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# The Coming Economic Meltdown

### Getting the world ready for Mr. Fix-It – The Antichrist

I'm not writing this chapter to scare people but I am writing this chapter to inform people. I have to be honest with you and tell you that I can't sugarcoat things about the economic crisis that we are now facing. I'm going to call it as I see it. I don't want you to think that I'm very negative because I'm not a negative person but what I see coming from a biblical perspective is this financial wave, this financial tsunami coming straight for us and most people will suffer badly. There is nothing anyone can do to stop it but there are steps one can take to soften the financial blow from the coming economic Armageddon and hopefully help friends and family through these chaotic economic times.

It's predestined to come as prophesied in Scripture regarding the end time events. I have to be realistic and this is what I see. You need to protect yourself, your family and neighbours before this tsunami hits worldwide financial centres. The exact course it will take no one knows but I do know it will end up very, very badly, for the Antichrist (end time ruler) to come onto the world stage with solutions to clean up the mess. We are in a financial crisis of biblical proportion. He will have all the answers for all of the world's problems and the world will put their faith and trust in him; he will be **Mr. Fix-It** and the peoples of the world will follow him in the Tribulation period.

The good news is that the Church (Christ's body of believers) will not go through the devastating events on earth during the Tribulation period of seven years as described in Scripture. We, the church, will be caught up and taken to heaven before the Antichrist is revealed to the world (1 Thess. 4: 16-17). Jesus tells us *"Because you (the Church) have kept My commandment to persevere, I also will keep you*

*from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth (Rev. 3:10).*" Here is a promise of Jesus that believers would be delivered from God's wrath that will come upon the entire earth in the Tribulation. Although no one knows exactly the timing, I personally believe that the Rapture of the Church where Christ's body of believers worldwide are caught up and taken to heaven is less than 16 years away. Just to recap: After the Rapture comes the Tribulation period. Seven years later we have the Second Coming of Christ Jesus at the battle of Armageddon thus ending 6000 years of man's government on earth.

Even though the Church will not go through the end time tribulation events, we are in this end time financial mess leading up to the Tribulation which will only accelerate making it very difficult for people to navigate the coming global economic meltdown and reset of the world's financial systems.

Believe me, I don't take these predictions lightly and I have no interest in trying to scare you. I'm simply following Scripture and what prophecy is telling us about these end days of man's government on earth. According to Scripture there will be 6000 years of man's government on earth followed by the Millennial kingdom with Christ Jesus ruling on earth for 1000 years. As you can see there are clear signs of what's going on in today's world is certainly not normal.

None of this is just coincidence, the signs of our times were predicted by the prophets in Scripture dating back 2500 years ago to show us what is coming. We just happened to be that generation were this is all coming to fruition. You can't stop destiny; prophecy will be fulfilled as written. God knows the future and His plans for mankind will work out exactly, according to His schedule.

Somewhere over the years we began to notice a financial thread running through the centre of these end time events, and it wasn't long before we could see how that thread pulled things together. This, the 9th chapter of this book, is about these end time occurrences and the financial warnings that are pointing us towards the Armageddon of the Bible. While that battle (Armageddon) is still in the future, the trembling of our financial foundations that we see on a global scale is a call for us to awake out of sleep and pay attention to what's really happening around us.

We need to protect our family and friends from the financial tsunami gathering offshore and getting ready to hit us. Also, to put our faith and trust in the Lord to get us through these trying economic times before the Church is caught up to be with the Lord in the Rapture. Believe me, it's going to end very badly, which will set the stage for the arrival of this charismatic leader, Antichrist, to come on the scene to fix the world's problems; an authoritarian regime headed by Mr. Fix-It.

### **Everything prophesied in the Bible is coming to pass.**

It is no secret that we are living in a time of global crisis. We are now facing an economic crisis that many are comparing to the events leading up to the Great Depression. People everywhere are asking themselves critical questions like: "What is happening?" "Where are we headed?" "What can I do to protect myself and safeguard my family?"

You can be assured that God is not surprised by these issues, in fact, these events are clearly documented in the Bible as signals pointing to the "end of the age" as we know it. As you read this chapter I hope you'll get a better understanding of:

- What is going on? What is coming?
- Bible prophecy intersecting with history
- How world events are lining up with Bible prophecy
- One world government – globalization
- The rise of the Antichrist – world end time ruler
- Why our current economic crisis is happening

- End time economy
- Global economic meltdown and reset of the world's financial system
- What can we do?
- Invest in things that are permanent – the kingdom of God
- And much, much more !

