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**The Top Ten Reasons I *Know* Big Brother is Watching Me.
But What About You?**

A Monday Morning Musing from Mickey the Mercenary Geologist

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“Oh... oh. What you gonna do about me?” Quicksilver Messenger Service, 1970.

Last weekend I was fortunate to be one of 15 invited speakers at the Liberty Mastermind Symposium in Irving, Texas. The symposium featured some of the prominent names in the libertarian, hard assets, and alternative media movements, with a couple of self-anointed anarcho-capitalists thrown into the mix.

In my presentation, I discussed past [Mercenary Musings](#). The following excerpts constitute the Top Ten reasons why I *know* that Big Brother is watching me.

Number 10, July 14, 2008: [Hoarding](#)

Anyone who thinks that inflation is the government-promulgated 3-4% a year has his freaking head in the sand. Take a look at John Williams' *Shadow Government Statistics*. We ran about 12% inflation in 2007. With Bernanke's policy of keeping USA banks from collapsing by throwing monopoly money from the helicopter down to the ignorant masses, you are currently losing at least 10 % of annual buying power on your money in so-called "safe investments". It's hard to fathom that this clown and his frat-cat banking brothers drive the USA economy.

Number 9, July 24, 2008: [Socialistic Capitalism](#)

53% of Americans now get the majority of their incomes from a government check. That's just wrong, but the tangle is so thick that it discourages even the most robust and enterprising from honing their tools, putting on their work boots and gloves, giving an honest day's work, and getting an honest day's pay. Now we just depend on the *mojados* to do that.

As he was leaving the Constitutional Congress in 1787 after seven long months of heated debate and compromise, the very first American, Benjamin Franklin, was asked what these learned men had accomplished. His response: *“A republic, if you can keep it.”* I fear we have lost it.

Number 8, August 11, 2008: [100 Years of Amorality](#)

In 1902, America was involved in a war to suppress rebellion in the Philippines, which the U.S. had taken from Spain in the Spanish-American war, then decided to keep for itself instead of granting the Filipinos their promised independence. That imperialism outraged American author, icon, and moralist Mark Twain. So did “*the torturing of Filipinos by the awful ‘water cure’.*”

He wrote: “*To make them confess—what? Truth? Or lies? How can one know which it is they are telling? For under unendurable pain a man confesses anything that is required of him, true or false, and his evidence is worthless.*”

How long will it be before our *amoral* United States government imprisons law-abiding but dissenting American citizens without trial, conviction, and sentence and applies their newly coined euphemism for the horrible drowning torture, “*water boarding*”, to extract “*confessions*” from those of us who dare to freely speak our minds and disagree with their socio-fascist policies?

Number 7, December 31, 2008: [An Old Day’s Ending. A New Day’s Beginning...](#)

“*It was a new day yesterday, but it’s an old day now.*” Jethro Tull, 1969.

That’s what a fiat currency is determined, designed, and destined to do: Keep the *faithful* middle class serfs *believing* (as you know, I really hate that verb word) that they are getting ahead by accumulating paper wealth when their buying power forever is decreasing.

Mark Twain said: “*Faith is believin' what you know ain't so.*”

Number 6, March 23, 2009: [Dollars and Gold](#)

Gold is simply an insurance policy and safe haven to protect against an uncertain economic future, financial calamity, and worldwide economic collapse. It makes no difference whether that might occur within a deflationary or inflationary context.

If the world goes to hell in a hand basket, you must own physical gold. Rest assured that the world will not be a pretty place if that unlikely scenario comes to pass. However if it does, I suggest you also own a gun and know how to use it.

Number 5, July 13, 2009: [Hoarding Revisited: 365 Days Later](#)

“*Libertarianism is the belief that the government should keep its nose out of our business and its hand out of our pocket.*” John Bryant.

“*Well all I want is to just be free,
Live my life the way I wanna be...
But you're pushin' too hard, pushin' too hard,
On me...*” The Seeds, 1966.

