, $88.36 after two years, and $83.06 after three years. On the other hand, a $100 bill with Ben Franklin’s picture on it would still be worth $100. The bankers understand that as long as cash exists, no one will voluntarily keep their savings in accounts with negative interest rates.

And Buiter isn’t the only one pointing out that outlawing cash could stimulate the economy, especially in a crisis. In a recent article, Michael Pento, president and founder of Pento Portfolio Strategies, observed: “Strategies such as pushing interest rates into negative territory, outlawing cash, and sending electronic credits directly into private bank accounts may appear more palatable in the midst of market distress.” And the Fed seems to be catching on to the prospect of negative interest rates. At a meeting of the Fed’s Open Market Committee late last year, at least one member suggested that negative interest rates might be worth considering.

As for abolishing cash altogether, proposals to do so are much further advanced outside the US. Italy and France have banned all cash transactions over €1,000. Spain has banned cash transactions exceeding €2,500. Similar restrictions are in place in Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Mexico, Russia, Uruguay, and other countries. In the US, cash transaction limits don’t yet exist, but de facto limits already are enforced. Many people have reported interrogations by banks if they withdraw more than a few thousand dollars in cash from their accounts. And depositing or withdrawing more than $10,000 in cash from an account requires that banks (as well as other “financial institutions”) file a Currency Transaction Report with the IRS.

“Structuring” a single cash transaction into multiple transactions to avoid this requirement is a serious federal crime. And if the circumstances surrounding a transaction above $5,000 are “suspicious,” financial institutions must file a Suspicious Activity Report. Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies consider cash holdings inherently suspicious. Under the Alice-in-Wonderland legal process of civil forfeiture, they can seize your cash if they “suspect” that it’s somehow connected to a crime. That’s easy, since nearly 100% of cash circulating today contains tiny concentrations of narcotics residue – primarily cocaine. All police need to do is bring in a drug-sniffing dog to inspect the cash. If the dog alerts, police seize the cash. And under civil forfeiture rules, it’s up to you to prove that the cash has a legitimate origin.

If the government decides to restrict cash transactions or outlaw cash altogether, how would they do it? Actually, efforts along this line are already well under way. Many airlines accept only credit or debit cards for inflight purchases. Louisiana forbids cash for some secondhand sales of scrap metal. A proposal in Wisconsin would ban cash payments for treatment at pain clinics.

But for negative interest rates to really take hold, the Fed will need to step in. One proposal is for cash to be recalled in a very short period – as little as 10 days. Anyone turning in more than a relatively low threshold – perhaps as little as $1,000 – would be required to prove that the cash was generated legally and that all taxes on the income had been paid. Otherwise, 30% or more of the cash would be confiscated.

It’s easy to be frightened by these proposals. But if governments think they can force us to accept negative interest rates on our savings by abolishing cash, they need to think again. It’s preposterous to assume that savers will passively accept outright confiscation of their assets via negative interest rates or a ban on cash. Instead, people will simply revert to other stores of value. The Yapese people who inhabit some of the Caroline Islands in the Pacific Ocean, for instance, once used giant stone disks as money. Some of the disks were as large as 13 feet in diameter.

Other forms of “currency” are more convenient. For instance, at the end of World War II, a cigarette economy developed in occupied Germany. Cash was scarce, so ordinary Germans adapted by exchanging cigarettes for food and other necessities. Indeed, barter of all kinds flourishes when money is scarce. It will flourish even more if governments make a serious effort to abolish cash. And of course, ending cash will only encourage the growth of digital currencies such as Bitcoin. But it is most likely that there will be
significant movements of cash into precious metals – especially gold. If you don’t already own some gold in fully allocated form, now would be a good time to consider buying some. And storing it out of Big Brother’s reach (i.e., abroad) should be strongly considered. [End of Nestmann quote.]

[ED. NOTE: The plunge toward a cashless society is not just about going after lowlife criminals who are avoiding taxes or much worse. Nor is it primarily about negative interest rates – although there is a connection as discussed above. No, it is about total people control and total surveillance of all of our activities, as George Orwell discussed in his classic work 1984. This total people control is a necessary prerequisite (the global socialists believe) for the coming US and global dictatorship. Revelation 13 talks about a coming cashless society in a very ugly time in the future. Could it all be related? It is hard to know, but what is coming at us like an out-of-control freight train is indeed very ominous. Are you prepared for it?]