The problems we are currently experiencing have a greater significance than a typical credit crunch or mortgage crisis. They are a precursor to a tremendous battle that will take place at what the Bible calls Armageddon (See Rev. 16:14, 16). In order to understand them, we must learn to discern the times, and view them in light of the Word of God. You need to understand what is going on.

Our current situation has come as no surprise. Considering the bad loans that were made, the real estate, the creative instruments Wall Street created and the overblown real estate market; it was only a matter of time until something drastic happened to correct the mistakes. The panic that has set in has made the problems worse even though the US federal government has spent trillions of dollars to try to stabilize the situation.

When people panic, they look for a strong leader who will give them what they want and make their financial problems go away. Do you see the pattern that develops? A global economy and a global crisis make people yearn for a global leader to solve their problems. Suddenly you have the scenario the Bible says leads to the rise of a man called the Antichrist, who will lead the nations of the world into the final battle called Armageddon.

If you don't think this is possible, look at history. It was the terrible inflation and financial crisis after World War I in Germany that made the people turn to Hitler. Not only could it happen again, but, according to the Bible, it will happen again except it's going to be many, many times worse. Hitler will seem like a choirboy compared to the Antichrist when he rules the world after the Church is taken to heaven.

You have to understand that there are different levels of economic

problems. This economic problem has been getting worse since the 70s and especially worse over the last 17 years, setting us up for greater and greater danger which we could call "the new economic disorder," in which world banks control the money, governments control the debt, cartels control oil, and evil leaders set the stage for the coming Antichrist.

When Armageddon comes, no one will escape it, because world events will crash together with biblical prophecy in the final conflict of the ages. Yet, there is hope for all believers who understand that the Rapture will take them away to heaven before the Antichrist is revealed at the start of the seven year Tribulation period.

Most churches and preachers think prophecy is irrelevant today because of their Amillennial background. Many of those Reformation churches believe that prophecy has no meaning for today. They are totally unaware that we are living in the end days according to Scripture. Signs pointing to the Lord's second coming not seen by any other generation was only possible to understand since May 1948. Before the formation of the Jewish state in 1948, it was not possible to know we were living in the end times. Why 1948? According to Jesus, the Jewish repossession of their homeland and Jerusalem would precede His return. Christians throughout history could not point to this sign, but today in our generation both Israel and Jerusalem are back in Jewish hands just as God predicted. Once, we the Church, are taken to heaven in the Rapture, God will once again be dealing with His people Israel in the Tribulation period just as Jesus revealed to us in the book of Revelation (c.7-19).

The world crisis we're seeing unfolding in global markets over the last number of years should wake up the Church; but will it? Many people in the Church will not see this crisis coming because today in the church, prophecy is irrelevant and is seldom talked about. Churchgoers have become complacent and when this financial tsunami wave hits they're going to be totally unprepared for the economic devastation that's coming.

### **What is coming?**

Economic Armageddon will reveal the intersection of our current economic crisis with Bible prophecy. If you have turned on your TV or

read newspapers, you already know that we are facing an economic crisis that the world has never experienced before. World banks have thrown trillions of dollars at this crisis along with 3000 year low interest rates, yet many believe it is nothing more than a band-aid that will lead to more financial debt, sovereign debt crisis and ultimately bring in the coming economic meltdown.

Such unprecedented worldwide events are prophesied in the Word of God. For the first time in history, all the major players in Bible prophecy are on the stage that leads to the final conflict of the ages. One of the first questions people ask when any crisis hits us: "Why didn't someone see this coming?" The second question, following right on the heels of the first is: "What do I do now?"

This is not a crisis that just happened overnight, it was decades in the making. We can certainly look at 1971 when then president Richard Nixon took the US out of the world gold standard. Governments were no longer accountable and could print up the money they needed and politicians being politicians bribed people with their own money and made all kinds of promises to get elected. This pushed us each year further and further into debt. Governments just printed money and were not held accountable. A number of major, powerful, dangerous and unstoppable forces will soon hit the global economy with the force of a running train, some of which will include:

- Sovereign debt crisis and eventual crash of the bond market which is over two times larger than the U.S. stock markets.
- Interest rates inching upwards – confidence in government evaporates and investors demanding higher rates for investing in government treasuries, bonds etc.
- Propped up stock markets and monetary manipulation
- Currency debasement worldwide
- Witnessing the erosion in government trust of historical proportions
- A banking crisis worldwide
- Capital controls – controlling how much money you can take out of the bank
- Forced investment (retirement accounts) into government treasuries, Canada Savings Bonds, etc.
- Exploding national debt and deficits which governments will never repay

- Business and personal debt unsustainable
- War on cash – move towards a cashless digital currency
- Stagflation – deflation and inflation at the same time.  
Governments printing truckloads of money to head off the deflationary forces in the market only to create massive inflation.

