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THIS COULD REALLY HAPPEN

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It struck me the other day. Now mind you, I investigate this 'stuff' all the time. I write about it on a regular basis. And in my mind, I believe it, - because I've seen the evidence, over and over, in layers upon layers. But I guess it never really sank down into the heart of my being. The other night was different. I woke up thinking about some articles that I had looked at over that previous couple of days; - about the expansion of the money supply of all things, the creation of trillions of dollars from nothing and the growing movement to replace the dollar as the world's reserve currency. Next thing I know, I'm lying in bed - it's 4 in the morning - and I'm checking the math and running the numbers both in the macro sense and in my own very own micro personal budget world. That's when I came to the conclusion: This thing could really happen! The dollar could really collapse. Gerald Celente could be right. In the past, Celente called the fall of the Soviet Union and the stock market crash of '87. He detailed the causes and timing of last Fall's financial crisis. Now he's saying that over the next four years America will face revolution, riots, rebellion, marches, - and by 2012 turn into the globe's first "undeveloped" country.¹ A pretty stark scenario and I would have thought it was crazy. But now I can see it; - how we get there from here.

Here's what got me there. All week I had been following the growing momentum of the movement to replace the American dollar as the global currency. Russia had proposed it, a UN panel had signaled it's approval, China's central bank gave its nod and even a couple of Obama administration officials had offered that such a move might be possible. A remark by Treasury Secretary Geithner sent the price of the dollar plunging - (1.3% in ten minutes) - until he 'clarified' his statement.^{2 3 4} This was crazy stuff. The world was really starting to panic, - or at least to make serious moves about changing the financial order. China earlier had hinted that it may stop buying T-Bills; - those things we sell them to finance our debt. Just last week, Britain could not find enough buyers for its bonds. And now the US was beginning to openly 'monetize' its debt. You know, - print money. Check this. The Fed was going to start buying up American Treasury Bills, - to the tune of \$300 billion to begin with...in the next six months. In fact with every bailout or stimulus, - borrowed money is being injected into the economy. We're expanding the money supply, - spending like drunken sailors. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that if you print money, - if you increase the money supply - without creating any more value, - any more 'goods' - all you are really doing is changing the numbers. And you are decreasing the value of the dollars that you already have in circulation. President Obama's projected budgets will come with beaucoup deficits for the next decade. That will mean we will have to monetize - or print - between \$3.75 trillion and \$5.25 trillion.⁵ This looks like pure insanity on the face of it. We don't have the money!! And if we print it - nobody will want to hold it. Who's going to buy our bonds and hold our currency when its value is plunging?

Now what we may see in the short run is a bump in the value of The Dow Jones. Stocks may just recover for a period of time as new money finds its way into the system. The stock market jumped 200 points on the news that the Fed was going to pump \$1.2 trillion into American securities.⁶ But the piper will have to be paid in the long haul. It is these very ridiculous moves that are driving the major economic powers to contemplate a world without the 'almighty dollar'. And here's the meat of it: We are feeding an inflationary bubble that is about to explode. According to the Federal Reserve, the money supply has increased 271% in a five month period beginning last fall.⁷ OK, that's the past. How about now? By September the Fed is planning to expand its balance sheet assets from \$1.9 trillion to \$4.5 trillion. That means they will more than double. Now follow this if you can. What they are doing is increasing the amount of money in circulation. But as Eric deCarbonnel tells us, most of the dollars in circulation are held outside the country; - 70% in all. According to the Fed website there are \$833 billion in circulation of which only \$250 billion are in the US proper. So that increase that they envision by September would take the US money supply up to \$3,818 billion; - a fifteen fold increase; - fourteen more dollars for every one we hold.⁸ That's a recipe for hyperinflation. [You know, Weimar Republic-like, wheelbarrows-full-of-cash-to-buy-a-loaf-of-bread, kind of hyperinflation. That's what opened the door for Hitler.] It will take maybe a couple of years for all that money to roll through the system, but with that much money out there you could see the complete collapse of the dollar. One commentator envisions a 93% drop in value. I did the math differently and pictured a fall of about two-thirds. Either way, just imagine yourself with one-third of the buying power that you have now. I did. And what I envisioned was not pretty. We would become Cuba, driving our ancient Chevys for as long as we could bandage them together. And oh yeah, - we'd have universal government rationed health care, and complete gun control, - just like the folks under Fidel himself. *Long live the coming revolution, baby!*

