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A must read article below by Dr. Edwin Vieira who is one of our most credentialed freedom movement leaders. He nails it right on again. This article is worthy of printing and handing out to everyone during your day. Make it your mission to wake up someone up each day.

The corrupt system in America is held together by a growing black boot police state. As free choice is forced out, more private and public property is confiscated by the municipal corporations to pay for more force to collect their corrupt debt. The anti Federalist saw this 234 years ago when they got wind of the Federalist movement to corner and centralize the sovereignty of the then 13 independent republics and commonwealths. All the takings thread to Washington D.C. Inc. and beyond. The police state is a system which is self fulfilling and self perpetuating.

The answer is a well organized local militia's, especially of local property owners to checkmate growing organized government invasion and confiscation of our private and public property and our rights. The local Sheriff departments must be made independent and sworn to protect the local property owners at all cost, now funded by the police state.

Here is a local example to the point. I caught 9 Washington State Patrol cars (marked and unmarked) at a local Enumclaw, Washington country restaurant. I asked myself, why so many patrol cruisers in a sparsely populated area? Rhetorical question. I did some quick math and figured these 9 cruisers (say 10 for easy math) should be able to cover the State of Washington. That's 10 sectors of 36 degrees each of main freeways and highways, (360/10).

The Department of Tyranny website says they have some 600 cruisers. What we have is near 2 DOT cruisers per one degree sector covering the State of Washington. This is a state revenue game we pay at least three times. They cruise in and around Enumclaw, gateway to Mt. Rainier and Crystal Mt. Ski Resort all the time stopping locals and outsiders for nonsense. They are up and down SR 410 ticketing skiers. A number of the rural property owners have been visited by the Department of Tyranny at the request of the local mob in Olympia. They will tell you the communities have asked for patrols to make them safer, what a crock. More government taxing tyranny to make ourselves safe from ourselves.

Us American's are such rebels, drinking, driving and

prowl around, shutting our guns off in the middle of night or at anything that moves on or near our property. Don't you love em! The rebels are ones who will come to your rescue in a minute before the dam police state knows what is going on, let alone find you. The question is what happen to half of the original 3 million colonialist who revolted? They used to pour hot tea down the throats of the Tories, throw stones through their windows, tar and feather them among what I can say publicly. Where is this Ole American Spirit at where we spit in the eye of the snake?

I can't go into the little town of Enumclaw, Washington or the county garbage transfer station without being stopped or otherwise checked out by one of a number of roaming black boots. I have lived here for some 34 years and have never seen this level of nonsense. Even my wife has been stopped by this same DOT SUV cruising around the local dump. The government types just do not have a clue, they are hypnotized into cyborgs. It's amazing to see.

Of course the State Department of Tyranny could be easily replaced with the American Automobile Association or other insurance providers covering highway rescue at no expense to the property owner or driver.

On top of this, you have 39 some Washington county police and sheriff patrols around the state. Then you have hundreds of Washington cities with their own police force. Then of course you have all the federal types who should NOT be in the sovereign and independent states anyway. Plus you have all the applicable "emergency" government types. All of this is paid for by illegitimate confiscation of our private property, wages and rights to be free. Plus all the county and state government green boots riding around ticketing, trespassing and harassing property owners. You cannot "vote" or legislate this type of personal taking in an honest Constitutional Republic. This is an organized racket threading down to hell.

The public sector has turned government tyranny into big business, i.e. yellow and green tyranny on the Natural Born for profit. Another case in point <http://www.thenewspaper.com/news/25/2526.asp>.

Taking, taxing's and ticketing by the State DOT or any other state cereal public department go against some 9 founding and fundamental sources of the laws of the land. Government may, if WE choose, regulate commercial traffic but NO ONE is allowed to regulate the lives and rights of the American Natural Born State Citizen in their homes, cars, machinery, animals, nor what is on, in and under their private property.

The revenue that funds the existence of green and black boots taking and taxing of private property has no founding or fundamental basis as well as their mission.

Why is all this nonsense happening? Power and Greed. Because the states, counties, cities, academia, teachers of our nation, et al. have prostituted themselves to the Washington D.C. Inc printing press of debt. Because public servants have lost sight to a handful of founding and fundamental laws of the land. Because public servants and some 92% of Americans still do not understand why their ancestors revolted from a foreign tyrant 234 years ago. Read the Declaration of Independence, the best statement of why the natural born American state Citizens must be completely free.

92% of Americans still don't get it. Because the entire public infrastructure, which was set up to serve the American natural born and protect their private property, wages and everything in it, on it and under it, has long been systematically torn apart by despicable municipality corporate elites, banksters, the bench, Bar, brokers, all the marauding associations who live off our land and the mainstream media. All to make a buck on your property, so the parasites don't have to work as hard and long as you do and then they retire fatter than us all.

We ARE free agents directly under God, NOT under the current bankrupted Police state. We are independent, sovereign and free American state Citizens that cannot be regulated by commercial code, statutes, legislation, "judication", administration, ad nauseam. Grievances are solved in private arbitration or private juries of your peers outside the corrupt BAR and judges.

These artificial bodies including corporations were made by us to serve us and make us free, NOT enslave us.

We are in an awakening stage of the second American Revolution and the outcome will not be like anyone can imagine. The first great American Revolution will pale in change compared to this second awakening era in America. An angel came to General Washington about all this at Valley Forge, read it again to refresh you intuition <http://www.soul.org/Legend2.html>.

The system will collapse over time as we wake up and find we are living in a prison state, devolved from a welfare state, devolved from millenniums of one world dominance corporate military states. The British Empire's funding source was the East India Trading Company. Lots of money in making war, selling opium and slaves. Karmically this is why the sun finally did set on the once great British empire.

The Boeing Company, manufacture of the best engineered commercial aircraft in the world, would kill its empire building at least every 5 years. This was not because Boeing management was far sighted and brilliant. It was because the free market was brighter than all of us put together. It forced Boeing to be lean and mean as it continues to struggle to build some of the best flying machines in the world. They are leaving the State of Washington and have been leaving America, i.e. off loading work for decades because the beast is consuming them too. My family is getting out of this fascist state too. Others are going that have that option.

The existence of municipal public corporations is the problem. They not only create their own problems, they are a legal fiction cancer. There is NO built in self defense mechanism in heaven or hell to shut them down if they are not honest and cost effective. They are an enemy to the free market and to the sovereign and free state natural born Citizens. More on this soon. I will make a case municipal corporations go against nine some founding and fundamental sources of high codes of conduct which came down to America not only in its own charters but its natural and spiritual nature. It is an illusion we have "democratic" processes to correct bad government.

Make yourself and your families independent from the beast. The beast grows by consuming your freedoms and liberties. Get yourself out of debt, set aside at least one year of provisions, water, fuel and arm yourself.

Do not cooperate and resist all attempts and excuses they will give you to control your life and property. It's all nonsense. Pray for a miracle the beast will implode on its own corruption.