Unlimited debt and negative interest rates equals the ultimate Ponzi scheme. Here we are in 2016 with most sovereign states (countries) being bankrupt and no ability of ever redeeming their debts. But even worse, they can't even service their debts without negative interest rates. Talk about a sick world. First bankrupt nations issue worthless debt that they have no intention of repaying. And then, since they have no chance of paying any interest on the debt, they demand that the borrowers pay them interest instead for the pleasure of holding their worthless paper! This must be the ultimate Ponzi scheme in financial history.

When this mega bubble of all bubbles collapses, there won't just be the wealthy experiencing a mass destruction of their wealth but the masses will lose their jobs, Social Security, and pensions. Sadly, the inevitable consequences are massive socially, economically and financially. There will be major global civil unrest.

### **Currency debasement, manipulation and repression will lead to defaults**

Since joining the workforce in 1965, I have been most fortunate to live in an era of peace and economic prosperity. But gradually since the gold backing of the dollar was abolished in 1971, real economic growth based on hard work, savings and investment have been replaced by currency debasement, credit expansion, money printing and financial manipulation or repression. And what is absolutely certain is that the unsound economic climate that we currently have cannot last. It is not a question of *IF* but of *WHEN* it will end. Of that I am 100% certain. The massive buildup of debt since the 2007 crisis is a futile and desperate attempt to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Sadly, the financial world cannot be put back together this time.

If we scratch under the surface, we find plenty of insolvable problems on every continent and in every country whether it is exponential debt explosion in Japan or China or a bankrupt EU with the added problem of the immigrant crisis. Most emerging markets are on the verge of collapse as commodity prices are collapsing and China's expansion has stopped. The biggest problem is of course the United States. This is a country that has lived above its means for over 50 years. Since 1960 the US has not had a real budget surplus. Debts, including unfunded liabilities, are \$230 trillion and to that we can add a worthless worldwide derivative position of at least \$400 to \$600 trillion. This guarantees that the US and other Western economies will default at some point not too far away.

## **The spreading virus of global debt**

This debt virus has infected the economic global system that is teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. The most noticeable evidence of financial contagion is the continued borrowing of money by governments for the purpose of living beyond their means. Debt is the problem. Not only are most major nations in debt up to their ears, which they have no intention of paying off, we now have corporations and household debt escalating to dangerous levels as well. The combined public debt of the G7 economies is round 120% of GDP since the start of the financial crisis in 2008, while globally, the total debt of private nonfinancial sectors has risen by 30%. Here is the real shocker! A crisis caused by too much debt has been fought with even more of the stuff. That's right! Governments answer to fighting the debt crisis is by creating more debt. Unbelievable! Imagine where we would be at if we ran our household budgets the way governments ran their budgets. We'd be looking at bankruptcy.

There is no easy answer to the world debt problem because many people, corporations and nations have been living beyond their means for many, many decades. Personal debt is at an all-time high. Just the other day a study came out and showed less than half the families in the US could come up with \$1000 in cash to cover an emergency without having to borrow it. Individuals, corporations and government have been amassing debt and entitlements that cannot be sustained and with our aging populations there is no next-generation being raised that will have the numbers or the ability to pay the bills. So now the chickens are coming home to roost. The credit line of many nations are

maxed out and the problem is not going to be solved by continued spending beyond our means. The debt laden house of cards sits atop hundreds of trillions of derivatives of mass destruction used by the Wall Street casinos to generate "reckless" profits. When, not if, a trigger ignites this explosive concoction of debt, the collapse will be epic.

One by one, all the major central banks have joined the money printing party. Anything to keep the show on the road and kick the can further down the financial path, hoping for a future generation to pay for it. Most major economies seem to have run out of productivity enhancing growth and therefore need constant infusions of financially destabilizing debt to keep them going. There is now no going back. The debt and derivatives bubbles have now expanded to such a degree that any attempt to normalize the system by draining liquidity would lead very quickly to a severe credit crunch involving a dramatic hike in interest rates leading to a systematic implosion. The name of the game is therefore to keep the ball in the air for as long as possible until the whole rotten structure collapses in a smouldering heap. The debt bubble is bound to end badly. Now, as global financial earthquakes continue to increase in frequency and intensity around the globe, many are beginning to wonder if we are on the threshold of a coming economic Armageddon. Yes we are! That's why I used the title for this chapter.

