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Thought Crime, Dogmacide, and Intellectual Heresy

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A SHORT, REVEALING CONVERSATION

I had just mentioned that the Federal Reserve marketed U.S. Treasury paper for the Treasury Dept.

The bank clerk/officer with whom I was dealing said, "Yes, and the Federal Reserve guarantees these notes." She thought she was reassuring me.

I said incredulously, "The Fed guarantees U.S. Treasury paper?" How ignorant did she think I was?

"Oh, yes."

"Listen," I snapped, intent on proving I was not the common stupe she apparently thought, "The Federal Reserve is a private banking system! U.S. Treasury paper is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, and that is only worth what the current set of cretins in Congress say it's worth, and they devalue it daily."

"Oh, yes, sir, you're right, you're right," she hastily responded. But she didn't understand what I'd said about the Fed. She only wanted not to offend a bank customer. Even an old, crusty eccentric like me.

But I'm haunted: does this young college graduate really believe the Fed guarantees United States Treasury debt? Was she really taught that in college...or by her bank employer?

More and more I see the world adrift on a sea of ignorance and lies.

White woman! she was insulted to the core and took his Supreme Court confirmation hearings opportunity to demonstrate that Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.

She has had her fifteen minutes of fame, but it cost her too much.

Clarence Thomas is no saint, in my view. I think him an opportunist willing to be used by successive Republican administrations as a showcase black conservative. He used them in turn in equal measure, and there is probably contempt for the other on both sides of the relationship.

He obviously lied many times in evading senatorial questions on his views on Natural Law and abortion. That was cowardly and tactical and no doubt a necessary evil in his mind (and in the minds of his "handlers" in the White House). Another example in the endless parade of examples of the end seeming to justify the means, sometimes also known as the Easy Way Out.

But now that he has his Supreme Court seat for life and is beyond firing and retribution, it will be interesting to watch Clarence Thomas as he begins to be at last his own man.

His votes on the Court may be disagreeable surprises for many, and bitter payback for others. I'm sure he will long remember what was done to him in these recent confirmation hearings.

THOUGHTS ON THE CLARENCE THOMAS AFFAIR

The late charges of sexual harassment, specifically that Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas abused Anita Hill with talk of human-animal and orgy sex films or video tapes he had seen, the size of the organ of Long Dong Silver (a porn actor who didn't last long in the industry because he couldn't get and keep an erection on camera), the size of his own organ, and his skill in oral sex, seemed to me very out of character for a man like Clarence Thomas in his circumstances.

Those specifics brought to the public in full media glare after Hill's non-detailed deposition to the Senate via the FBI, seem to me not the product of a black man's mind trying to lure a black woman to his bed, but the product of a white liberal woman's mind trying to inflame the American public against a black man.

I couldn't buy those specifics, and most of the public could not, judging by the polls.

Anita Hill, if she endured such mental abuse from Clarence Thomas ten years ago is either a shameful liar to him and others by having followed him to another government agency to further her career and by keeping up the pretense of liking and admiration, or if the mental abuse did not occur is a shameful liar now for lying to the world about the alleged sexual harassment.

Either way, her ends justified her means and show her character.

Bottom line, I think she is a vain woman who wanted to lure and marry Clarence Thomas, and followed him to another govt. bureau to that end. But when he didn't show interest she bore a grudge and when he married a

DOCTOR DEATH STRIKES AGAIN!

Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the controversial inventor of the so-called "suicide machine", has recently helped two more women with incurable disease to take their own lives.

The news story detailing this latest development said 'Michigan law does not specifically ban assisted suicide.'

But I presume there are moves afoot to take this right away from the citizens of Michigan under the do-gooder cover of protecting people from themselves.

12-20-91 update: Kevorkian has just been indicted for murder by the Michigan Attorney General. It's unlikely a jury will convict him, but the

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trial/publicity/costs will discourage others from offering suicide assist services anywhere.