Keep you powder dry.

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"If there is righteousness in the heart
There will be beauty in the character;
If there is beauty in the character
There will be harmony in the home;
When there is harmony in the home
There will be order in the nation;
When there is order in the nation
There will be peace in the world."
—An Avatar in India Sai Baba

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Dr. Edwin Vieira, Jr. on the Failure of the Public Sector, the Coming Military Crackdown and What Can Be Done to Stop It

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Edwin Vieira, Jr.

The Daily Bell is pleased to publish an interview with the distinguished libertarian attorney and activist, Edwin Vieira, Jr. Introduction: Dr. Vieira holds four degrees from Harvard: A.B. (Harvard College), A.M. and Ph.D. (Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences), and J.D. (Harvard Law School). For over thirty-six years he has been a practicing attorney, specializing in cases that raise issues of constitutional law. He has presented numerous cases of import before the Supreme Court and written numerous monographs and articles in scholarly journals. His latest scholarly works are *Pieces of Eight: The Monetary Powers and Disabilities of the United States Constitution* (2d rev. ed. 2002), a comprehensive study of American monetary law and history viewed from a constitutional perspective, and *How to Dethrone the Imperial Judiciary* (2004), a study of the problems of irresponsible "judicial supremacy", and how to deal with them. With well known libertarian trader Victor Sperandeo, he is also the co-author (under a nom de plume) of the political novel *CRA\$HMAKER: A Federal Affaire* (2000), a not-so-fictional story of an engineered "crash" of the Federal Reserve System, and the political revolution it causes. He is now working on an extensive project concerned with the constitutional "Militia of the Several States" and "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms."

Daily Bell: Thanks for sitting down with us. Let's get right to it. In your view, what are the most critical domestic problems facing America?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: Two stand out. The foremost problem-

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because it is the source of, or contributes significantly to, almost every economic difficulty now plaguing this country- is the inherent and ineradicable instability of the present monetary and banking systems centered around the Federal Reserve System.

The second problem derives from the first. It is the ever-accelerating development of a first-class para-militarized police-state apparatus centered around the United States Department of Homeland Security, with its tentacles reaching down into every police force throughout the States and localities. Fundamentally, this apparatus is not, and never was, designed to deal with international "terrorism". If that were its goal, its first task would be absolutely to secure the southern border of the United States, which it has never seriously attempted to do. Rather, it is being set up to deal with what the political-cum-financial Establishment anticipates (and I believe rightly so) will be massive social and political unrest bordering on chaos throughout America when the monetary and banking systems finally implode in the not-so-distant future-surely in hyperinflation, and probably in hyperinflation coupled with a gut-wrenching depression. Of these two problems, the second is actually the more dangerous. For if (on whatever pretext) this police-state apparatus does succeed in clamping down on America, the likelihood of effecting basic reforms in money, banking, or anything else favorable to the American people will be reduced to something approaching nil, absent a veritable political uprising in this country.

Daily Bell: How can these two problems be solved?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: The problem of money and banking breaks down into two interrelated parts: one economic, the other political.

Economically, the problem lies in the commonly accepted fallacy that debt-whether the private debt of banks or the public debt of governmental treasuries-can function as sound currency over the long term. "Money" is supposed to be the most liquid of all assets-which is why the best moneys have always proven to be the precious metals, silver and gold. "Debt", conversely, is not an asset at all, but is someone's liability, the value of which is contingent upon the debtor's ability and willingness to pay, and often the creditor's ability to force the debtor to pay. The attempt to put into practice the self-contradictory notion that a liability payable in money can be an asset that functions as money-and that the ultimate debtor or surety in this scheme can be a governmental treasury, which usually cannot be compelled to pay in any event-has been tried again and again, in country after country, and failed again and again. For Heaven's sake, it was tried in this country with the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, and only about twenty years later utterly failed with the banking collapse of 1932, Franklin Roosevelt's seizure of the American people's gold, and the ensuing Great Depression that lasted throughout the 1930s! Right now, we are witnessing what will soon prove to be a more catastrophic failure of that same false idea embodied in that same pernicious institution. Apparently, as the old saw has it, "No one ever learns anything from history except that no one ever learns anything from history." Obviously, massive efforts in public education will be necessary to overcome this deplorable level of ignorance.

In our particular case, the problem also appears in a

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political form, actually dating from well before 1913: namely, the coupling of bank and state, whereby the government empowers private special-interests groups by statute to "manage" the monetary and banking systems-primarily for the economic benefit of those groups, but as well to the political advantage of the public officials, politicians, and political parties that support the system and receive support from it. The Federal Reserve System is such a coupling: the hermaphroditic creature of private enterprise and statute, at once both quasi-private and quasi-public in source, form, and functions.

Daily Bell: We call it mercantilism.

Edwin Vieira Jr.: Strictly speaking, it is a classic example of a corporative-state arrangement in the particular field of banking, exactly parallel to what Benito Mussolini set up throughout the economy of Fascist Italy, and to what Franklin Roosevelt established for all other American industries in the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933 (until the Supreme Court declared that act unconstitutional in 1935).

The reason for this unholy alliance between bank and state lies in the operation of "debt as currency": namely, that using "debt as currency"-and particularly "debt as currency" that can be paid through the emission of new "debt as currency"-allows for the essentially unlimited redistribution of real wealth from society to the issuers of the currency and their immediate clients.

When the redistribution favors bankers and their clients among private businessmen, it is called "forced savings"-the average America being compelled by the system to lose real wealth so that the bankers and businessmen can employ that wealth in their own speculative ventures.

When the redistribution favors bankers and their clients among public officials, it is called "hidden taxation"-the average America being compelled by the system to lose real wealth so that public officials can buy more votes with more governmental spending (with the bankers taking a cut of the proceeds). In both cases, by the system's very design, the financial and political classes always benefit, the masses are always looted.

The truly vicious nature of this scheme, though, is now appearing in all its ugly nakedness in the multi-trillion-dollar bailouts that the financial Establishment is extorting, and will continue to extort, ultimately from the taxpayers and the victims of inflation, on the threat that, without such payoffs, the entire economy will melt down into irremediable chaos.

So, here we see the ultimate practical truth of the matter: Private financial special-interest groups buy politicians; in public office these politicians empower the special-interest groups by statute to manipulate the monetary and banking systems; to the extent that these manipulations succeed, the profits are largely privatized; and to the extent that the manipulations fail, the losses are almost entirely socialized. In either case, the general public is held hostage to the racket, and foots the gargantuan bill for its operation. And the guilty parties escape scot free to steal again, and again, and again.