### **Coming sovereign debt crisis and the beginning of much higher inflation**

Confidence is lost in all governments as they issue more and more money; more and more bonds. You can't keep spending money you don't have. Governments year after year keep printing more and more. Truth be known, governments will not pay back their debt and they know it. In the future no one will want to lend or invest in government bonds or treasuries because of the high debt these governments have accumulated. This causes interest rates to go up and government going further into a hole with mountains of debt that can never be repaid. You see, if governments can't print money they can't finance their budget deficits and the whole thing blows up. I can see this beginning in Europe and then spreading to Japan and other countries. The United States will be the last major country to go.

The course of events in an inflationary scenario can be summarized as follows:

1. Chronic government deficits
2. Debt issuance and money printing escalating rapidly
3. Bonds falling – interest rates rising fast
4. Currencies collapsing

The above process turns into a vicious circle that usually accelerates quickly. The more money the governments around the world print, the faster their currency will fall and the faster the currency falls the more money the governments must print. Once the inflationary spiral has started, it will feed itself. As I see it the US dollar will be the last man standing before it also collapses and the world financial system will have to reset.

What will exacerbate this process is a financial system which is totally bankrupt in all but name. If banks valued their toxic assets at market instead of at maturity, most banks would not be standing today. As longer-term government bonds start falling, this will also put upward pressure on short-term rates with Central Banks losing control of their manipulation of rates. This will eventually lead interest rates to rise 4% to 8% or more in the coming years. Currently US interest rates are at 1/2 of 1%. Virtually no borrower, whether public or private will be able to afford these rates. Also, with these higher rates, the whole derivatives market of \$1.5 quadrillion will blow up since these instruments are all interest rate sensitive. One key area to watch carefully is the yield on US treasuries. If we break the 3.25 % on the 10 year treasuries we will break out of the 35 year range and we will start to have fireworks because that's going to have an impact on nearly every single derivative out there. Watch out when you actually see these 10 year treasury bonds creep past 4.5%. Warren Buffett, the world's second richest man, called these highly complex derivative instruments "time bombs" and said they were "financial weapons of mass destruction" that could harm not only their buyers and sellers, but the whole economic system.

In a world of exponentially growing sovereign deficits and debts, the outcome of the worlds biggest credit bubble in history has been guaranteed but the road there has been laborious. Through financial repression combined with lies and propaganda, governments and

central banks have managed to extend the suffering for ordinary people for the benefit of a small elite who have built incredible wealth from this ongoing financial crisis. The average person is, directly through personal debt or indirectly through sovereign debt, responsible for the \$230 trillion global debt. On the other side of the balance sheet, these debts have all accrued in the form of assets or wealth of a similar amount to an extremely small elite group. This is why Donald Trump was able to secure the Republican nomination for president. There is a total mistrust of government and of the elites in power. The 1% keep getting richer and richer. QE1 and QE2 have been, admittedly, nothing more than experiments.

This massive inequality is what creates social unrest and possibly even revolutions in some countries and the problems that we now see emerging around the world are most likely the start of this. The coming sovereign debt crisis has the potential to be massively worse than a stock market crash because it can take down entire nations around the world.

### **US Fed policy has totally failed**

Governments have since the 1987 crash and the early 1990s property bubble desperately tried to avoid the inevitable. In a panic, US Fed Greenspan lowered US short-term rates from 8% in 1990 to 2 1/2% in 1992, thus fuelling the beginning of the final phase of the Fed's 100 year destruction of the world financial system. Bernanke took over in 2006 when the subprime crisis started and he became the most profligate Fed Chairman in history. During his reign, US Federal debt went from \$8 trillion to \$17 trillion and rates went from 5% to near zero. It took the United States over 200 years to go from zero debt to \$8 trillion then it took only eight years for the debt to double in 2016. We are in a debt crisis like never before in history so please protect yourself from the *Coming Economic Armageddon*. No matter who gets elected this November in the United States, nothing changes except for more debt. The debt paradigm has gone way too far and regardless of who wins the White House, no one person, no matter how well-meaning they are, can turn the ship around. The Titanic has hit the iceberg. It's taking on water, and you might get someone stronger at the wheel and you might veer off, but it doesn't really matter. The ship is going down. That's my view – it's predestined to happen. We're living in what the Scripture calls "the end times."