That's how do-gooders and religious moralists operate: their morally superior ends justify misusing and abusing political/economic/official power means.

Isn't there something in the Bill of Rights that says all rights not enumerated in the Bill of Rights are reserved for the citizens of the states?

Liberal statist today have turned that around and now operate on the presumption that government holds title to all rights and grants to citizens only a few, which it can take back if citizens "abuse" those rights. Thus the fight with those citizens who believe in Natural Law and God-given rights which precede and supercede government power.

THE PIECES ARE IN PLACE?

If you are of a paranoid mind, who believes national politics are contrived, managed, manipulated and controlled by Insiders, Rulers, The Elite, and hardly ever (or never) determined by the citizenry, then the following analysis will be of interest.

The emergence of David Duke as a run-off contender for governor of Louisiana put him in place as an illegitimate, racist, reactionary conservative nationally known politician. He is a spokesman for ripped-off-and-abused-by-government citizens who are mad as hell and aren't going to take it any more! He is their current messenger, but the liberal establishment media have killed him, politically speaking.

David Duke (who is always tagged and smeared in news stories as a 'former leader of the Ku Klux Klan and a neo-Nazi') is a man who will never be allowed to seriously run for president. The media will give David Duke a lot of exposure and expand his status as a Fascist Threat, because he is useful. But he's in reserve now, not a serious player even if he does enter some primaries against George Bush.

If the real rulers of this country decide to dump George Bush, a more respectable third party rightist, like Pat Buchanan, will drain off Bush's racist-conservative support and permit a Democrat to win.

Jesse Jackson (a co-opted spokesman for many other disaffected citizens—those who want government to do more for them and punish a lot of others) is already in place as a nationally known leftist Democrat. He will run for president if it is decided to insure that Bush be re-elected and if a competent Democrat emerges in the primaries.

Jackson's third-party mission would be to drain off left-liberal votes from the nominated Democrat and insure a Bush victory.

But a continuing deep recession economy might diminish Bush's popularity enough to endanger his re-election. Especially if he doesn't convincingly act "caring" enough.

Note that Mario Cuomo has recently declined again to run for president, thus depriving the Democrats of their best potential candidate.

It seems at this state of the presidential election circus, that the Rulers want Bush to continue as their agent-in-charge in the United States.

This conspiracy-oriented analysis has a certain attraction, and if events work out something like they are outlined above, your worldview may be changed...or confirmed.

THE UNOFFICIAL PRIME DIRECTIVES OF BIG BUSINESS AND BIG GOVERNMENT:

Kill the messenger.

Avoid truly competent people; they are prone to honesty and often expose 95% of their associates as liars and/or incompetents.

Honesty is not the best policy. Lying avoids the embarrassments and losses caused by the truth.

The end justifies the means if you can get away with it. If you can't get away with it, blame somebody who can't prove you're guilty.

PERSONAL

These personal entries will probably become a series of reports on my physical ills, and as such depressing for many of you who know me personally or from decades of my writing and publishing.

But even diseases have their fascination, and my reactions to them may be of some interest, if only to me.

I'm 64 years old, now, and astonished that my life has melted away so fast. This is not a unique attitude. I suspect at about this age one becomes either bitter or stoic. So far I philosophically accept the fact of approaching death, of the swiftly disappearing few years left to me! But if there were any justice—No, no, calm...

Maybe if I could believe in an afterlife of some kind... But I still can't see either the reason for a consciousness-after-death, or the mechanism/structure of it. You have to believe that mankind is somehow "special", that there is a God, and that He is interested in keeping alive the electro-chemical thoughts of every human ever born. Define 'human'. (And what of the thoughts and memories in the brains of those unborn who have been aborted? Do they go to the other side, too? Do the Feminists consider these questions? Are there any really religious Feminists?)

Well, I got side-tracked.