III. AMERICA TODAY: WHAT IF FREEDOM’S GREATEST HOUR OF DANGER IS NOW?

“Does the government work for us or do we work for the government? DOES THE GOVERNMENT EXIST TO SERVE US OR TO MASTER US? If the government exists to serve us, and if freedom is part of our humanity, how can the government take freedom from us? Is human freedom in America a myth, or is it reality? The United States of America was born out of a bloody revolt against tyranny. Yet almost from its inception, the government here has suppressed liberty.” – Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

A. WHAT IF?

The following, delivered by Judge Napolitano on Fox News (which, like CNN and CNBC, is completely controlled by the Establishment) is probably what got Napolitano fired by Fox:

What if the Constitution no longer applied…

What if the whole purpose of the Constitution was to limit the government…

What if Congress’s enumerated powers in the Constitution no longer limited Congress but were actually used as a justification to extend Congress’s authority over every realm of human life…

What if the President, meant to be an equal to Congress, has instead become a democratically elected, term-limited monarch…

What if the President assumed that everything he did was legal just because he’s the President…

What if he can interrupt your regularly scheduled radio and TV programming for a special message from him…

What if he could declare war on his own…

What if he could read your emails and your texts without a search warrant…

What if he could kill you without warning…

What if Supreme Court justices no longer looked to the Constitution to determine the constitutionality of a law, but rather simply to what justices who preceded them thought about it…

What if the rights and principles guaranteed in the Constitution have been so distorted in the past two hundred years as to be unrecognizable by the founders…

What if the 50 states were no longer sovereign entities equal to each other and parents of the federal government they voluntarily constituted…

What if the states were mere provinces of a totally nationalized and fully centralized government…

What if the Constitution was amended stealthily, not by constitutional amendments duly ratified by the states, but by the constant and persistent expansion of the federal government’s role in our lives…

What if the federal government decided if its own powers were proper and Constitutional…

What if the Constitution were no longer the supreme law of the land…

What if you needed a license from the government to speak, to assemble, or to protest against the government…

What if the government didn’t like what you plan to say and so it didn’t give you the license…

What if the right to keep and bear arms only applied to the government…

What if “posse comitatus” (the federal law that prohibits our military from occupying our streets) were no longer in effect…

What if the government considered the military an adequate dispenser of domestic law enforcement…

What if cops looked and acted like troops and you couldn’t distinguish the military from the police…

What if you were not secure in your person, in your papers, in your property…

What if federal agents could write their own search warrants in defiance of the Constitution…

What if the government could decide when you were and were not entitled to a jury trial…
What if the government could take your property whenever it wanted…

What if the government could continue prosecuting you until it got the verdict it wanted…

What if the government could force you to testify against yourself, simply by labeling you a domestic terrorist…

What if the government could torture you until you said what the government wanted to hear…

What if people running for president actually supported torture…

What if the government tortured your children to get to you…

What if government judges and government lawyers intimidated juries into convicting the innocent…

What if the government can send you to your death and your innocence meant nothing so long as the government’s procedures were followed…

What if America’s prison population, the largest in the world, was a cruel and unusual way for a country to be free…

What if half the prison population never harmed anyone but themselves…

What if the people had no rights except those the government chose to let them have…

What if the states had no rights except to do as the federal government commanded…

What if our elected officials didn’t really live among us but instead all had their hearts and homes in Washington DC…

What if the government could strip you of your rights because of where your mother was when you were born…

What if the income tax was unconstitutional…

What if the states were convinced to give up their representation in Congress…

What if the government tried to ban you from using a substance in your body that is older than the government itself…

What if voting didn’t mean anything anymore, because both political parties stand for big government…

What if the government could write any law or regulate any behavior or tax any event, the Constitution be damned…

What if the government was the reason we don’t have a constitution anymore…

What if you could love your country but hate what the government has done to it…

What if sometimes to love your country you had to alter or abolish the government…

What if Jefferson was right…

What if that government is best which governs least…

What if I’m right, what if the government is wrong…

What if it is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong…

What if it is better to perish fighting for freedom, than to live as a slave…

What if freedom’s greatest hour of danger is now…

It is believed that this five-minute speech by Judge Napolitano on his Fox News program got him fired from that organization (non-renewal of contract). What if this list of “What ifs” is now America’s reality? IT IS!