Daily Bell: So what is to be done?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: In principle, this problem can be solved, if America enforces her Constitution. In practice, implementing such a solution will take no little time and effort, though, because: (i) the Federal Reserve System

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cannot simply be "abolished" at one fell swoop without generating massive dislocations throughout the markets; and (ii) the necessary reforms cannot arise out of the snake pit of Congress in the foreseeable future. Instead, Americans need to create an alternative constitutional and sound currency-actually consisting of, not simply "backed by", silver and gold-to compete with Federal Reserve Notes in the marketplace.

This step must be taken at the State level, for several reasons. First, it cannot be done through Congress, because Congress is thoroughly in the vampiric embrace of the financial Establishment. Second, the States enjoy the legal authority to adopt an alternative currency-indeed, as the Constitution declares, "No State shall . . . make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts". Third, the States' exercise of their legal authority to adopt an alternative currency is constitutionally immune from interference by Congress, as even the Supreme Court has held on more than one occasion. Fourth, the States have a political and legal responsibility to their own citizens to protect the public health, safety, and welfare-which necessitates adopting a sound currency to replace the collapsing Federal Reserve Note before it is too late. And fifth, among the fifty States there must be at least a few in which the political and economic climate is such that State legislators can be convinced to take appropriate action. Once the experiment has been tried and proven workable in one State, it will quickly spread to others, because no alternative exists, other than supine and stupid acquiescence in the collapse of the Federal Reserve System, with all the dire consequences that will entail.

Daily Bell: We at the Daily Bell are of a free-banking caste, and we often have discussions with what we call Brownians - those who, like Ellen Brown herself, believe that money is the province of the state and that gold and silver are merely commodities until the state stamps them with its authorized mark. We disagree. What do you say?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: The people who believe in "the state theory of money" need to study what the Austrian School of Economics teaches about money, and in particular "the regression theorem" that explains the origin of money.

Gold and silver did not become money because some "state" first authorized them as such. Various states throughout history adopted gold and silver as money because markets (particularly in interregional or international trade) were using the precious metals for that purpose. Indeed, that is the explanation for the adoption of the "dollar" (actually, the silver Spanish milled dollar) as the unit of American currency, both under the Articles of Confederation and then explicitly in the Constitution.

More recently, of course, various states, including rogue public officials in the United States, have tried to "demonetize" and then demonize gold and silver in vain attempts to compel free markets to comply with officialdom's generally uneconomic and often blatantly tyrannical political policies. Roosevelt's gold seizure of the 1930s is the pre-eminent example in recent American history.

If gold and silver could function as money only because some state authorized such use, though, there would be no need for states to expend such efforts to "demonetize" the precious metals. Simply withdrawing a state's formal authorization would suffice. So, the veritable war that many

states have felt it necessary to wage against specie money, and particularly gold, during most of the Twentieth Century renders rather implausible "the state theory of money".

Daily Bell: Do you believe the current push to audit the Fed will result in success? What would be the result of such an audit in your opinion?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: The Establishment doubtlessly will put up tremendous resistance to a comprehensive audit of the Federal Reserve System, if that audit includes a thoroughgoing investigation and public exposition of the ulterior motives for and untoward consequences of the System's twists and turns in "monetary policy" over the years. I wonder, however, what such an audit would accomplish, and whether it is really necessary. If ten economists examined the System's decisions, they would probably give a dozen different opinions as to what motivated those decisions, and whether the results were good, bad, or indifferent. So the upshot of an audit could be nothing more than confusion twice confounded.

For all the journalistic shortcomings of its aggressively "liberal" perspective, the old expose by William Greider, *The Secrets of the Temple: How the Federal Reserve Runs the Country* (1987), tells us enough about the motivations and performance of the banking cartel, even without a formal audit, to justify the conclusion that it must be disestablished post haste. Actually, anyone who studies the Federal Reserve Act of 1913-particularly in the context of earlier banking and monetary legislation-should conclude that it always was and remains unworkable and doomed to failure, besides being utterly unconstitutional. So an audit is superfluous. On the other hand, if the results of, or the even demands for, an audit would galvanize public opinion into doing something positive in the area of monetary reform-such as supporting adoption of an alternative currency in the States-it probably would be worth the effort. But that is a very large "if".

Daily Bell: Ugh, that was a terrible book. He catalogues what's wrong for hundreds of pages and then decides having the Fed around is better than the alternative. We think it's central banking in large part that has given the elite the funds to take America down the wrong path, and that the velocity is accelerating - given the creation of Homeland Security, etc.

Edwin Vieira Jr.: In my estimation, dealing with the domestic-police-state-in-the-making is an even more critical concern than dealing with the problems engendered by the Federal Reserve System. This, because the present monetary and banking regime, being nothing more than a confidence game, could implode at any moment, and certainly could collapse before an alternative currency were in operation, thereby plunging the country into the sort of economic, political, and social chaos which would serve as the pretext for the imposition of all-round police-state repression. Therefore, if Americans do not have a plan in place, and very soon, for preventing that repression, everything could be lost.

That is not all. Even the Establishment could be hoist with its own petard. The police state now being elaborated from Washington, D.C., does not consist solely of civilian law-enforcement agencies. Rather, the deep thinkers in the "homeland-security" business are working feverishly to insinuate the Armed Forces into their schemes for

nationwide domestic oppression. As a practical matter, this is probably necessary (from their point of view), inasmuch as a general economic, political, and social breakdown would set off eruptions of violent unrest beyond the capabilities of most if not all State and local police departments to put down.

Daily Bell: So you believe that the Establishment realizes how large a divide is growing between "average Joes" and America's elitists?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: Of course. Anyone even randomly surfing the Internet will stumble upon massive evidence of the irreconcilable antagonism and rancor rising at a fever pitch among common Americans against the economic and political "leaders" who have sold them and their country down the river. (Which is one of the main reasons the Establishment is desperate to come up with some rationalization and means to censor the Internet.) The Establishment knows that it stands on shaky ground-and that if it can no longer depend on the good will of the people, it must hope to be able to suppress collective manifestations of their ill will. This will require vast numbers of "boots on the ground". Thus, the ever-mounting emphasis by officials in "homeland-security" agencies on involvement of the Armed Forces in domestic "peacekeeping".

As Richard Weaver observed, though, "ideas have consequences"-and, one might add, particularly stupid ideas very often have extremely bad, albeit unintended consequences. The lesson that history teaches, but that the big brains in Washington apparently have not absorbed, is that once politicians (in any country) have turned to the Armed Forces to control domestic dissent arising out of failed economic and social policies, the Armed Forces quickly conclude that they are able and even entitled to become political powers in their own right. After all, why should the Armed Forces not exercise control over the policies and other decisions civilian officials make concerning the deployment of the Armed Forces, particularly when those officials' incompetence or corruption has brought about the domestic disturbances the Armed Forces are expected to risk their lives to quell? And then why should the Armed Forces themselves not promulgate, or at least oversee, policies on all economic and social matters in the first place? Could they fail any more miserably than have the civilian officials?