The biggest difference a year has made to the hoarding habits of freedom-loving Americans is the acute shortage of ammunition and the supplies to reload your own. When it became obvious that Obama would win, Patriots of the Heartland made a run on the local gun store. Supply and demand has caused prices to skyrocket; that is, if you still can find a box or two of your favorite load.

Currently it is difficult if not impossible to buy popular assault rifle and semi-auto hand gun ammo including .223, 7.62 mm, .380, 9 mm, and .45. Even basic ammunition has soared in price: A .22 bullet, used for hunting small game and target practice, is 7c; target grade .223, if you can find it, sells for 45c a round. American shooters who can't practice won't shoot straight. Is that what the (no longer brown but) black shirts are banking on?

John Williams, esteemed publisher of *Shadow Government Statistics*, reports that on July 31, 2009 the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis *will revamp GDP history* going back to 1929.

In 1949 George Orwell wrote the prescient novel *1984*. In this terrifying book of totalitarianism, history was constantly revised by Big Brother to reflect the current world geopolitical situation. Orwell wrote: "Who controls the past controls the future; who controls the present controls the past."

This is all scary stuff...very scary indeed.

Number 4, October 26, 2009: [America's Eight Unwinnable Wars](#)

There are only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights." Marine Major General Smedley Darlington Butler, 1935, reformed warrior and pacifist, one of 19 soldiers to be twice awarded the Medal of Honor.

American Presidents have started eight unwinnable wars in the nearly five decades since 1961; six of these wars are on-going; one is over and we lost it; one was never finished and led to another:

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy's *Vietnam War* was America's First Unwinnable War.
- Lyndon Baines Johnson's *War on Poverty* is America's Second Unwinnable War.
- Richard Milhous Nixon's *War on Drugs* is America's Third Unwinnable War.
- George Herman Walker Bush's *Gulf War* became America's Fourth Unwinnable War.
- William Jefferson Clinton's *War on Terror* is America's Fifth Unwinnable War.
- George Walker Bush's *War in Afghanistan* is America's Sixth Unwinnable War.
- George Walker Bush's *Iraq War* is America's Seventh Unwinnable War.
- Barack Hussein Obama II's *War on Capitalism* is America's Eighth Unwinnable War.

Five years later, I add a ninth to America's list of unwinnable wars:

- Barack Hussein Obama II's *War on the Bill of Rights*.

America's founding father, libertarian, and founder of the Democratic Republican party, Thomas Jefferson, said this: "*The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it.*"

Number 3, December 31, 2009: [The Fallacy of Belief or Yes Virginia, There Is No Santa Claus](#)

For as long as I can remember (and I have a very good memory), someone somewhere in some position of authority is telling me to *believe* in this, that, or the other.

At one time or another ... Santa Claus; the Easter Bunny; the Tooth Fairy; a monotheistic God; the Russians are coming; we are winning the war that Obama is waging to make peace; gold is going to \$4000; and the big banks are too big to fail.

Barack Hussein Obama II, the 44nd President of the United States, was in Oslo, Norway on December 10, 2009 to accept the Nobel Peace Prize. His speech was classic *1984* Newspeak. The President said “*war*” 28 times. The President said “*peace*” 14 times.

Like Orwell’s first slogan of the Party displayed on the white facade of the Ministry of Truth, Obama has asked us to *believe*: “WAR IS PEACE”.

Number 2, April 15, 2013: [If You Keep Your Money with the Banksters, They are LOL](#)

*O Gold! I still prefer thee unto paper,
Which makes bank credit like a bark of vapour. Lord Byron, 1815.*

I must question why any smart person with financial assets in any fiat currency held anywhere in the world would freely choose to keep the majority of that cash in any bank anywhere in the world.

History has shown us repeatedly that all fiat money systems eventually fail and lead to government default and demise. Even the value of the United States dollar has been rolled back twice in the past 80 years.