B. IS FREE SPEECH DISAPPEARING IN AMERICA (AND EUROPE)?

The cyber police are monitoring everything. Anyone who appears to be organizing any type of protest in Germany is visited by the police. This is the new national security and innocuous statements are being targeted as “troublemaker speech.” We are heading into the dark land of government suppression. Part of the US First Amendment is the freedom of assembly. This civil right was recognized by the Founding Fathers because the government in those days acted in the same manner. Anyone who dared to try to organize a protest was imprisoned.

Our Fifth Amendment and the Miranda decision, which says you have a right to remain silent, is hated by police, prosecutors, many judges, politicians, and government bureaucrats. That decision was based upon the history of the right not to be coerced that began with the famous trial of John Lilburne (1615-1657). Lilburne stood tall before the English court of the Star Chamber in 1637 where he objected to the king’s torture.

John Lilburne was a leader in the Leveller Movement of the 1640s, and was a prolific pamphleteer who defended the religious and individual liberty of the people. He was imprisoned many times for his views and was active in the army of the New Parliament leading to the English Revolution, rising to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In October 1649, he was arrested and tried for high treason for printing and circulating
books and pamphlets that were critical of the government. (Is that coming soon to America? To conservative newsletter writers, Internet bloggers, or activists?) However, he was acquitted of all charges by a jury of his peers.

History repeats because the evil passions of humanity never change. Those in power will fight to our death to retain their power. It is never an easy transition to restore our rights, privileges, and immunities. We face a very dark future as the elite are desperate to hold the reins of power.

**IV. WHY ARE MANY EXTINCT DISEASES NOW BREAKING OUT IN AMERICA?**

*MIA* has written much about Obama’s open borders strategy for the destruction of America by allowing tens of millions of illegals to pour into America. Obama and his communist/Muslim allies understand that by bringing millions of these illegals into America they are putting massive stress on our state and city budgets, hospitals, medical system, welfare, and schools, and triggering an explosion of crime. Of course, millions of these legal and illegal immigrants are Muslims, and are being settled by the government in 380 “sanctuary cities” where Muslim communities will spring up – eventually living under Sharia law.

But besides the epidemic of crime and the financial/social burdens accompanying these illegals, they are posing another serious threat to America – they are bringing dozens of deadly diseases into America that have either never been seen in this country or were completely eradicated decades ago. Recently retired Congressman Tom Tancredo (R-CO) wrote about the health threat to America from Obama’s opening of US borders to millions of illegals:

> An E. coli epidemic in Seattle and Kansas City and 19 other states? TB in New York and Manassas, Virginia? Leprosy in New Hampshire? Dengue Fever in Laredo? What’s going on here? If you think data about illegal alien crime is hidden from public, just try to find information on the contagious diseases brought across our borders by illegal aliens from nearly 100 countries. If we survey the anecdotal and sporadic official data of the past 15 years, there is no doubt we are being invaded daily by dangerous diseases.

There is good reason to believe the government is minimizing this risk as part of its disinformation campaign to sanitize illegal immigration and to portray all critics as “anti-immigrant.” Although the US Border Patrol publishes frequent reports on the number of individuals apprehended crossing the border, no agency publishes reports on the diseases they bring with them and then carry into our communities.

And the threat is increasing, not shrinking, because the cross-border traffic is coming from places beyond Mexico and Central America. In 2014, for the first time in more than 20 years, over 50% of the illegal aliens crossing our 1,940-mile southwest border came from countries other than Mexico – and total cross-border traffic is expanding as well. Over 485,000 people were apprehended in 2014, and if you use the government’s “Got Away Ratio” of 1.5 successful evasions of the Border Patrol for every apprehension, the number of illegal entries by foreign nationals in 2015 was over 700,000.

What do we know about the diseases carried by illegal aliens? Not much, thanks to government secrecy, but we know enough to be worried. A February 2015 report of the Southern Medical Association cautioned that, since none of the 700,000 illegal entries have been screened for infectious diseases, “Illegal immigration may expose Americans to diseases that have been virtually eradicated but are highly contagious, as in the case of TB.” The association concluded that, despite the efforts of the CDC, “There’s a growing health concern over illegal immigrants bringing infectious diseases into the United States.”