Furthermore, here in America, if the Armed Forces are deployed to suppress widespread civil unrest emanating from a major breakdown of the economy that threatens the continued viability of the military-industrial complex, the Brass Hats will have a particularly compelling institutional incentive to maintain themselves in positions of political leadership: namely, securing their reason for being and the source of their importance, power, and benefits. In addition, thoroughly politicized Armed Forces will likely feel the need to justify the expensive existence of the military-industrial complex by inserting themselves into, if not instigating outright, ever-expanding overseas military adventures. Thus, "the war on terror"-in addition to whatever other forms of aggressive imperialism can be fomented, ostensibly to "defend our freedoms" in a "homeland" no longer free-will drag on forever, at untold costs in lives and treasure.

Of course, as has proven true everywhere else, politicized

Armed Forces in this country will be unable to solve the underlying economic and social problems that rationalized their politicization in the first place. So America will be wracked with chronic political chaos: token civilian regimes staffed with incompetent puppets and "yes men", followed by new bouts of military string-pulling or outright intervention aimed at cleaning up the last crisis, and so on, along the sorry lines South American republics such as Argentina have followed for generations.

For that reason, people worried simply about the likelihood of hyperinflation, depression, or hyperinflation coupled with depression-and about how they might be able to protect their incomes and accumulated wealth under such circumstances-are viewing their world through rather ill-fitting rose-colored glasses. When hyperinflation or other economic calamities strike, and the Armed Forces are politicized as instruments of domestic repression, merely maintaining his income and securing his accumulated wealth will become matters of very low priority for anyone with high economic, social, or political visibility who has or might run afoul of the regime. So those myopic people who are trying to figure out how they can personally profit from the coming collapse of America's economy had better start thinking instead of how they can contribute to the effort to prevent that collapse, to fend off a police state that collapse will engender, and to return this country to the rule of constitutional law-right now, before time runs out.

Daily Bell: How can a police state be fended off?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: Actually, the constitutional solution for dealing with the emerging police state is even simpler than the solution for dealing with the collapsing Federal Reserve System. Now, I do not believe that, at the present time, the upper echelons of the Officer Corps in America's Armed Forces contain significant numbers of potential

Bonapartists. The patriotic sense of "duty, honor, country" doubtlessly still prevails. But this circumstance could change. It has changed in other countries. As the Second Amendment to the Constitution declares, "[a] well regulated Militia" is "necessary to the security of a free State". Not the regular Armed Forces, but "[a] well regulated Militia". "A well regulated Militia" is the only thing the Constitution identifies as "necessary" for any purpose, and the only thing it identifies as serving the specific purpose of "security". So, if Americans want a stable and prosperous economy, they want a free economy (that is, one based on the free market). If Americans want a free economy, they want "a free State", that being the only kind of political system that will support and defend the free market. And if Americans want "a free State", they want "[a] well regulated Militia" in every State. And what is "[a] well regulated Militia"? As Article 13 of Virginia's Declaration of Rights (1776) so aptly put it, "[a] well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defence of a free state". That is, "[a] well regulated Militia" consists of We the People ourselves-in the final analysis, the only possible guarantors of freedom in a self-governing society.

Moreover, for all of these reasons, the members of the Armed Forces-all of whom take an oath to support the Constitution-should want "[a] well regulated Militia" in every State, too. Unfortunately, "[a] well regulated Militia", fully formed and operated according to proper constitutional principles, does not exist in even a single State today. (No,

Virginia, the National Guard is not, never was, and cannot be the Militia.) So a great deal of work remains to be done in this area, as well.

Daily Bell: If these problems could be solved by application of the Constitution, then why did the Constitution not prevent them from arising in the first place? Has not the Constitution proven itself ineffective?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: We have had the benefit of the Ten Commandments since the days of Moses; but has their mere existence prevented all, or even most, sinful behavior? No. Whose fault has that been? God's or the sinners'? And shall we now blame the Ten Commandments-or worse, jettison them entirely-because some, even many, individuals continue to murder, to steal, and so on, whether in public office or private occupation? The same reasoning applies to the Constitution. The Constitution is a set of instructions for running a complex political machine. This machine has as workmanlike a design as political science has ever recorded throughout the ages; and the instructions for its operation are concise and clear. So if, from time to time, the operators of the machine, through incompetence or malevolence, fail or refuse to follow those instructions, with deleterious results, does the fault lie with the instructions or the operators? Now, at one level, the operators of the constitutional machine are public officials. But they are subject to control by a higher level of operators: We the People, the selfsame We the People who (as its Preamble attests) "ordained and established th[e] Constitution" in the first place. So, if compliance with the Constitution's instructions has not been had, then ultimately We the People, not the Constitution, are to blame. Which is very fortunate, because We the People are in an unique position to do something about this situation.

We the People are the voters who select legislative, executive, and some judicial officers for government at every level of the federal system. We the People are in actual physical possession of most of the valuable property in this country. We the People constitute the Militia, which imposes upon us the direct responsibility to maintain "the security of a free State". And, with a little organization pursuant to statutes enacted in the States, We the People can effectively enforce Nancy Reagan's dictum: to "just say NO!" to further economic and political incompetence, corruption, and downright oppression in this country, emanating from Washington, D.C., New York City, or anywhere else .

Daily Bell: But is not the Supreme Court the final legal authority on what the Constitution means, and therefore legally superior to the people?

Edwin Vieira Jr.: Balderdash. A judicial opinion about the Constitution is precisely that, and no more: just an opinion of some fallible human beings who happened to occupy the Bench at that time. It may be correct-or it may be incorrect. The Supreme Court does not determine what the Constitution means; rather, the Constitution determines whether a decision of the Supreme Court is right or wrong. Even the Supreme Court has recognized that "[t]he power to enact carries with it final authority to declare the meaning of the legislation". *Propper v. Clark*, 337 U.S. 472, 484 (1949). And We the People-not "we the judges"-enacted the Constitution. It is our supreme law, not theirs.

We are the principals, they merely our agents. So we are the ultimate interpreters of the Constitution, and the ultimate judges of whether public officials are complying with it. As Sir William Blackstone, the Founding Fathers' primary legal mentor, observed: "whenever a question arises between the society at large and any magistrate vested with powers originally delegated by that society, it must be decided by the voice of the society itself: there is not upon earth any other tribunal to resort to".

Commentaries on the Laws of England (1771-1773), Volume 1, at 212. Any self-governing people should know as much without being reminded. One can only hope that the present economic crisis will focus people's minds on this basic truth to a degree sufficient to make a difference.

Daily Bell: Thank you for this interview.

Edwin Vieira Jr.: It was my pleasure.

After Thoughts with Scott Smith



It is interesting to interview someone so honest and informed as Dr. Vieira because one is exposed to a verity of human intelligence - the smarter the individual the clearer the vision. Speak to someone who is less well versed in the history of human legislative interaction

and you will get all sorts of ideas spouting forth like firecrackers - and often none of it means much. The noise is random and the thoughts sparkle and trail off like sparklers, then die. But Dr. Vieira understands the basic thrust of what is going on and has a clear idea of where it's headed and what to do about it.