It was at that point that I realized that Celente could be right on the money. I finally saw the mechanism by which all of this doom and gloom could occur. And if you wanted to create a scenario that would collapse the currency and force – oh maybe a regional currency – like oh maybe, the amero, - on the way to a globally controlled economy and a one world currency unit: What better means than this: - Flood the market with dollars. That will collapse it! So I started looking at the behavior of the world’s central banks over the last several months, - only to find that they’ve been buying gold for their reserves. The reports I found indicated that the trend began about the same time that the financial crisis was breaking at the end of last year; - the central banks of Brazil, Russia, India, China, Venezuela, Ecuador, - the list goes on.^{9 10 11} They are positioning themselves to handle a change of currencies; - and all this just at the time that we are facing what could be a massive sell-off of government T-Bills. Federal and State agencies which hold these things are in need of cash. Examples would include the FDIC which insures our failing banks and any number of states. The same goes for local governments caught in the crunch, insurers and even usually flush foreign governments like the Saudis. And now China seems poised to move to a safer investment package.¹² Then, just a few days later, it came out that momentum was continuing for the currency change, with Russia now pushing for the reinstatement of the gold standard for a new world currency based on Special Drawing Rights or SDRs.¹³ *Think that’s a coincidence?*

So now I get why Celente says what he does, - or why the World Bank is predicting that a flood of unrest could sweep across the globe beginning with the poorest countries.¹⁴ Add to that the massive and widespread drought conditions that can be found in so many regions of both this country and the world. The pressure on food supplies and hence prices will be enormous. The US reacts by calling for more control. Secretary Geithner seeks the power to, - in the words of the Washington Post, - “seize non-bank financial companies whose collapse could jeopardize the economy”. Regulation and government control is the order of the day.¹⁵ The President really drove this point home when he announced that the administration had forced out the head of GM and that he would be willing to save both GM and Chrysler, - but only on terms that would effectively end the independence of those once powerful car companies. Chrysler, - in fact, - was told that it would have to merge with Fiat. And now the government will look after we poor benighted consumers by standing behind those companies warrantees. The President had spoken.

Perhaps it’s not the same for you, but for me: This all finally sank in. The danger is very real; - Despite the fact that somewhere in my soul, I really didn’t want to believe it. So many of us have always believed that America was somehow different, - special; - that it cannot happen here! But the fact is: The forces that control the Federal Reserve, - the international bankers, - have engineered every crisis, - every major move of the market since its’ inception in 1913. The financial crisis was ginned up by those who control that system, - and as the chaos descends, they are and will be the beneficiaries of that turmoil. Look behind the curtain and you see the invisible hands of ‘Big Finance’, manipulating events in a drive toward global governance and centralization. It is barely hidden. We need only know where to look. Wall Street has a long history of collusion with the revolutionary parties of both right and left, - Hitler & Lenin & Stalin. Now, there was a time before Rome fell, - when its fall was unthinkable. And there was a time when the sun never set on the British Empire. Then it did. And there was a time in 1939 when the world closed its eyes to what to us seems obvious, - and the people of Poland and England and France played their way, - concerned perhaps, - but not convinced, - until the war came with all its fury. The judgment of God has long come against cultures that have taken themselves too seriously and His laws so lightly that they abandoned good sense and morality and instead wallowed in their sins. We wallow now in our sin and our blindness. We have entered into the time of our own pride and hubris. So I say to you what I said to myself not long ago. Prepare! Physically, mentally, financially, - and most of all spiritually: Prepare!