But the point is there: are these consciousnesses—call them souls if you like—stacked in shoe boxes for storage, or is there a kind of life, an interaction, a society, afterward. How does it work? Does it have physical laws? Does it have cable? I don't want to live in a heaven that doesn't have cable!

I mock, yes, because heaven or afterlife do not make sense to me. And I don't believe in supernatural Gods or supernatural existence.

I view God and religion as mankind's age-old escape



from death, from the inevitable, horrible (to the Self/Ego) end of awareness.

I don't necessarily feel this attitude makes me superior. I may in fact be cursed to exist all my teen-age/adult life without the solace of Faith.

Well, too late now. Or...is it?

I've often wondered if, as I grew Old, as I stared into the skull face of Mr. Death, if I'd yield up my convictions and conclusions and desperately embrace God in a shameless attempt to wriggle free of my belief in final extinction. Would I? Will I? We'll see.

Back to my physical ills. The from-birth cerebral palsy isn't getting worse as I feared a while back. The tranquilizing side-effect of my high blood pressure medicine, Propranolol LA, smooths out most of my jerks and twitches, though my balance is worse, I think, though my coordination, such as it is, seems the same. In any case, I can still ride my bicycle.

The problem really getting my goat is the arthritis, which is progressing like a glacier—remorseless and inevitable. The latest manifestation is pain in my hip joints, mostly in the right. This makes walking painful and awkward. The other arthritis centers—neck, lower back, shoulders, knees, hands—are about the same, subject to flare-ups, but nothing unbearable. I hope this hip pain is a temporary thing, too.

The ringing in my ear continues—eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee—but I've lived with it for twenty years.

My eyesight may be deteriorating a bit. Nothing another pair of glasses won't compensate for.

That's about it.

Almost forgot; hiding it from myself a bit: my prostate is slowly swelling and the old urine stream is thinning, and someday I'll have to have to doctor do something about it—drugs or mechanics or surgery. I prefer drugs. I tolerate drugs well and have never been in a hospital as a patient a single day, strange as that sounds. Never had a broken bone or a serious (confined to bed, groaning, for more than three days) illness. Why start now?

The good news is good appetite, good digestion, good bowel movements, and I still enjoy L.A. LAW.

WITHER THE ECONOMY?

Yes, it is withering.

The economy has been dragging along in a deep rut, and is now sliding deeper as unemployment and consumer fears grow.

Lower interest rates (engineered by the Federal Reserve) seem only to be forcing maturing CD and other savings into the stock and bond markets, as savers find no other way to get decent yields.

Unfortunately, stocks and non-US govt. bonds are risky. Those markets are holding up now as new, displaced savings money flows in, but what will happen when the new inflows stop? There could be another stock market crash.

The longer the economy is in recession, the more pressure and stress is put on the accumulated, decades-long build-up of corporate, personal and mortgage debt. This debt structure has been in a kind of controlled melt-down for five years with the S&L disasters and corporate deaths (notably in the airlines), but now rising bank failures and personal bankruptcies at historic highs (with insurance companies, pension funds and credit unions showing extreme signs of coming collapse) during an endless recession threaten an out-of-control avalanche of debt liquidation à la the Great Depression.

January could see the first signs of such a slide with an increase in the official unemployment rate and a further slide in new car sales and other retail sales.

With Germany (and most of the rest of Europe) now paying interest rates much higher than the U.S., we may see a vast shift of money out of our country, which would lead to catastrophic deflation and Depression.

As it is this recession has been caused by a "collapse point" having been reached in the debt bubble. Now, no matter how much debt Congress can bring itself to pump into this dying economy, it cannot come close to replacing the money which vanishes when debts are written off or abandoned, and when real estate values are shrunk by a weak, money-dry market. A home owner whose house used to be worth \$100,000 and is now worth \$50,000 has lost \$50,000 and the nation has lost \$50,000 in wealth. Multiply that by millions of houses (and millions of office buildings, apartment houses and shopping malls) and you get an idea of how much wealth has been and is being destroyed by the debt bubble collapse.