The interview speaks for itself. But to summarize - reading slightly between the lines - Dr. Vieira seems fairly certain that there will be some sort of social upheaval in America as a result of the economic and military forces now in play. He seems to believe that this could, to begin with, result in some sort of Latin-American style junta (they are familiar to Europe, too) and obviously believes the only way to avoid such a catastrophe is for "the people" to take back Constitutional rights.

In fact, this perspective is shared by many American libertarians with greater or lesser degrees of urgency. Certainly, there has never in our experience been the level of vituperation that one now witnesses on chat boards and in feedbacks whenever government programs and policies are mentioned. George Bush with his incessant meretricious spending, endless warring and ongoing endorsement of the regulatory state ended his time in office literally unable to speak anywhere except at military graduations. President Obama is rapidly approaching a point where he will not be warmly welcomed either in most American enc laves - and will likely have to restrict his speechifying to television.

And what then? Are the Republicans going to elect another compassionate conservative like George Bush? No, after three Internet presidencies we expect a tidal wave of support for a libertarian conservative. We know Sarah Palin is being groomed to take advantage of this wave, but as a proponent of the military police state and Homeland Security, we wonder if the contradiction in terms will not prove too much for her. And even if she is elected, or some like her who pays lip service to libertarian ideals, it will not paper over the growing divide in America between those

who wish for freedom and those who espouse its cause (ludicrously) within the context of an activist IRS, a central bank, a domestic surveillance apparatus and a global, warlike military.

The point is, as Vieira notes, the sociopolitical consensus holding America together is falling to pieces. The political process is gradually grinding to a halt. It offers no answers. Obama's "change" is uniting his nation, but not in a way that the power elite might hope. People are increasingly aware of sociopolitical alternatives. Of course, we attribute this directly to the Internet and also to the difficulty that the power elite has had in creating war mobilization - the usual method of dealing with social disaffection and economic crises. The situation from our perspective is analogous to the inexplicable 30-year pan-European peasant war that somehow broke out - mysteriously - when the Gutenberg press began to erode the credibility of that era's power elite.

The Internet itself and the difficulty in creating a world war without an implacable enemy and within a nuclear environment has made the power elite's task far more difficult. There is a war going on, but it is not a very satisfactory one and the enemy keeps changing, as do the battle fronts. This is giving rise to skepticism, so much so that we wonder for how long such a war can continue as a viable promotion. From a power-elite perspective, it may eventually tend to cause more problems than it solves.

Vieira proposes that there may be increased civil unrest in America and Europe, leading up to a potential military takeover. In fact, in Europe we believe it has already started. And yet ... we are in favor of Vieira's alternative scenario - that civil unrest need not lead to endless martial law and South American-style banana republics.

The hallmark of a promotion is that it ignores factual reality, so we anticipate all these promotions and more will continue to progress legislatively. But as we have pointed out before, authoritarian implementation of such promotions does the power elite little good. Without a "buy in" a promotion is merely an enforcement. The populace may be cowed, but the resentment burns. It is certainly possible to keep billions cowed by fear (that's what the promotions are all about), but if the fear is merely administrative, then the danger to the power elite increases dramatically. You end up with a dictatorship. Dictators are targets.

The power elite for the most part stepped away from direct leadership hundreds of years ago. It was too dangerous. But now the Internet has exposed the leadership all over again. This is not a tolerable position for a handful of extraordinarily powerful people to be in. They will have to do something other than business as usual. Right now they are moving forward with an almost incomprehensible haste. But one might speculate they are still in denial. With acceptance will come an understanding that the timeline will have to be recalibrated.

Vieira is correct that Americans can take their Constitution back. One of the obstacles is fear, but fear erodes as the Internet educates and certain fear-mongering websites lose their grip. In fact, there are no more George Orwells for the power elite to promote. A British socialist spymaster who told us just what the power elite had in store (in order to make us cringe in fear), his narrative is beginning to seem outdated as reality overtakes prognostication.

Repetition, Internet-style, breeds familiarity - and familiarity breeds contempt. The dominant social themes and accompanying memes will not stick in such an environment. Mass martial law descending on hundreds of millions, or billions, is simply not feasible long term. Even "soft" martial law is a difficult environment to maintain long-term. The USSR's leaders found it out. The Chinese know it, and are troubled by it.

It took the Gutenberg press a full century to do its damage, but the Internet may only take 25 or 30 years. And the result may well be something entirely unexpected - not the gulags and martial suppression of the USSR (as predicted by Orwell and certain suspicious, perfervid 'Net outlets) - but something more exciting and life-affirming.

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Posted by Henk-2 on 1/10/2010 1:39:43 AM

What was I supposed to learn from this that has not been known even before the Internet? The ten Commandments? Whose fault is it? Surely the Creator should not blame his Creations for not having been created perfectly in the first place. Let alone mass murder them by drowning in a childish fit.

The Power elite have learned from history. It made them super rich and is making them richer. Plus they employ their victims to protect them and their wealth.

Politicians, soldiers, cops. The USA constitution always was and is a farce. Signed by a couple of the super rich before the rabble got into power. One signer was allowed to keep 4 million acres. All for the people. Is the collapse of society because of abolishing the Fed worse than what is to come?

WOTAN

Will Of The Aryan People



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Thanks for the feedback.

Posted by Tune Web on 1/10/2010 1:40:00 AM

Thank you for this terrific interview and after thought.

Amazing. I know of NO other website dealing with these issues in this fashion.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Thanks for the kind words.

Posted by Jimi Bigbear on 1/10/2010 2:12:44 AM

Excellent interview and afterthoughts, Daily Bell! Agree 100% with Dr. Viera's viewpoint that the monetary reform will have to take place on the State level because "the necessary reforms cannot arise out of the snake pit of Congress." Another great Juris Doctorate is pointing the way with the Bank of North Dakota.

See Dr. Ellen Brown's article:

Escape From Pottersville at

<http://www.webofdebt.com/articles/pottersville.php>

WRT the old Austrian commodity money harangue, Aristotle, King Henry the 1st (Tally Sticks), Ben Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, L. Frank Baum (Wizard of Oz) Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison disagree that money has to be gold or silver.

Aside from the fact that there is no way for States to BUY gold or silver to use as money, and the fact that MOST "money" today is BITS - completely virtual - the most abstract (and some would therefore argue that it is the most advanced) money in the history of the world - whether those BITS are backed by gold or silver or chewing gum is completely irrelevant to Joe Paycheck just trying to swipe his debit card to buy a tank of gas and cup of coffee to get to work.

Aristotle pointed out that: MONEY (NOMISMA) EXISTS NOT BY NATURE, BUT BY LAW (NOMOS.) Austrian Theories notwithstanding, it's the stamp or printing on the coin or paper that gives it its value - not the coin or paper itself.