HE’S COMING ! – PART II

Perhaps even more contentious in the church, than the existence of a rapture, is the question of just when it is going to occur. All scholars of the End Times, believe that the world will face a time called among other things, The Great Tribulation, just preceding Christ’s return. This is a 7-year period where, especially in the last three and one-half years, God’s wrath is visited on unbelieving mankind. The argument centers on, just where in relation to the Tribulation, is the Rapture going to occur. Starting in Part II we’re going to wade into this very controversial ground.

Ye Know Not When The Master Cometh !

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Mark 13:32)

This seems to be the central fact of the timing of Christ’s return: We can know **“neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming”**. (Matthew 25:13) This is what creates the doctrine of ‘imminence’, - the fact that Christ could return at any time. **“For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”** (Matthew 24:44) It is this fact that colors so much of what we can know about the timing of the Rapture. Later we’ll look at just how ‘imminence’ can help point us toward the truth. Still many different beliefs abound on the timing of this signal event. In this series we’ll deal with a few of the most widely-held beliefs. There are at least four major positions for these end times events.

- 1) **Preterism** – The belief that all end-times Bible prophecy has already been fulfilled.
- 2) **Mid-Tribulation Rapture** – The Church will be pulled out three and one-half years into the Tribulation, - after the Antichrist has revealed himself.
- 3) **Post-Tribulation Rapture** – Jesus will come for His Church after the world suffers through the entire period of God’s wrath.
- 4) **Pre-Tribulation Rapture** – Christ will pull believers out before the Tribulation begins.

Let’s look at each of these in a little more detail. **Preterism**, the belief that Biblical prophecy has been largely fulfilled, is based to a great degree in Jesus’ words recorded in Matthew 24:34: **“Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.”** ‘Which generation?’, is always the question that must be asked. While Preterism holds that so much of prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70, with the destruction of Jerusalem, - it is patently obvious that so much of End Times prophecy has not come to pass. This is not to deny that Jesus did not predict the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and the scattering of the Jews among the nations: He most certainly did. (see Luke 21:20-24) But then comes **“the times of the gentiles”** of undetermined length, before the remaining prophecies are fulfilled. The biggest problem they have is that so much in the way of prophecy did not come to pass in those days. Europe was not reunited into a new Rome. Nor have giant hailstones bombarded the earth, nor the sea turned-to-blood, nor a third of the trees destroyed,¹⁶ nor did Damascus “cease from being a city”, as predicted in Isaiah 17:1. Where in history was the Antichrist, the mark of the beast, the army of 200 million from the East, or the Euphrates River gone dry?¹⁷ Where then is the promised Millennium? Why is there still suffering? Why did not Christ return in glory, seven years after the “abomination of desolation”? In contrast, prophecy has been being fulfilled within the last century, - and increasingly so in our very lifetimes. The Jews have begun re-gathering back in to the Land. Israel was “born in a day” back in 1948. The alignment of nations that would come against Israel, - (especially Russia, Iran and the former Soviet Republics), - is forming, - as predicted in Ezekiel. Plans are being made for the re-building of the Temple, as found in Daniel. We are living in days of prophetic fulfillment!

The generation of which Jesus spoke could not have referred to the 1st century one that saw the destruction of Jerusalem. Perhaps there is a clue in Psalm 90:10: **“The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years”**. Still, 70 or 80 years from when? Look at Christ’s words that precede, his admonition that **“this generation will not pass”**. Jesus is comparing Israel here to the fig tree, a comparison long established in Scripture. **“Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.”** If Israel is indeed the fig tree, and the budding is the reestablishment of the nation in 1948: Then a 70 to 80 year generation would bring Christ’s return amazingly close at hand.¹⁸ In any case, that generation has passed, we’re still here, and prophecy is being fulfilled.

The **Mid-Trib** position too, falls down on the issue of imminence. Bible scholars agree that the Tribulation will last for 7-years, and will be a specifically delineated time. Daniel 9:27 spells it out. Speaking of the Antichrist it reads: **“He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven. In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”** The “covenant” refers to a peace treaty guaranteed by the Antichrist. Therefore the start of the 7-year Tribulation is identified with the signing of that treaty. If the Mid-Tribbers are right, then they certainly could ‘know’ the day and the hour **“in which the Son of man is coming”**, by counting forward exactly 1,260days, [three and one half Biblical years] from the signing of the treaty to the middle of the Tribulation, when the Antichrist **“exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”** (2Thessalonians 3:4) That alone destroys the whole notion of imminence.