Congress and the administration are in a bind of their own creation. They've been running such huge, persistent yearly deficits that they've been forced to put themselves into a deficit-reduction box from which it is very difficult to escape.

As the recession continues the tax receipts do not live up to expectations and the spending continues at the scheduled rate (or even more). Thus the yearly budget deficit climbs up into the \$300 billion range and threatens \$400 billion.

The "traditional" (since 1957) method of getting the economy out of a recession is to lower interest rates, encourage massive borrowing, and run huge stimulative deficits by the government.

But lower interest rates have not encouraged new business borrowing or new consumer borrowing this time. And a big new splurge of government spending or tax cutting will drive the yearly deficit into the half-trillion to one trillion dollar range. Would Congress have the guts to run a trillion dollar a year deficit? I doubt it. The bond market, fearing inflation, would collapse, interest rates would be forced upward (undoing much of the good of the deficit stimulus), and the prospect of horrendous inflation would cause enormous cost-of-living crises.

If massive rescue deficits are out of the picture, our economy may simply slide, screaming, off the cliff.

As in the early 30's, once banks, corporations and consumers have been burned by the consequences of heavy debt, they are leery of taking on heavy new debts, and it takes several generations—30-40 years—for the trauma to fade and a new, virgin public, free at last of debt, to begin the joyous climb into another long-term boom fueled by... debt.

It's the age-old cycle of boom and then bust, which always repeats itself, and I fear we are now in the bust. And if so, we are in for a hell of a bust, because government's desire to protect us and its corporate and bank owners has resulted in zillions of dollars of deposit/loan insurance guarantees and terrifying tax-payer obligations which will string out this bust cycle far longer than if all those loans/debts were not protected.

By the way, rumors are abroad that Citibank, America's largest bank, is borrowing from the Federal Reserve, is being run de facto by government regulators, and may be close to going under. If so, Citibank by itself will wipe out the entire \$70 billion just voted by Congress to the FDIC to close 400 or so insolvent banks. (Not including Citibank.)

What would Congress do then? Vote another \$70 billion or so to continue the job?

Think of a bottomless pit. Think of the world's biggest rat hole.

Think of a revolution.

I admit to being a pessimist on the US economy, and have been wrong in the past, so even I don't take this doomsday analysis too seriously. But even pessimists are right some times.

THE GENE MACHINE ROLLS ON

The Christian anti-gay fanatics took a body blow from the recent report that in twins research, if one twin is homosexual, there is a 53% chance that the other twin will also be gay.

Non-twin brothers, it seems, were only about 25% likely to be gay, too.

What would be the non-related young male's chance of being homosexual? Probably 6-10%, the same ratio as that of homosexuals in the whole population.

This latest information indicates there is a strong genetic force involved in the genesis of individual homosexuality.

It isn't evil, domineering mom or weak, ineffectual dad, or the homosexual seduction which is mainly responsible for Johnny being queer.

It's a largely inherited tendency, with various degrees of genetic force involved: obviously, some kids inherit strong, irresistible homosexual drives, while others, the least affected, are only marginally inclined to end up gay. These marginals are the ones most influenced by mom and dad and seduction by gays, and they, too, probably make up the bi-sexual population.

All this seems self-evident to me, but those with professional and/or emotional self-interest involved will reject these conclusions.

I don't expect the religious fundamentalists to suddenly change their Bible-derived views, nor is change expected from those "macho" males whose extreme fears of "queers" is bedded in their own genetic inclinations.

But as the genetic genesis of homosexuality becomes more widely known and over time grudgingly accepted, I expect gays to be treated socially and legally as normal.

Of course, this will lead to the attempt by some prospective parents to insure through genetic tinkering before birth, that their babies not have those gay genes. And perhaps a movement by purists and ideologues and religionists will emerge to force laws which require all pre-borns to be "cleansed" of the "unnatural" gay genes.