A year ago the head of the Texas state medical association called for a quarantine of children arriving at the border from Central America. Instead, the Obama administration ordered the processing of the children to be expedited. It has long been established that sanitation and health conditions in migrant farm worker camps from California to North Carolina do not meet acceptable standards – and those are camps for legal migrant workers allowed into the country as part of the H2(A) program for seasonal guest workers. In truth, illegal workers are mixed with legal ones in most farm labor camps provided by employers, and that co-mingling helps spread infectious diseases.

There is now an extraordinarily high prevalence of *Giardia lamblia*, a protozoan that is the most frequent cause of water-born epidemics of diarrhea in the US. Growing health concerns have persisted for over a decade, and were identified in papers published between 2002 and 2006 by Dr. Madeleine Cosman. Dr. Cosman warned that, “Horrendous diseases that long ago America had conquered are resurging … [and] suddenly are reappearing in American emergency rooms and medical offices.” Among the most common diseases found among illegal immigrants are the new *multi-drug resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB)*, *Chagas Disease*, *Leprosy*, and *Dengue Fever*.

TB was largely unknown in Virginia until 2002, when it spiked 17% statewide and 188% in Prince
There is a time tested trading strategy that can increase your precious metals position without additional funding. The strategy is based on the fact that the relative value of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium to each other fluctuates over time.

The price of precious metals responds to various influences. Industrial supply/demand issues, Central Bank demand, investor demand, and unstable geo-political events all impact the metals to differing degrees. Although the prices of the precious metals usually move in the same direction, they do so at different rates. This is where the ratio trading strategy comes in. Over time, one of the metals will be trading at a significant discount to the others. By trading one for the other, an investor can move out of the over-valued metal into the under-valued one. In just a few trades, a portfolio can be greatly enhanced.

The strategy is perfect for the conservative, long-term precious-metals investor. While most trading schemes involve jumping in and out of markets and trying to hit every top and bottom, this strategy is quite different. You are never out of physical precious metals when you correctly follow our ratio strategy. For example, if the strategy calls for selling gold, you will be simultaneously buying silver. If it calls for selling silver, you will be simultaneously buying gold. You have constant protection against inflation or financial upheaval.

In recent years alone, we have advised our clients on multiple trading strategies including, but not limited to:
- gold to silver
- silver to gold
- proof gold to silver bullion
- proof gold to gold bullion
- platinum to palladium
- palladium to platinum
- junk silver bags to silver bars
- silver bars to junk silver bags
- semi-numismatic gold to bullion

Many clients who participated in this strategy in previous bull and bear markets in the metals, more than doubled their ounces of metals. Below is a realistic example of such performance.
Why Silver?

Since the 1970s, ICA has recommended that clients maintain a portion of their assets in silver. Over the decades the supply/demand shortfall has grown, which is why we believe silver will improve a portfolio’s long-term performance. The fundamentals that determine silver’s price historically differ from those affecting other financial assets. Some of these fundamentals include:

- The continued “inflate or die” Fed policy.
- There is soaring demand in electronics and medical technology.
- The US silver strategic stockpile is now fully depleted.
- Demand for silver from the US Mint continues to increase.

As a result of these influences, the silver market has experienced several substantial swings in the gold:silver ratio. Volatility created by outside forces creates valuable opportunities to compound ounces in a client’s portfolio.

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William County, a suburb of Washington, DC. Public health officials blamed illegal immigration. Indiana University School of Medicine in 2001 studied an outbreak of MDR-TB and traced it to illegal immigrants from Mexico. Queens, New York public health officials have attributed 81% of new TB cases to immigrants. In 2002, the US CDC attributed 42% of all new TB cases to “foreign born” persons, which include both legal and illegal immigrants. The CDC report suggested that 66% of all new TB cases in the US originate in Mexico, the Philippines, and Vietnam.

**Leprosy** was so rare in this country that only 900 cases were reported in the 40 years from 1960 to 2000. Suddenly, from 2002 to 2005 we had 7,000 cases. It is now common in the northeastern United States. Most of the cases are traceable to Brazil, Mexico, Caribbean nations, and India. **Dengue Fever** is extremely rare in America, but recently there was a sudden outbreak in Webb County, Texas, on the Rio Grande.

In July of 2014, Georgia Congressman Phil Gingrey, M.D., sent a letter to the CDC citing reports that the tens of thousands of “unaccompanied children” arriving at the border pose a public health risk when resettled across the country. He voiced concern for the safety of Border Patrol personnel and the adequacy of CDC vaccination programs. Unfortunately, the CDC has not seen fit to share more information with the public on the children’s health condition and the treatments provided.