The Establishment (Power Elite) has used the lure and lust for geld to repeatedly destroy monetary systems that were to the advantage of the People and take them over to their own advantage.

As Bill Still reveals in his award winning documentary, "Secret of Oz," (secretofoz.com) it was gold that brought down the Republic of Rome. Please, let's don't get fooled again!

While the State Bank of North Dakota is not the ultimate ideal because it uses Federal Reserve Notes and fractional reserve banking - the model it presents is our best hope to begin a peaceful transition away from Oz on the Potomac (FED & corrupt congress) back to more accountable State PUBLIC banks (and I will argue that large cities be their own City-States with their own PUBLIC bank and currency.)

Money is simply a medium of exchange, a MEASURE of value (not a store of value) and a means of payment. As William Jennings Bryan made clear in his Cross of Gold speech:

"when we have restored the money of the Constitution, all other necessary reforms will be possible, and that until that

is done there is no reform that can be accomplished."

Liberty, Peace, Prosperity and Love,
Jimi



Reply from the Daily Bell:

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EXISTS NOT BY NATURE, BUT BY LAW (NOMOS.)
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on the coin or paper that gives it its value - not the coin or
paper itself."

You are Brownian, we are Austrian. So we disagree with
the above. But send us some links to the Bank of North
Dakota, if you wish. It sounds interesting ...

Posted by Jimi Bigbear on 1/10/2010 2:46:26 AM

Thanks Daily Bell, The best source on the Bank of North
Dakota is Dr. Brown's Web of Debt site (WebOfDebt.com)
and her articles page. One she wrote recently that is really
cogent to this discussion is "Cut Wall Street Out - How
States Can Finance Their Own Recovery"

<http://www.webofdebt.com/articles/cut-wallstreet.php>

We can avert the danger of anarchy and police state crack
down if we just take back the MONEY POWER.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Thanks for the link.

Posted by Jim Lorenz on 1/10/2010 6:44:33 PM

You couldn't have picked a better thinker and writer than
Edwin Vieira, Jr. He is spot on and is an experienced
Constitutionalist.

I loved his comparison between the 10 Commandments
and the Constitution as to their mere existence not
compelling behavior. From my POV we have failed the
Constitution, it has not failed us.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Good point.

Posted by Orwellyeah on 1/11/2010 9:29:07 AM

Your point about Orwell is great - a good application of Bell
promotional analysis to history generally - you come up
with analysis that is quite intriguing! Maybe it is all
supposed to keep us "cringing in fear." Maybe there is
more to the Orwell story than meets the eye! ... Keep up
the good work.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Thanks for the kind words.

Posted by Max Hardwood on 1/11/2010 9:37:18 AM

First: offer a social security 'buyout' to anyone over 45.
This would be a lump sum paid, less a nominal tax (15%).
This step relieves the govt of trillions of future liabilities,
generates some income for the Fed, and stimulates the
economy (what would you do with, say \$45,000 cash right
now?).

Second: bring our troops home. Again, billions annually
saved. Use the troops to secure our border(s) - the entire
circumference of the U.S. Install rocket launchers facing all
directions, build a 'wall' of defense, and let the world alone
to fester in it's own rot!

Make 'em come to us! Sit back, and watch to see if/what other Sovereign nations do. (Nothing?) Turn the United States of America into an unpenetrable fortress. This action alone will generate millions of jobs. Install green technology. Start growing crops again. Start manufacturing our own products for our own consumption. What do you think BRIC nations have been doing for years?? They don't care about 'the world', why should AMERICA? FORTIFY, UNIFY, CONSOLIDATE, RE-PATRIATE!



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Very well put. A truly patriotic statement.

Posted by Robert Dollar on 1/11/2010 10:26:01 AM

This article is the best I've read in the last 5 years. Dr. Vieira's Take on these myriad problems make much more sense than ninety percent of what I read. His ideas on what would probably happen with a Military takeover has changed my thinking on one hundred eighty degrees. Mr Smith's commentaries on the different articles are excellent. Keep up the good work. Your web site is a gem. RD



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Thanks for the kind words.

Posted by Ranger on 1/11/2010 11:00:28 AM

Gentlemen: Is it not the case that the elites can become believers in their own promotions? Once they become believers they feel justified in killing off the opposition to preserve themselves. I draw it to your attention that local police across America have become much more violent and eager to use their high tech weaponry in all situations, all have acquired armored vehicles direct from the feds, and a large majority were trained in the military--but were unfit to make the military a career. We could have the militarized police as body guards and tax collectors for the 1 of six Americans who are employed by government. How else will they get their pension checks?



Reply from the Daily Bell:

The militarization of the American police is of concern.

Posted by Paul Mc. on 1/11/2010 11:59:58 AM

I would that we had more Dr. Vieira's in the halls of congress. I would even be happy if we had a few more (many more) like him in the Ivory Towers of academia. America needs a leader/leaders who respect the Constitution and is/are not afraid to shake the foundations of congress, the banking system and our educational system to bring us back into line with the vision of the founders of this great nation. God Bless America



Reply from the Daily Bell:

We agree about the good doctor.

Posted by Chris Coles on 1/11/2010 12:15:09 PM

It is by pure chance that I have come across this interview and related commentary. I am an English inventor but with a nominal, (post and phone only), office in DC. While my viewpoint is entirely from my own experience, perhaps I can make a useful addition to the debate.

Yes, it is a common perception that the US is about to descend into chaos, but I see a way forward without such disadvantages. Vieira suggests: □ those myopic people who

are trying to figure out how they can personally profit from the coming collapse of America's economy had better start thinking instead of how they can contribute to the effort to prevent that collapse, to fend off a police state that collapse will engender, and to return this country to the rule of constitutional law-right now, before time runs out. □

He then goes on to say: □with a little organization pursuant to statutes enacted in the States, We the People can effectively enforce Nancy Reagan's dictum: to "just say NO!" to further economic and political incompetence, corruption, and downright oppression in this country, emanating from Washington, D.C., New York City, or anywhere else. □

For what it is worth, I believe Vieira is on the right course, but taking the wrong tack, and is turning towards the problem, rather than turning away into clear water. Instead, it is my perception that the solution is to remove the majority from the existing financial system by the application of some simple rules allied to recognition that, in fact, the present Federal Reserve and Banking system is indeed mercantile, but feudal, not free market based.

That if you change the rules of finance to force a true free market in finance, you have all you need without any reference to such as the Supreme Court. Why? Because the banks would not be able to operate as now, under a true free market.

Last September, I put together a free PDF book: The Road Ahead from a Grass Roots Perspective which you may download from www.chriscoles.com/page3.html when you do, you will discover that I have laid out in great detail what is wrong with the markets today and how to bring them back under free market rules. May I be so bold as to suggest that you will have all you need here to overcome the present difficulties, simply by taking the money out of the present system as deposits to the existing system; and replacing that with direct investment of equity capital, on free enterprise terms, back into new, small businesses, created in your local communities under what I describe as a □Local□ Capital Spillway Trust.

