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Don't Start Believin'

A Monday Morning Musing from Mickey the Mercenary Geologist

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The band is Journey; their biggest hit made it to #9 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1981. The song is *Don't Stop Believin'*, and it was the best-selling digital track of the 20th Century at over seven million copies in the United States alone.

Don't Stop Believin' has been played as a theme song for several American major league sports teams for well over a decade. When it ended the Sopranos run on HBO in 2007, sales soared.

I heard recently the old song is a new anthem for the snowflake generation. I have not done any research on the subject so do not know if this is true or not. But it seems to fit right in with that particular mindset and its blend of narcissism, preferential treatment, safe spaces, and sheltering in place.

I hate the song and hit the mute button each and every time it pops up on some classic rock station.

In fact, I personally and actively encourage all free-thinking individuals to never engage in such a non-productive and mind-wasting endeavor as "believing".

As my dedicated readers are aware, I refuse to use the word in any of its various forms, of which there are at least 10 that come to mind. Be it singular or plural, noun, verb, adjective, or adverb, it is banned in *my* dictionary.

Here are links to my previous think-pieces on the subject, contained in three Mercenary Musings spanning seven years: [December 31, 2009](#); [October 31, 2016](#); and [November 28, 2016](#).

My favorite author Mark Twain said it best: "Faith is believin' what you know ain't so."

If an idea or a hypothesis cannot be shown or proven thru logic, science, and reason, then I refuse to accept it as true, false, or neither. I submit it is of no relevance to the *real* world in which we exist.

If you are a libertarian in heart and mind, may I suggest that you consider this alternative view of the world as opposed to belief, faith, and dogma?

After all, it remains pretty hard to live on fairy dust, unicorn farts, and the gold at the end of the rainbow as many snowflakes are apparently trying to do... even while residing in their parents' basements.

My advice is simple: Don't *start* believin'.

Q.E.D.

Ciao for now,

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