## **Where do we see the biggest risks?**

Sovereign debt, which I've mentioned before, is probably the number one overvalued market around the world. Why? Because you as an investor are earning nothing or less than nothing for the privilege of lending your money to a government that has pledged to depreciate the currency that you are investing in. The central banks of the world are striving to achieve a rate of inflation of 2% or more but you as an investor are lending to them at much less than 2% and in many cases at less than 1%. The experience of losing money is common in investing. But, where is the certitude of loss even before your cheque clears? That's the situation with sovereign debt right now. On a worldwide basis, more than 1/3 of sovereign debt is already yielding less than zero percent (mostly in Europe). In the history of interest rates going back from 3000 B.C. to the present time, this is the first time in history governments have driven interest rates below the zero marker.

## **Negative interest rates**

Negative interest rates change the rules of the game in the financial system, namely those who want to save money, have to pay money. Savers pay for the privilege of banks to hold their money. Those who create debt, receive additional reward. New homeowners who borrow to buy property are paid to borrow. It is the world upside down, but that is in fact what is happening. This is a total 180° turn from when I was born or what I was taught growing up.

As long as money has been in existence, there have been people willing to loan it out to others for a fee. We currently live at a time when interest rates have never been so low going back 3000 years. How can this be? Well, central banks speak with a forked tongue and manipulate figures. Obviously, when you base your assessments on false data and thus make false statements, you can tell the markets anything. We are told that we are in a recovery since 2008 and that the economy is doing okay yet we have these historic low interest rates where in some countries are going into negative territory for the first time ever. What gives! Does this make sense? Who is not telling the truth? Imagine lending out money for 10 years and not getting a return. In fact, it's going to cost you for the privilege of lending out the money in the first place. It's just unbelievable what's happening in this world.

This is the first time in financial history where you pay for the privilege to lend money to government, banks, corporate borrowers or any other financial institution. It is a reverse world with the central banks trying to kickstart the economies at any cost by making lending and saving money very unattractive. Think about the incentives here. Wouldn't it be better to just take your money out of the bank to avoid the negative interest and just bury it in a hole somewhere? How about banks lending at negative interest rates for a home. Wouldn't the bank be better off not making the loan and instead just sitting on the reserves? What a crazy world it's become. Like I said earlier; it's a 180° turn from when I was born or what I was taught growing up and I'm having a hard time wrapping my head around this stupidity but that's today's reality.

### **Push to confiscate US pension plans**

Imagine how these historic low interest rates will impact the pension funds and insurance companies. Millions of Canadians and Americans who are counting on pension benefits to fund their retirement, risk being severely disappointed. Actually pension funds worldwide are in deep trouble because of 3000 year low interest rates. Pension funds and insurance companies need to make a return of more than 7% to be viable and with this low interest rate environment over the past seven years, many may become insolvent in time or benefits will be cut by 50% or more for them to survive. Definitely looking very dire for those individuals who are 8 to 12 years away from retirement. What a shock it will be to those individuals who paid all those years into their retirement fund and finding out when they retire that their benefits will be worth 50% less; if they're lucky.

I say lucky because there is a push to confiscate US pension plans. Americans retirement plans are the last remaining bastions of wealth for the criminal banksters to pilfer, and that they will ultimately be confiscated via forced allocation into treasury instrument vehicles. This could easily happen in Canada as well. With President Obama's State of the Union speech on January 28, 2014, the process has officially begun. Obama's "no risk, guaranteed return" Retirement Savings Bond Program – a push to confiscate America's IRAs and 401(k)s, and force retirement assets into Treasury bonds.

Please realize that this is 100% about funding the 1.5 trillion annual

deficit using Americans retirement funds, as there is simply no other remaining solution to soak up 1.5 trillion in T-bills annually. While I'm at it I might as well tell you about another crazy law that many western governments and banks have instituted to confiscate your money, that you probably are not aware of and it's called bank bail-ins.

## **Bank bail-ins**

It's your money..... or is it? Do you trust your banker? Well you better! A depositor one day. A bank shareholder the next. Bank bailouts are over; bank bail-ins are in. Banks that are going bankrupt are no longer to receive emergency funds from government. Instead, under new rules recently made into law in a number of western countries including Canada last November is that the principal has been established that the next source of money for failing banks will be from within the bank itself. That means you, the depositor. Yes, that's right! The balance of the money to stabilize the banking sector during the next crisis will come out of people's bank accounts. Insured deposit accounts are likely to be spared, however, uninsured accounts will be at risk. It's been estimated that uninsured personal, corporate and government deposits compromise the majority of total bank deposits worldwide.