And would the Gay Alliance of America sue to prevent the "genocide" of their kind?

Isn't science wonderful?

LOW-BALLING ON THE NORTH BY NORTH LINE

I have observed Oliver North on "Nightline" several times recently, and on other shows on the interview/talk show circuit, and he is shamelessly teasing viewers and listeners about his role and knowledge in/of the Iran/Contra operation and coverup.

Why? Ollie has written a book and is trying to get people to buy it. "Under Fire: An American Story" is available.

In interview teasers during time-outs during the "ABC Monday Night Football" show he said that Ronald Reagan must have known...

Oliver portrays himself as the victim, the poor obedient soldier who was only following orders, a scapegoat, the fall guy who has to suffer to protect senior Reagan administration officials from punishment for their illegal acts.

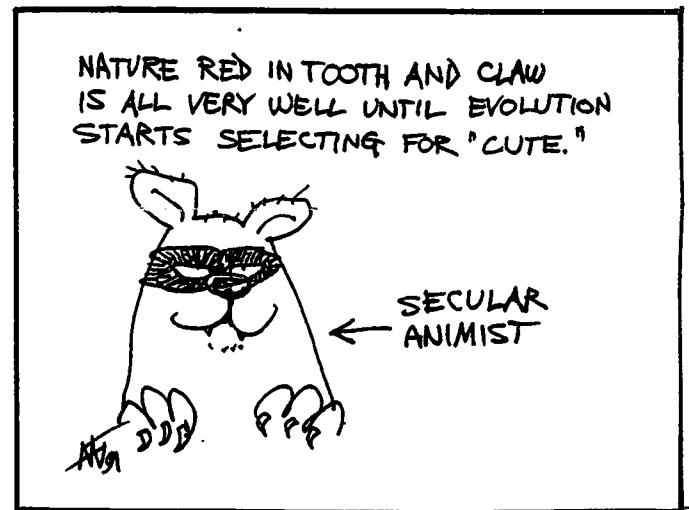
But I seem to recall from his testimony that no one told him to shred thousands of government documents in order to protect his own ass along with those other, VIP rumps.

Since he had been given total immunity from prosecution for crimes confessed to while testifying to that senate investigating committee, being of sound mind our hero Marine officer made sure he told of doing all the evil deeds he could remember doing, so as to be free of jail, later.

Sure enough, he escaped prosecution, maybe by also hinting he might really Tell All if he was really going to be hit hard...

But now he has a book which hints and winks and nudges but doesn't lay a finger on Reagan or Bush. Our con man Oliver wants the American reading public to buy an empty pot.

My opinion of Iran Contra is that of course Reagan and Bush knew all about it and supported it, and lied about it endlessly. They should both have been impeached either for doing it and lying about it, or if they truly didn't know about it for being hopelessly stupid and incompetent.



JFK—THE MOVIE

It's nearly 3½ hours long, and still a lot of the evidence concerning the assassination of John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 had to be left out of the film.

But as long as the film is, it held the packed, Portland, Oregon opening-day audience quiet, spellbound in the showing I attended.


Producer and screenwriter Oliver Stone uses New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's 1969 investigation of the assassination upon which to hang his own enhanced, all-embracing conspiracy theory.

That conspiracy is: Because JFK was intent on withdrawing American forces from Vietnam, had made a deal with Khrushchev and agreed not to invade Cuba, some very large segments of the military-industrial complex (and the big bankers behind them), top-commanders in the Army, Navy, CIA, FBI, Secret Service, the mafia, and elements of the Dallas police dept. conspired to kill him and reverse that initiative.

Kennedy's plans and actions were known: he told Rep. Henry Gonzalez on Air Force One on the flight to Dallas, that he had ordered advisors out of Vietnam, and JFK told Senators Mike Mansfield and Wayne Morse that after he was re-elected he planned in 1965 to pull the remaining troops out of Vietnam.