With the new small businesses depositing the funds, as equity backed capital, under strict rules, into any new bank you might like to create for that specific purpose. - So, why not?



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Thanks for the insightful post.

Posted by Publius on 1/11/2010 1:20:08 PM

The point is, as Vieira notes, the sociopolitical consensus holding America together is falling to pieces. The political process is gradually grinding to a halt. It offers no answers.

The problem is this has been the case for many years. If you have not read Joan Didion's "Slouching Towards Bethlehem" it is time. We exist under Pentagonism and have since World War II. Didion outlines the consequences of this culture in 1965. 45 years later, these children are the adults.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Well, we believe Joan Didion is a genius, one of the best writers in the world, an incredible prose stylist, an incomparable analyst of humanity within the familial microcosm and someone who wields a Swift-like lance when confronting human foibles. But we also think she is something of a knee-jerk leftist when it comes to certain things political. Is this wrong?

Posted by KJ Karcher on 1/11/2010 2:11:58 PM

Excellent article. Being over 75 years of age all I can add is The Soap Box ; The Ballot Box ; The Cartridge Box and The Pine Box .



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Never read that! True and sadly funny.

Posted by MetaCynic on 1/11/2010 4:08:52 PM

Dr. Vieira is rightly concerned that martial law could spin out of control resulting in a military coup which disposes of the civilian government. South American history especially is replete with such happenings. However, dare we hope for the possibility of an enlightened military coup that overthrows the now thuggish civilian central government and replaces it with - nothing - leaving the 50 states unmolested to fend for themselves. Does history offer such a precedent? I don't know.

After all, every military officer does take an oath to protect the Constitution, and more than a few must take that oath seriously. Considering that for decades now almost everything that emanates from D.C. is not only unconstitutional but downright criminal, could anyone convincingly argue that such a coup would itself be unconstitutional?

What better time for some bold patriots in uniform to assert themselves than during the pompous State of the Union Address when the entire federal political class is in one room ready to be plucked up and sent packing!

As for the real powers behind the throne, they will be impotent without the gun of the state to do their dirty work for them. What would be the public's reaction? Will millions of demonstrators be chanting, "bring back the IRS"? Or how about, "trillions for empire, nothing for domestic infrastructure"? Or maybe, "grow the dollar, feed the Federal Reserve"? I don't think so.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

In our opinion the American military will do nothing without the direct or indirect go-ahead of the power elite for which it ultimately works.

Posted by Buzz Arden on 1/11/2010 8:57:54 PM

Not only "just say NO" to the blood sucking ticks, but regarding gold/silver money, "just say YES" - and USE it. Don't wait for big brother to approve. People must realize that "money" MUST belong to the people and NOT the state. The (a) state has no business controlling money. It need not "buy gold" to move off federal fiat.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

There are, as we understand it, hurdles to unconstrained use of gold and silver as money - both in the states and in Europe.

Posted by Bowman on 1/11/2010 9:34:57 PM

Dr. Vieira is a brilliant and patriotic defender of free markets and freemen. I appreciate you at the Bell for giving him a forum to enlighten those among us whose idea of freedom is for them to have the money the government takes away from some to redistribute "the free stuff" to others.

We recently had our state elections for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General here in Virginia so I was particularly happy to read Dr. Vieira's recommended solution to re-establish the state militia. I wrote to the new Governor, A.G. and some members of the Virginia state assembly to do exactly that and for the same reasons outlined in Dr. Vieira's article.

He is correct, the national guard is not the same as the militia and is not part of the Constitutional declaration of powers. One major argument for a militia is the Constitution absolutely prohibits the federal government to have a "standing army on American soil" when there is no declaration of war. The Second and Tenth Amendment gives the individual states the rights to a state militia, and it's citizens the right to keep and bear arms.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Good points, thanks.

Posted by Kenneth on 1/11/2010 9:55:30 PM

Dr. Vieira has pointed out something that I have thought a lot about. I believe in gold and silver as the true money, and I own both. But what worries me are people who own only gold, and think that they are insulated from what comes next.

I lived through martial law for a while. Owning gold doesn't do you a lot of good when you are caught outside after curfew, with armed soldiers with shoot to kill orders. If we don't prevent things from getting this bad, then all who are able should seriously consider getting out of the USA.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Gold and silver are not a panacea. They are simply honest money.

Posted by Em Jay Oh on 1/11/2010 11:22:12 PM

An excellent interview! It brings up an interesting point about auditing the Federal Reserve. I believe the public would support an audit, because they are ready for "something" to be done. However, it could work more to the elite's advantage. Besides taking years to complete, an audit would produce limitless fodder for the media -- only confusing and frustrating the public into a catalepsy.

The general public has neither the desire nor the capacity to master the intricacies of ... anything, really (not that they shouldn't make an effort). We are a nation of zombies: If it requires more than 30 seconds to understand, then forget it. Look at what people are doing on Facebook, for crying out loud! Planting virtual crops! Surely millions of brains could be put to better use (such as avoiding our own demise). Notwithstanding our predilection for sports and un-reality TV, citizens can/could use their Constitutional power to effect ... SOMETHING. If only we could agree on what.

In the uSA, we are supposed to have a Republic (which necessitates wise and servient representatives). We seem to have lost that, but there seems to be a groundswell to restore it. These people need direction. Your site has become a primary source for lucid and succinct ideas, and I direct everyone I can to it.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Virtual crops? Incredible! We didn't know.

And thanks so much for the kind words and recommendations.

Posted by Adrian W on 1/12/2010 7:51:23 AM

I can't help but be concerned with the military part. More importantly, modern weaponry. I hope we never see true weapons of mass destruction turned against the citizenry of our nation, whatever or whomever the cause.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

A sad thought.

Posted by Larry on 1/12/2010 2:48:52 PM

Thank you Dr. Edwin Vieira, you have been a champion for the constitutional rule of law and I greatly appreciate your efforts. You have suggested that a gold and silver backed currency is part of the solution. While I agree that there is some constitutional basis for your preference, I don't understand how it would be practical or even possible. At best, The U.S. Treasury holds around 8,100 metric tonnes of gold (I suspect much less) which is valued at around \$312 billion (assuming \$1,200/oz). Our total money supply (M3) is almost \$15 trillion. How do we back-up \$15 trillion dollars with only \$312 billion in gold? The interest alone on our national debt would deplete our gold reserves inside of a year. I just do not understand how it would be possible to return to a gold standard. Thanks again, Larry



Reply from the Daily Bell:

In a real collapse, people would simply start using gold and silver again. People own plenty of gold and silver. The government might have nothing to do with it.