If you have your fiat currency in your physical possession, the Banksters can only devalue it and that’s exactly what they are doing now. But the bank and/or the government cannot confiscate your gold or your money that you physically hold without engaging you directly.

Unless of course, you are already dead. When that happens, the government confiscates a significant portion from the rich’s heirs in another scheme called the estate tax, levied for the privilege of dying.

Don’t let the Banksters’ have the last laugh on you. Buy more gold and mattresses.

Number 1, April 22, 2013: [A Musing on the Market Correction in Gold](#)

Folks, gold is a traded commodity and it’s all about supply and demand. While the speculative paper gold market has been beaten down, the physical gold market is seeing higher and higher premiums on purchases of bullion.

This is reminiscent of the repeated runs on guns and ammo and the shortages and price spikes that occurred when Obama was elected and re-elected. Or when he starts another Chicago-style political rant about gun control following a massacre pulled off by a disgruntled American patriot nutcase, a pimply-

faced geek with violent video-game addictions, or 20-something terrorists with unpronounceable names acting in the name of Allah.

Is it not ironic that his homeland of Chicago, where all guns must be registered, located in the State of Illinois, which is the only one of the 50 without a concealed-carry permit process, led the nation's cities in murders in 2012?

My Thoughts for Today, July 4, 2013:

This is the 237th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from the tyranny of an oppressive government. Here are my suggestions for exercising your *unalienable rights ... of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness*:

- Hoard a supply of food and water that will allow you to survive a period of economic collapse, chaos, and martial law.
- Follow The Golden Rule: He who has the gold makes the rules.



- Repudiate debt. Pay off your credit cards every month and if you still have a mortgage, pay it as soon as possible. If you cannot afford to pay for an item in cash, do not buy it.
- Develop a plan to protect yourself and those closest to you from unfriendly individuals and groups. Own gold, guns, gas, and goods.
- Know your neighbors and develop synergistic relationships with them.
- Explore barter in your community as a means of obtaining needed goods and services.
- Live in the Heartland and outside the 100 mile border of the US where, according to the ACLU, your basic constitutional rights are now automatically surrendered to the *federales*:



- Embrace self-sufficiency. Develop outdoor skills such as growing a garden, planting an orchard, raising small and large livestock, foraging, hunting, and fishing. Take from the bounty that nature provides us:



- Pay in cash for basic staples and necessary items with your daily devaluing dollars. There is certainly no reason to save them. Unless purchases are deductible expenses for your business, do not let advertisers, corporations, and governments track and categorize your expenditures and movements via credit and debit card charges.

- Be wary of the latest gadgets, such as smart appliances and televisions, which allow increased spying directly into your daily life, habits, consumption, and usage.
- Find and support like-minded libertarian candidates for public office.
- Exercise your First Amendment Rights by speaking up and out! Do not enable the government to intimidate you into submission via threats to your liberty, your pocketbook, or your right to privacy.

I nearly forgot the last part of the title of this think-piece: “But What About You?”

Unless you are willing to shed your micro-chip encrusted driver’s license, passport, credit cards, cell phone, internet-connected computer, and late-model car, rest assured that Big Brother is watching you, too.

Songwriter Dino Valenti wrote these words 43 years ago:

*And I feel like a stranger
In the land where I was born...
And though you may be stronger now, my time will come around.
You keep adding to my numbers, and you shoot my people down.*

Oh... oh. What you gonna do about me?

Folks, let’s face reality: “1984” is here, albeit 29 years later than Orwell predicted. In the United States of America, the question that remains is this: How long before it becomes “Animal Farm”?

In turbulent times like these, it is best to subscribe to the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared.

I close with a quote from General John Stark, Revolutionary War Hero, who said: “Live free or die. Death is not the worst of evils.”

After all, life is merely a death sentence.

Ciao for now,

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