But his plans and policies were not followed. Within months after JFK's assassination, Lyndon B. Johnson, the new president, canceled the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam. And soon after, the contrived Tonkin Gulf incident occurred which Johnson used to begin sending an all-out American expeditionary force to Vietnam.

This is heavy stuff, and speaks to treason by at least dozens of top military and civilian VIPs.

No wonder the elite-owned media is now very busy  bashing this movie, smearing Jim Garrison (still,

again, after all these years) and putting down producer-director Oliver Stone, which may be a left-handed reason to believe Stone is onto something; all this anger, outrage, slanted writing and biased interviewing must have elite fear behind it.

But this supposed mass conspiracy to kill JFK, so well-done, so well organized, so perfect that even now, after 28 years, none of the key conspirators has left any record or death-bed confession, nevertheless seems to me stupid and careless in three respects:

1. With apparent intent to make Lee Harvey Oswald a patsy it let him buy and perhaps use (or planted on the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository Building) an old, single-shot, bolt-action Italian rifle with a defective scope instead of a credible, new, semi-automatic rifle with a good, properly mounted scope. Why would the conspirators thus undermine the believability of their scapegoat and risk the certainty of another assassin?

A proper assassin's rifle would have made Oswald utterly believable as the lone assassin.

2. The man who killed Oswald, Jack Ruby, was a middle-aged mafia-linked bar owner, not a professional hit man. Yet he was assigned the job of killing Oswald! Ruby got off only one shot, and seemed to simply shoot into Oswald's abdomen instead of the heart or head. It appears only pure luck that the bullet hit the liver and one other vital organ, causing death hours later. Had Oswald lived...

Apparently something went wrong with the original plan re Oswald and a jury-rigged kill had to be arranged. If there was an original plan.

3. And one more query: The magic, pristine bullet, its soft lead nose undeformed after having (according to the Warren Report) drilled through Jack Kennedy's neck, gone on to smash through Governor Connally's chest, leaving behind a shattered rib, exited Connally's rib cage and blasted bones in his wrist, finally coming to rest in his thigh...this miraculous bullet which was found on a gurney in the hospital where Kennedy and Connally were taken...was this bullet covered with blood when it was found? And if so, whose blood was it? The story is that a male nursing aide found the bullet and gave it to an FBI man, who put it in his pocket, not giving it much thought.

Because if that bullet was planted there by the conspirators, how did they get the identifiable blood and tissue and bone fragments to put on it? (Would you drop a bloody bullet in your coat pocket?)

And if that bullet didn't have blood and tissue and bone on it, embedded in the lead, then how could anyone this side of Andromeda believe it was a bullet that could have done the damage it did to two men?

And the found, undented magic bullet does more harm to the conspiracy than if not found. Planting a whole, undamaged bullet seems a remarkably stupid mistake. How could the conspirators possibly expect the police or the federal government to use that bullet as evidence of a "single bullet" theory?

Hey, was all that a botched time travel operation, or a desperate time travel "mending" of a terrible Interference?

As for me, in what I hope is the real world, I believe firmly there was a second gunman. The Zapruder film, the impossible magic bullet (whose real magic was its radical change of direction between Kennedy and Connally and its 1½ second pause, again between the two men), and the cover-up autopsy make any other conclusion self-delusion or self-serving.

In any case, the rabid media critics of JFK and Garrison and Stone would be more credible if they also called for the opening of the sealed (till 2029 AD) files of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, and for the opening of all CIA, FBI, Treasury, State Department, and military intelligence files on Oswald, Ruby, Kennedy and Dallas from 1963...without any parts blacked out and which are now sealed for all time.

Until those secret files are made available to the American public, it seems to me the critics of JFK employed by ABC, CBS, NBC, the NEW YORK TIMES, and other major newspapers and news agencies should shut up. But emotion too often overrules good sense, and how wonderful that it does, for their howling and badgering and smearing betray their true motives and the motives of their employers.