Now let's add insult to injury. The banks have the right to confiscate unsecured depositors funds should the financial gurus crash the economy again. Deposits, whether they are personal, corporate or government, do not really belong to you, the depositor. Technically and legally, once a deposit has been made, the funds become a liability of the bank. In other words, the bank just issues you what amounts to an IOU or maybe bankshares which will be useless when the bank is insolvent. As far as the bank is concerned, your deposit is just another unsecured liability. You might consider it theft, and yes you would be right! In reality, a bail-in is a totally law-abiding theft of assets. Because most governments are near bankruptcy they have made depositors the new backstop of failing banks through the new bail-in legislation. I just wanted you to be aware of this. I feel our banks in Canada are not as bad off compared to those in the US and Europe. But beware as most banks are now interconnected globally and anything can happen in this incredibly chaotic world.

## **Are US markets being propped up?**

One has to ask about this massive disconnect between what the economic data is telling us versus what the stock market is saying to the investment world. For instance, we have the lowest rate of expansion in the US economy since the 1940s yet the equities market continue to make new highs nearly every year with the S&P and the Dow continuing upward into uncharted territories. So what's going on here? Are the economic numbers really better than what we are being told, or is the stock market being propped up?

Without question I believe that the stock markets are being propped up. The stock markets rise had its beginning with Quantitative Easing right after the 2008 mortgage and financial crisis. It's not a recovery; it's a cover-up. The numbers don't lie. The liars lie, and the markets are lying. You look at the facts, and here are the facts. You had a stretch of merger and acquisition activity that is unparalleled in world history because they're borrowing money for next to nothing and their buying up companies. Then you look at all the other facts, and the facts are that stock buy-backs are at record highs. As an example, just in the first three months of this year (2016) we had roughly \$160 billion worth of stock buy-backs. Companies raising their stock prices by buying back their stock – investors love it.

All of this is done to boost the equity markets. Again, these are the facts: 95% of all the wealth created since 2009 in the United States went to that famous 1%. It's a fact, a fact worldwide. Imagine 62 people having more wealth than half the world's population combined. All this has done has pumped up the equity markets. The numbers don't lie! Quantitative Easing (printing of money) is boosting up equity markets that should have failed a long time ago. The P/E ratios are extremely out of line. Then have a good look at most corporate earnings; how many quarters have they been down in a row? Again, it's gambling; no longer investing. It's Ponzi-nomics. Whatever happened to economics 101. This is not a capitalistic society in the West; it's bankism. Nothings changed from the days that Jesus Christ chased the money changers out of the temple with a whip. It's just a different group of names; man doing the same dirty deals, propping up the markets to enrich themselves.

## **Worldwide negative rates and fleeing capital could push the Dow Jones past 30,000**

In the last 52 weeks starting October 2015 the Dow was in the 17,800 range then early in 2016 it dropped to as low as 15,500 in February. Now, as of this writing in early October, 2016 the Dow has been hovering around 18,200. As unbelievable as it may sound to you there is the possibility that the Dow Jones could surpass 30,000 and even go a lot higher in the coming years because of the economic crisis that we are facing. I suspect a "mother" of all bubbles is in the offing. It could likely rival the tech bubble in terms of epic bubble like overvaluation. With the perfect scenario even 38-40,000 could be possible; more than doubling today's Dow Jones figures.

Bear with me! Let me explain. I told you earlier about the debt crisis and that the Euro would be the first to collapse followed by Japan, etc. with US being the last. Now the collapse of the Euro would be a very momentous event with ripple effects worldwide making investors and capital to panic around the world; seeking safety for their capital. The net effect at least initially is to push up the dollar, and the dollar is the only place to go right now for world capital. You have to look at this from the perspective of major institutions such as pension funds, insurance companies and the like. If you're in Europe and other parts of the world where the economy is falling apart you're going to say, "I'm concerned here. I want to move a billion dollars. Where can I move it to?" You can't go to China! You can't go to Russia! Economies like Australia, Canada, and even the UK are too small. So, although the US has a big national debt of over \$20 trillion, it's big enough that world capital can concentrate into it. So what you're going to see is inflows of capital from around the world seeking safety in the US. With interest rates low or near negative where do you think they're going to put their money? It's pretty obvious! This money will go into the stock market, real estate and then to a lesser degree in precious metals, diamonds, artworks and other tangibles. Capital will flee Europe and Asia and head for the perceived safe shores of America; at least for a while before it's America's time to crash.

Yes, I can see the Dow Jones going past 30,000 and after that it's anybody's guess. Foreign capital needs to protect itself and the best place would be the US stock market. Foreign capital invested in sovereign bonds would lose everything whereas if they invested in US

stocks then at least their money would be worth something. If they invested in blue-chip companies such as General Electric, Apple, Boeing, Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, Exxon Oil and a host of others they will still be in business and will still be worth something.