What should scare us most is not what we know about the health of 700,000 illegal aliens arriving each year, but what we do not know. When the Obama administration goes to great lengths to hide the truth about so many of its activities, there is no reason to trust what they are telling us about the health profiles of hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens released into the American heartland. It’s not just the number of illegal aliens entering our country each year, a number that is climbing again, it is where they come from and who they are that pose both a public health and a national security concern.

If an illegal alien from Brazil or Vietnam can carry an infectious disease across the border by accident, what kind of diseases can be carried and spread by Islamic jihadis who are on a suicide mission? Since 2005, over 1,400 aliens from “special interest countries” – countries known to have terrorist cells – were apprehended attempting to cross the southwest border. How many were not apprehended? While accurate information on this topic is withheld and thus hard to find, we do know one thing for certain. The public health ramifications of our scandalous open borders are possibly even more dangerous and far-reaching than the economic and political consequences.

**V. LATE NOTE ABOUT THE GOLD MARKET**

In one month or so gold dropped (or was pushed down) $100 from $1300 to $1200, and then roared back to $1300. We have repeatedly said that these markets would have incredible volatility, and the last month in the gold market has clearly demonstrated that fact. Investors who saw the gathering storm – the deteriorating global economic, financial, and political situation – and who had spare cash bought more of the metals at the lower prices and have done well. The volatility (wide price swings) will continue in the rising bull market in gold and silver as the global financial/political crises accelerate.

Long-term investors need to have “the poise of the boy on the burning deck” (i.e., don’t panic and think clearly) during these pullbacks, buy more on dips (if they have available funds), and enjoy the wild ride. **MIA** still believes that gold is headed to several thousand dollars an ounce (i.e., $2,000-5,000 per ounce or more) and silver to $150-200 per ounce. At the end of that wild ride, you will wish you had 100%+ of your assets in gold or silver. (And just in case Hillary and her “comrades” get “grabby,” some of it should be stored abroad). International Collectors Associates (1-800-525-9556) can help you figure out what to do and how to do it. Remember the “Second” Golden Rule – “He who has the gold makes the rules.”

**VI. THE WORLD IN BRIEF**

**POLICE STATE**

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is activating its Civilian Corps. This is primarily a group of current and former government and military people with various training backgrounds. While this group is unarmed, they are generally drafted from the fighting branches of the US military, along with medical and communications fields.

**ECONOMIC**

- It’s an inevitable question: Could US 10-year yields turn negative now that German 10-year yields have fallen below zero for the first time ever, and Japanese 10-year yields have dipped to record lows of negative 0.17 percent?
- The average man with a full-time job in 2014 earned less than the average man in 1973, according to the Brookings Institution.
• Bank of America, which is holding more Americans’ money than any other bank in the country, has announced that it is going to be cutting about 8,000 more workers.
• Walmart has announced that it is going to be eliminating “back-office accounting jobs” at approximately 500 locations.
• Foreign investors sold a record amount of US Treasury bonds and notes for the month of April, according to US Treasury Department data.
• Industrial production has now declined for nine months in a row. We have never seen this happen outside of a recession in all of US history.
• US commercial bankruptcies have risen on a year-over-year basis for seven months in a row, and are now up 51% since September.
• The delinquency rate on commercial and industrial loans has been rising since January 2015.
• Total business sales in the US did in April what they’ve been doing since July 2014: they dropped – 2.9% from a year ago, to $1.28 trillion (not adjusted for seasonal differences and price changes), the Censuses Bureau recently reported. That’s where sales had been in April 2013!
• US factory orders have been dropping for 18 months in a row.
• The Cass Shipping Index has been falling on a year-over-year basis for 14 consecutive months.
• Goldman Sachs has its own internal tracker of the US economy, and it has fallen to the lowest level since the last recession.
• JPMorgan’s “recession indicators” have risen to the highest level that we have seen since the last recession.
• Both federal and state tax receipts usually start to fall as we enter a recession. That is what is taking place right now.
• The Federal Reserve’s Labor Market Conditions Index has been falling for five months in a row.
• The employment numbers that the government released for last month were the worst that we have seen in six years.
• According to Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., layoff announcements at major firms are running 24 percent higher this year than they were at this time last year.
• Online job postings on the business networking site LinkedIn have been declining steadily since February after 73 consecutive months of growth.
• The number of temporary workers in the United States peaked and started falling precipitously before the recession of 2001 even started. The same thing happened just prior to the beginning of the 2008 recession. Similarly, the number of temporary workers in the United States peaked in December and has fallen dramatically since then.