**"IT'S TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES TIME, CAPTAIN."
"MY GOD, SPOCK, WE'RE DOOMED!"**

From a story by Ellen Morris Bishop in The Oregonian, Dec. 26, 1991:

'Global warming, caused by higher levels of the heat-trapping carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other so-called greenhouse gases may already be occurring. Worldwide average temperatures have risen about 1 degree Fahrenheit since the beginning of intense fossil-fuel use.

'If fossil fuels continue to be burned at the current rate, petroleum resources will be depleted about the year 2150. According to Rebecca Mellinger of Pennsylvania State University, greenhouse gases—mostly CO₂)—will increase six-fold by then, reaching a concentration of 1,800 parts per million, far above the pre-industrial level of about 250 parts per million, or the present 400 parts per million.

'This, according to Mellinger's calculations, would raise the average surface temperatures by 7 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit. About 8,000 to 10,000 years would pass before CO₂ returned to modern levels after gas tanks reach empty, she said.'

Comment: The dynamics of scarcity would set in decades before the oil ran out, of course. Oil and oil derivatives would become progressively more expensive, and as more and more people, then whole families were priced out of owning and operating a personal automobile, public transport would flourish for a few decades until it, too, became too expensive. Only the rich and government VIPs would ride in cars.

The slow death of the automobile culture would force radical transformations of society, culture and civilization. A kind of erratic, warped social devolution would occur. Large areas of the U.S. would become more and more primitive, isolated, anarchistic and/or authority-ruled. At some point civil wars and secessions would fracture the United States.

As oil became less used due to price and government control, the remaining reserves would last much longer than currently expected. A few "oil rich" cities, a few small nations, would last hundreds of years as centers of "civilization" and technology. The deprived majority would sink into Medieval societies, or lower, into tribal subsistence cultures.

Would mankind face a new ice age? A largely jungle environment?

We may find out sooner than we wish, if the Antarctic ice sheet melt is real and accelerating because of the man-made ozone layer depletion and fossil-fuel-caused global warming.

Ah, to be twenty again!

THE GREAT ICE MELT?

There are indications—perhaps advance warnings—that long-cycle planetary heat shifts periodically melt Antarctic ice sheets.

And perhaps such a giant ice-melt is occurring now.

Four groups of glaciologists are setting up research camps in West Antarctica to discover if the ice sheet there—an expanse of ice as big as Greenland—is starting to collapse as a result of geological forces deep within the Earth. A long heating/cooling

cycle of at least 500,000 years duration may be warming at least parts of Antarctica again, now.

Scientists have found 500,000-year-old marine fossils under the ice, showing the ice sheet had melted at least once before.

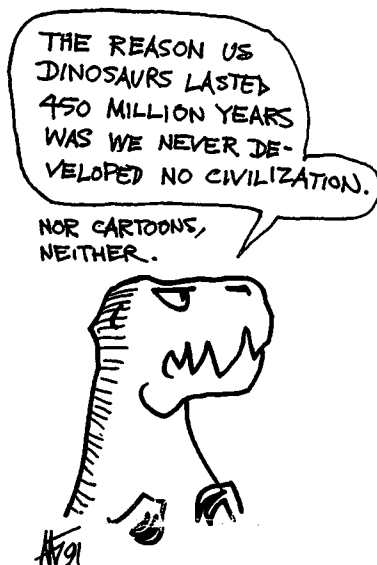
A WALL STREET JOURNAL story (Dec. 24, 1991) states: 'By comparing the outflow of ice with measurements of snow accumulation in the interior, scientists can calculate whether the ice sheet is shedding ice. If so, they warn, a cataclysmic cycle may be underway. The thinner the ice sheet gets, the faster the ice streams will flow. And the faster the ice streams flow, the thinner the ice sheet gets, until, eventually, it collapses. Then, "prepare for the worst," says Dr. Bindshadler.