I think we are embarking in a unique experiment in monetary manipulation and if history is any guide it will not end well. We have gone so far from reality that markets are getting more and more non-investable because just about everything is manipulated. Central bank distortions have forced investors into positions they would not have held otherwise. One can't invest in a rational way anymore and therefore nothing makes sense and thus one can expect anything to happen. Basically the only thing one can play is the volatility as it is the only theme that is predictable in these uncertain times, especially in light of the illiquidity created by the central banks. Also, the central bankers are doing what they ought not to do and that is to manipulate the most sensitive prices in capitalism which are interest rates.

## **A dire destiny for Europe**

The "die is cast" for Europe and the EU. The Brexit vote in which Britain decided to divorce from the EU will start the breakup of the artificial construction of 500 million people being ruled by an unelected and unaccountable elite in Brussels. Even worse is an artificial paper currency, the Euro, which is used by 19 out of the 28 EU countries. All paper currencies are of course artificial constructions that eventually become worthless but to have a currency for 19 countries with different cultures, different growth rates and productivity and vastly different inflation rates is a total disaster.

This is why Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal and many more EU countries are totally bankrupt. These countries have been forced to use a currency which has made them completely uncompetitive and unable to export or function. At the same time, Germany has benefited from a weak Euro which has made their export industries very successful. When the difficulties start unraveling in Europe, the rest of the world should not feel confident that this is an isolated local problem. The global economy and financial system is totally interconnected and a problem in a country like Italy or France will have repercussions around the world. Europe will be the first to collapse followed by Japan, then others and standing last will be the United States.

Be aware! As I mentioned earlier we are not living in normal times. These are the end times and there's nothing normal about them; turning everything you thought you ever knew about markets and asset classes inside out and upside down. For instance, in the months and years ahead you might see gold rise along with rising interest rates and a rising US dollar. Now normally this wouldn't happen in the marketplace but we are not living in normal times and anything can happen. The old status quo has been thrown out the window. Look, I'm not saying this to frighten you, though you should certainly be concerned enough to take the right measures to prepare your family from the *Coming Economic Armageddon* while you still have the opportunity to do so. Use the Boy Scout motto: "Be prepared."

## **US secret weapon**

They call it the printing press. They are the only debtor in the world who can legally print US dollars, and the US dollar is what's known as "The world's reserve currency." The dollar forms the basis of the world's financial system. It is what banks around the world hold to reserve against their loans. As things stand right now, the US government can't go broke in any ordinary sense of the word because it can simply print dollars to pay for its bad debt. So if they can always print more money then what is there to worry about?

Well, let me show you! As things stand today, America's the only country in the world that doesn't have to pay for imports in a foreign currency. America has been able to consume as much as they want without worrying about acquiring the money to pay for it. Their dollars are accepted everywhere around the world and they haven't had to produce anything to get all the dollars needed to buy goods that America needs. All they had to do was to borrow and to print more money.

But, and this is not that far away, when the rest of the world will no longer accept US currency; they are doomed. Countries such as China, Japan and other Asian countries hold vast amounts of US treasuries and this is the biggest threat to them. In the case of China, they are now actively taking steps to phase out the US dollar because of its frustration with US governments mismanagement of its currency.

The US dollar is getting perilously close to losing its status as the world's reserve currency.

For the moment, all this printing of money is what is preventing the US currency collapse of unprecedented proportions. Remember that the US government can only continue printing dollars as long as the US dollar remains the world's reserve currency. When people lose confidence in the US dollar and will no longer accept it as the world's currency things are going to get very ugly, very fast. I can't stress that enough. We don't know how much longer it will be before that happens. This is why the International Monetary Fund is calling for a new global currency; a basket of various currencies. The days of the dollar as the world's reserve currency are numbered and near an end.

### **Helicopter money**

Seeing what's happened in the past eight years it's easy to see what the Fed and central banks will do. Faced with the choice between doing "helicopter money" and allowing a deflationary implosion to occur; those in power will elect to go with the former scenario. It buys them more time by keeping the system limping along for longer, and we have now arrived at the stage where it will be one or the other.

If you were to decide to alleviate your own personal liquidity problems by setting up a printing press in your basement and printing \$100 bills, you would be branded a counterfeiter and sent to jail. Yet the government does this shamelessly, and uses the euphemism "Quantitative Easing." It should be called what it is; counterfeiting. It is a fraud perpetuated against the entire population of the country, whose buying power is reduced as a result. This fraud was made possible back in 1971 when Nixon got rid of the gold standard, opening the door to reckless Keynesian fiat money expansion. Governments and Central Banks are no longer accountable as they were before 1971. They just print what they need; running deficit after deficit, year after year, knowing that this debt will never be paid off.