The notion that Christ will return after the Tribulation also runs up against this notion of ‘imminence’. Only the math is different. Those holding the **Post Tribulation** position only need count 7-years from the signing of the treaty. In fact Daniel 12:11 spells it out exactly. **“And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, [That’s when the Antichrist goes into the Temple to exalt himself as God] and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”** There can be no surprise there. Yet Scripture tells us to **“watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming”**. (Mark 13:35)

Another argument against the Post-Trib position can be found in Matthew 25:31-34,41. **“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels’.** The picture here painted, of Christ seated **“...on the throne of His glory”**, is

not a picture of the Rapture, - but rather one of His Second Coming in Power. The problem is that if Jesus calls his Church **“to meet the Lord in the air”** (1Thessalonians 4:17), and then they immediately return with Him to earth: Then who are the sheep in the passage above?. As John MacArthur puts it: “Where do we get the sheep for the sheep and goat judgment?”.¹⁹ Following Christ’s judgment, the Earth is to be populated by those who accepted Christ during the Tribulation and survived until Christ’s coming. Referring to Matthew 25, Chuck Missler asks: “Since all believers will be translated at the Rapture and all unbelievers are judged,...then no one would be left to start the population base for the Millenium”. If the Rapture and the Second Coming occur at essentially the same time, as Post-Tribbers believe, then Missler asks, “Where would the believers in mortal bodies come from if they are raptured at the Second Coming? Who would be able to enter into Christ’s kingdom?”²⁰

Those holding to the Post-Tribulation position must also be able to account for passages like 1Thessalonians 5:9, **“For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ”**, and 1Thessalonians 1:10 which tells us that He has **“delivered us from the wrath to come”**. Instead, Ephesians 5:6 tells us that God’s wrath is reserved for **“the sons of disobedience”**. As Chuck Missler points out, there is a “clear distinction between; who will taste of God’s wrath and who will not”. Revelation 13:7 clearly paints a picture of unprecedented persecution. Many Post-Tribbers believe that though the Church will be living through the Tribulation, God will supernaturally protect Christians during that time. But God’s word does not support this.” **“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them”**. Yet Matthew 16:8 says of Christ’s Church, that the **“gates of hell shall not prevail against it”**. That’s because to Missler and MacArthur, Dr. Jeremiah and other Pre-Tribbers, the Church, having already been raptured, - is no longer on earth. Jeremiah 30:7 reveals that, what that prophet calls, **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”**, (Jacob being another name for Israel), pertains primarily to the Jews, and only to the rest of the world by extension. Yet through that time of testing, God’s Chosen People Israel will be saved. **“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it”**.²¹

Those who believe that Jesus will return for His Church before the Tribulation, cite many of the reasons given above for their position. But there are other reasons too. Next time we’ll look at The Case For The **Pre-Tribulation Rapture**.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

ARTIFICIAL DEATH – Here’s something to look forward to! The Pentagon is working to deploy fully autonomous killer robots, that will probably be operational by 2020. The computerized robots will be making life and death decisions, - deciding “who, when and where to kill”...making that “final, lethal decision”.²²

DEATH VANS IN CHINA – The Chinese are employing thousands of mobile execution vans that go about the country. Condemned prisoners are drugged, taken to the vans, strapped down and lethally injected. Immediately, doctors harvest the eyes, liver, pancreas and other essential organs. The parts are then sold to rich folks in need in China, Taiwan, Japan and other parts of Asia. The organs often go to the highest bidder.²³

ISLAM IN THE US – ‘Moderate’ Muslim organizations in the US are threatening to stop cooperating with terror investigations.²⁴ At the same time, the Obama White House is conducting a targeted search to bring more Muslims into government. They are currently looking at 45 Ivy League grads and Fortune 500 execs.²⁵

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