GEOPOLITICAL
• Few would have imagined that Adolf Hitler’s autobiography, Mein Kampf, would again become a bestseller in the 21st century. But that’s exactly what happened earlier this year with the expiration of a German state copyright that had been used to prohibit reprinting of the book. Mein Kampf became even more widely accessible in Europe.

TERROR
• While immigrants draw much of the attention, it’s their children who are proving to be the most fruitful recruiting ground for radical jihad in the US, accounting for at least half of the deadly attacks over the past decade.
• A new report shows that more than 90 people have been killed on American soil in attacks by radical Islamists since the terror attacks on September 11, 2001.

SOCIAL
• The median working-age couple has saved only $5,000 for their retirement.
• More than 80 percent of US (municipal) tap water is contaminated with pesticides and toxic herbicides, namely sodium fluoride and glyphosate. These poisons contribute to IQ reduction, dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and Parkinson’s disease.
• Gallup’s analysis, “Confidence in banks – which took a hit amid the bursting housing bubble in 2007 and 2008, and dropped further after the ensuing financial crisis – [has plunged] from 49% in 2006 to 27% now.”
• Confidence in organized religion, which has felt the effects of the scandals enveloping the Catholic Church, dropped from 52% to 41%, one point below last year’s previous low of 42%.
• Confidence in television news, newspapers, and Congress all dropped 10 points – pushing newspapers to a 20% confidence level, two points below their previous low of 22% in 2007 and 2014.”
• Still, Americans do look up to one institution, the military. Some 73 percent have confidence in the military, unchanged in 10 years.
VII. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. DAVID McALVANY WILL BE SPEAKING – in Orange County, California on July 9th. Topics will include: “Implications of a Clinton White House”; “Debt and derivatives, the uphill growth problem”; “Police state, leviathan taxes, and infringement on freedom”; and “When do you quit caring about legacy?” The conference will take place between 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel, 686 Anton Blvd. in Costa Mesa. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Karis Webb by email at karis@mcalvany.com or by phone at 970-259-4100, x118.

B. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GREATLY INCREASE – PERHAPS EVEN DOUBLE – YOUR OUNCES OF GOLD – without investing another dollar? There is a proven, thoughtful, systematic trading strategy that will allow you to do so. The strategy involves taking advantage of the changing values of gold and silver vis-à-vis one another. Your risk is low and your profit potential is high. It’s an excellent strategy for times like these.

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VIII. FINAL THOUGHT: ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE COMING PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA?

Persecution of Christians is now at the highest level since Jesus’ time – with an estimated 300,000 Christians a year in Muslim and communist countries being martyred for their faith. It is even happening in Hindu fundamentalist-dominated India, where dozens of Christian churches are being burned to the ground each year. It is an irrefutable fact that communists (who are atheists) and Muslims hate (and fear) Christians, and would like to silence, convert, or eradicate them. But it is not just happening in the Middle East or communist or Hindu countries. Discrimination against Christians is coming to a neighborhood near you – and eventually it may turn into outright persecution.

The political left in America (who completely control the American government under Obama – and will even more so under a Hillary Clinton presidency) also hate, fear, and want to silence Bible-believing evangelical Christians. Every year our anti-Christian government and courts pass new regulations and court rulings that restrict more and more of the free speech and activities of Christians in America while giving more freedoms to Muslims. School and public prayer by Christians has long since been banned – but not for Muslims. Bibles in the workplace are outlawed (but not Qurans), as are crosses worn to work, public displays of the Ten Commandments or Bible verses, and Christmas crèches in some cities. Even Christian holidays and celebrations are being canceled in some areas of the US.

Christianity is being criminalized in the United States. No, we are not talking about the kind of Christianity that is so prevalent in America today where “nominal Christians” just ignore what the Bible says and do whatever they wanted to do in the first place. Rather, we are talking about the kind of faith that Kim Davis demonstrated last year when as a manager in a Kentucky county clerk’s office, she (backed by Kentucky law, but contrary to the Supreme Court edict for gay marriage), refused to grant a marriage license to a gay couple. Christians all over this country are being put into positions where they must choose to either submit to the “new morality” or potentially lose their jobs. For Kim Davis, deciding to take a stand meant that she was thrown into prison. The radical judge that threw her into prison said that she would stay there until she was willing to change her mind. (She did finally get released.)