'Just 20 years ago, the threat of a great flood from a melting Antarctica was the stuff of supermarket tabloids. But after experiments on two ice streams in the mid-1980s, even former skeptics began taking the threat seriously. Scientists found that the streams changed speed and direction rapidly—showing the ice sheet as far more unpredictable than imagined.'

And that erratic behavior suggests the ice sheet melting cycle is farther along than we think.

Don't buy a house on a flood plain, and say goodbye to Florida.

Say, do you think this incipient Flood is Mother Nature's way of getting even for all the raping and pillaging and pollution mankind has been doing to the planet lately?



CUTTING THE POWER PIE

I sometimes think that all possible personal power and freedom is a pie which is cut and eaten by various groups: so much of individual liberty is taken by the government, so much by religion, so much by business..

They hem in the individual with webs of rules, regulations, and morality.

The workable economic system providing the most personal freedom is free enterprise capitalism, and the workable government providing the most personal freedom is representative government which currently is called Democracy for convenience but which is actually the Republic.

But is there a religion which by dogma and structure encourages personal freedom and its necessary twin, responsibility? Perhaps the philosophy of Confucius, if that can be considered a religion. Most religions, which are fundamentally based on absolute certainty and absolute group megalomania, 6

always naturally seek total control and total power because they are positive they alone have the ear and the Word of God, which they feel gives them the Divine Right to Rule.

Anarchic freedom for the individual actually doesn't exist anywhere, anytime, in the real world, except for the criminal, who rejects the rules no matter who makes them, and is willing to be an outlaw, and is punished if caught.

History can be viewed as a perpetual struggle by government and religion and the individual to alter shares of the power pie.

STORIES THE "FEEDING FRENZY" MEDIA CANNOT STOMACH

I watched Reed Irvine of Accuracy In Media on C-SPAN 2, 12-26-91, discussing the Soviet shootdown of the Korean airliner KAL-007. He says the Soviets have the black boxes (voice-data recorders) and may have a survivor of the crash or some bodies and baggage. The story is that after being damaged by a Soviet air-to-air missile from a Soviet fighter plane, the airliner went into a steep glide to a crash landing either on Soviet territory or in the sea, close to Soviet land.

His complaint is that none of the major Media (except the WALL STREET JOURNAL and READERS DIGEST, if you consider them 'major') has picked up on this story.

There is also a rumor/story going around that the Soviets took 50 captured American pilots from Vietnam during the Vietnam war, interrogated them, tortured them, returned them to North Vietnam where they were then killed to avoid having to deal with "sensitive" prisoners and American public outrage, later.

President Bush's nausea, vomiting, and then collapse into brief unconsciousness at a Japanese state dinner on January 8th, is being passed off as 'gastro-enteritis' and 'the flu'. But nothing I can find about the symptoms of g-e or the flu mentions sudden loss of consciousness. CNN said he 'passed out'.

I wonder about a heart attack or a stroke. Could be his heartbeat regulatory medicine had a hand in this episode. You pass out, for God's sake, when your brain doesn't get enough oxygenated blood, or when the brain receives a sudden jolt, like a hard right to the temple in a prize fight. We can rule out a sudden jolt for Bush. A sudden drop in blood pressure caused by a too-slow heartbeat due to too much thyroid medication is more likely.

I'll monitor this one. "White House officials" often lie to the public about presidential medical problems.

CYNIC'S ALERT

Rumour hath it that Oliver Stone has so pissed off the establishment with his current film, JFK, that they are decreeing that he'll never make another movie which will be distributed in the United States, or maybe anywhere. Or maybe there is another crazed, lone gunman in training somewhere.

To the extreme rage of certain elements in our society, JFK has become 'the movie to see' in spite of all the establishment japes and kill jobs.

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