Posted by Carson O'Brian on 1/12/2010 3:48:28 PM

Dr. Vieira handles the subject with care. I went right to his website and starting reading more of his work. It always remains to be seen, however, if the attitude or intention behind a comment is different or the same between any two people under a given set of circumstances.

With reference to the section in Dr. Vieira's article, "The problem of money...", is there any foundation for claiming the equity in one's home as an asset? If the mortgage balance is \$75,000 and the "equity" in the home is \$200,000, based on assessed values and on what it would cost to replace the home from an insurance standpoint, does a home represent "real wealth?"

If most Americans believe that a home does represent real wealth, they may not know that they have a serious problem. They do not know that there are forces at work, should they fall ill, lose a job, or lose a spouse, to bring about their removal from their homes, waiving their right to compensation and privacy. If their home had a \$5,000 mortgage and was worth \$500,000, it is permissible to pay whatever anyone is willing to pay.

Say the home does not sell. This leaves the homeowner deeply in debt. Later the bank sells it for \$250,000 and someone takes out a mortgage debt of \$200,000. Is this a solution and for whom? In other words, who gets the money? The money is now a debt.

I believe that what Dr. Vieira says is true: "...that using 'debt as currency' and particularly 'debt as currency' that can be paid through the emission of new 'debt as currency'-allows for the essentially unlimited redistribution of real wealth from society to the issuers of the currency and their immediate clients."

Thank you, Scott Smith and "The Daily Bell" for giving me the opportunity to read such excellent work.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Fiat, debt-based money is a big problem not just for America but unfortunately for the world.

Posted by L D Sledge on 1/12/2010 5:34:41 PM

This is a good interview and article. But this is old news. A cursory look at the internet sees rising rage and no clear target for as an outlet. The answer is indeed to take back the constitution. But how do we do it? This is a simplistic answer. It is like telling a drunk to stop drinking, exercise, eat right and get a job. What do we do? I fear taking back the constitution means to some, armed rebellion, which is what I think the elite wish to occur so it can call out martial law and shut everything down.

If economic chaos occurs, which seems certain from all reports, then there will be roving gangs, riots, chaos for food and water, and martial law which will declare all weapons illegal.

People are considering fleeing to the country or out of the country. So if we assemble for peace to take back the constitution, can we do this against such a formidable foe as the military, financial and political elite that has formed here even in this country?

We need a hero to guide us who has courage, integrity, smarts and balls.



Reply from the Daily Bell:

And that would be? ...

Posted by G.Cadiz on 1/12/2010 8:15:31 PM

As a first step in the right direction I like the idea of outlawing the root of the fraud that is Fractional Reserve Banking (which, incidentally would leave the Federal Reserve with nothing substantial to do), having the treasury print up enough paper money to fill in the difference and using the new money to pay off most or all the Federal Debt (100 reserves and paying off the debt in this way was suggested by Milton Friedman 50 years ago). Without the interest payments on the debt perhaps the Federal personal Income Tax can be canceled as unnecessary?



Reply from the Daily Bell:

The two seem inter-related.

Posted by Bill Ross on 1/13/2010 8:53:52 AM

Doubt you will publish this, but, there are deeper truths (and remedies) that beg understanding. Opinion (backed by force) is confused with TRUTH.

Arbitrary power is at WAR with reality. We, the people are collateral damage. At least forward to Dr. Vieira. Here's the underlying REAL reason that freedom (equals survival) will win against imperialism and servitude.

In reality, the 'choosers of the west reasons are economic and predatory. We are, and have been, for all of history, involved in an eternal war between the productive (those who produce more than they consume) versus the greedy (those who consume more than they produce).

Civilizations rise (honesty in control) and fall (predators in control) according to the choices taken according to: Mathematics of Rule (explains current economic stall):

[http://www.nazisociopaths.org/modules/article/view.article.php/c1/32Asymmetrical warfare works thusly:](http://www.nazisociopaths.org/modules/article/view.article.php/c1/32Asymmetrical_warfare_works_thusly)

Spend a \$ on creating random / unpredictable threats. Dogmatic thinkers who are enslaved by process and control must spend \$millions on futile systems / process to prevent the unpredictable.

The same 'thinkers are also corrupt and treat problems as opportunities for self-enrichment and make flawed choices, to their benefit and civilizations detriment. The 'terrorists know us far better than we know ourselves.

Heres's the BIG picture and factors that lead to it: The "rule of law" is a precisely defined law. It is the highest law of mankind, stated below: 'the suppression of forceful and fraudulent methods of goal seeking -- all are treated equally by the law.

This means ALL, including king and judges' absolute property rights. This in turn is based on the fact that human behavior (the topic of law) is about goal seeking. In the seeking of any goal, there are only three possible methods: force, fraud and honest trade.

Any transaction that is not an honest, mutually agreed trade will cause a self-defensive response (conflict) from the victim whose survival has been affected. "The Rule of Law" is the glue that keeps all of mankind acting together in common interest, tied together by mutual dependence of trade, on an evolutionary path to excellence.

Force and fraud creates conflict and destroys civilizations. Mankind is now on a devolutionary path to extinction because the co-operation once forced by "the rule of law" has been replaced by legitimizing force and fraud for those who incorrectly believe they wield power. Rule of Law, Defined:

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problems:<http://www.nazisociopaths.org/modules/article/view.article.php/c1/33>

Justice Defined: We are all free to profit or suffer and learn (adapt to excellence) by facing the consequences of our OWN choices. Injustice is to be forced to suffer the consequences of choices of unaccountable (irresponsible) others.

"The danger is not that a particular class is unfit to govern. Every class is unfit to govern. The law of liberty tends to abolish the reign of race over race, of faith over faith, of class over class."

~ Lord Acton Now you know (for SURE)



Reply from the Daily Bell:

Thanks for the eloquent feedback.

Posted by Bill Ross on 1/13/2010 12:46:10 PM

This is also the script according to Machiavelli (strategically denied bible of arbitrary power " politics):Machiavelli Paraphrased: 'Arbitrary power can get away with ANYTHING, so long as it appears 'necessary to intellectually crippled populations (falsely framed arguments, based on lies for input facts, flogged by corrupt experts, shilling and prostituting their academic degrees for power, blind trust of populace, a social disease and mental illness I call 'expertitus) .

In essence, all such arguments are a house of cards, false assumptions built upon false assumptions, the false equating of speculation to REALITY. The is the exact same algorithm used to rationalize the initiation of aggression against Iraq, a war crime. The same false 'argument is being carefully constricted against Iran.

Embargo, the first step of war, initiated. With the discrediting of socialism, all pretexts regarding slavery of the productive to 'help the unfortunate (who adapt to dependency, collapsing civilization) have been replaced by pretexts 'to avoid terror such as necessity for preemptive justice, war or 'save the environment (AGW fraud, etc). In these false arguments, the 'bad guys always have something to steal. The 'good guys are those who intend to profit by the thievery.



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