The pace at which our nation is declining morally, culturally, and spiritually is absolutely breathtaking. What in the world has happened to America? We live in a country where Christians are being imprisoned for what they believe, but Planned Parenthood is free to slaughter babies, chop them up, and sell off their parts to the highest bidder. Where Christians have less free speech and rights than Muslims. Where speaking out against homosexuality or gay marriage is being criminalized; where male and female bathrooms are being integrated for the sake of transgendered people; and where young children in the public schools are being taught from the first grade up that a gay/lesbian lifestyle is just as good as a heterosexual lifestyle and should be explored to see if it works for them.

We had better wake up before it is too late. What is happening right in front of our eyes is eerily reminiscent of what happened in Nazi Germany to the Jews. First the Nazis limited their free speech, then their religious activities. They ridiculed everything about the Jews, pushed them to the margins of society, removed them from government public employment, and began to restrict what jobs they could hold. Local businesses refused to do business with the Jews. Then
In the future, Bible-believing Christians are going to be completely disqualified from being county clerks or holding any other government position that deals with marriage. But it won’t stop there. Ultimately, any Christian that will not go along with the new morality will be labeled a “bigot” and a “hater” and will essentially become unemployable. Consider what happened to the CEO of Mozilla. He was extremely good at his job, but he was forced out when it was revealed that he had once donated $1,000 to a group that supported Proposition 8 (which was a California referendum that sought to make homosexual marriage illegal). It didn’t matter that 52 percent of Californians actually voted in favor of Proposition 8. He broke “the code,” and so he was not fit to run a major tech corporation. By extension, that means that no Bible-believing Christian is fit to run a major tech corporation.

If you are a Christian, don’t think about a career as a high-ranking military official either. According to a Buzzfeed report, Barack Obama actually told the top military officers in this nation that they could either support the end of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell or they could resign. In a meeting with the heads of the five service branches in 2010, President Obama offered the leaders a choice: Support my efforts to end the military’s Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell policy or resign, the Commandant of the Coast Guard said. Military officers (including some generals and chaplains) who don’t go along with Obama’s attempts to homossexualize the US military are being kicked out of the service.

Are you starting to get the picture? This is how it starts. In television shows and movies, Bible-believing Christians are being relentlessly mocked. Laws are being passed that are slowly marginalizing believers and that are trying to force us to accept things that we simply cannot accept. Even now, many employers will not even think of hiring you if they discover that you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ.

And just like in Nazi Germany and the present day Muslim Middle East, eventually the persecution becomes more overt and more violent. Several Christian churches have been firebombed around America over the past year. The culture is turning radically against us, and what we have seen so far is just the beginning. So are you willing to give up your job, your future, your freedom, and potentially even your life for your faith?

Persecution of Christians is not new – it is discussed throughout the Bible – but the global explosion of persecution of Christians in our day is new and is likely to get worse as the political left becomes more dominant all over the world and as Islam rapidly spreads around the world. Jesus promised that those who were persecuted for their faith in Him would be blessed and that He would walk through those difficult times with them. He promised that He would give them great peace and strength in the midst of such times. But He did say that there would be such times.

Corrie ten Boom, who was imprisoned by the Nazis for harboring Jews during the war, described in great detail in her book *The Hiding Place* how the Lord sustained her in the most difficult of circumstances. Richard Wurmbrand, Dumitru Duduman, Brother Yun, and many others have also described how the Lord upheld them in the most difficult of times under the communists. Friends in Africa have described the same thing to me. All of these people had a strong faith in God, knew a lot of scripture, and had it in their hearts (memorized). They did not walk through the persecution alone.

The persecution of Christians is increasing in the West and is coming to America with a vengeance – especially if the communists retain control of the White House under Hillary Clinton. It seems prudent to this writer, while making the best personal preparations possible, to remember the four G’s of survival – God, Gold, Guns, and Groceries. And if you get separated from your gold, guns, and groceries, don’t forget the first G – God. As the American Express ad reminds us “don’t leave home without Him.” If all else fails, He will still be there to help and walk with you through the crisis.

And that is the bottom line!