This stark choice is now facing central banks, governments and the elites themselves as the entire massive debt and derivatives created by decades of fiat excess threatens to bury them; boiling down to just two scenarios, both of which are awful. One is to simply let it collapse under its weight like a neutron star in a deflationary implosion, which

would be dramatic and rapid. The other is to hit the afterburners and go for broke with so-called "helicopter money" where they print even more money to maintain liquidity and service debt, etc. until the system consumes itself in a hyperinflationary firestorm. This is the logical route for them to take because it buys them more time than the deflationary implosion option. The proposal for helicopter money has until recently been laughed at as absurd, but now in their desperation it is being seriously talked about. What this means is that the money supply will be expanding at an ever increasing rate all around the world.

You don't need to be a genius to figure out that the result of this will be accelerating inflation and an increasingly rapid loss of purchasing power of fiat currencies. This will stoke a major bull market in a wide range of tangibles from precious metals, base metals, most commodities, food, agricultural land to collectibles, and these bull markets will run regardless of the state of the economies.

### **Revealing the real rate of inflation would crash the system**

What would happen if the real rate of inflation was revealed? The entire status quo would immediately implode. Consider the immediate consequences to Social Security, interest rates and the cost of refinancing government debt.

The quality of government reporting on government statistics has deteriorated sharply in the last few decades. These reporting problems have included methodological changes to economic reporting that have pushed headline economic and inflation results out of the realm of real-world or common experience to the general population of the US.

The CPI-U (consumer price index) is the broadest measure of consumer price inflation for goods and services published by the Bureau of Labour Statistics. The official consumer inflation reported in the US in June 2016 was 1.3%. Now, based on the **pre-1980** official methodology for computing the CPI-U, the official inflation rate would actually have been 8.7% in June 2016 rather than the reported 1.3%. That's an understated difference of 7.4%.

Can you see what's happening and how the public is being deceived and totally lied to. Don't be fooled by the phony economy propped up

by central bank manipulation and propaganda. It's a global bubble that is bigger than anything that has come before. Part of the reason it has gone on so long is that all governments, all central banks are participating. Every central bank has a printing press and that allows them to fool people. It fools people into thinking that the world is basically normal, and it is not normal. We are creating the conditions for the "Mother-of-All" financial crisis.

So what would happen if the status quo accepted the reality of today's 7 % inflation?

1. Social Security benefits would demand annual increases of 7 %. The whole system would be revealed as unsustainable if real inflation were made public.
2. Global investors might start demanding yields on Treasury bonds that are above the real rate of inflation; say 8%. Bond yields of 8 % would collapse the status quo of massive government deficit spending.
3. Private-sector interest rates would also rise, crushing private borrowing. How many autos, trucks and homes would sell if buyers had to pay 8% interest on new loans? What about those homeowners who took out mortgages at rates of 2 to 4% and now have to renew at 8+%? They would be all underwater and would have to walk away from their homes. They would lose everything.
4. Any serious decline in private and state borrowing would implode the entire system. Recall that a very modest drop in new borrowing very nearly collapsed the global financial system in 2007/08, as the whole system depended on a permanently monstrous expansion of new borrowing to fund consumption, student loans, taxes, etc.

The grim reality is that real inflation is 7 % per year, and this reality must be hidden behind bogus official calculations of inflation as this reality would collapse the entire status quo. Who's being destroyed by 7 % real inflation? Everyone whose income has stagnated and everyone who depends on Social Security, pensions, wages, term deposits, etc. In other words; the bottom 95%.

While I'm at it I might as well give you the real June unemployment rate in the US. This stat should open your eyes to the real government

manipulation that is not being reported. The official June, 2016 unemployment government figure was 4.7%. Now, based on the pre-1980 official methodology for computing the unemployment rate, the official unemployment rate would actually have been 22% rather than the bogus reported rate of 4.7%. That's a huge difference of 17.3% more unemployment than is what is officially stated. Imagine what would happen if the truth wasn't suppressed regarding the real unemployment rate in the US. Just imagine this type of methodology they use where if you can't find a job in six months you're no longer consider unemployed and taken off the unemployment stats. You have in the US nearly 48 million people on food stamps or what we might call welfare. I'm not kidding! If the truth were known and the true stats weren't suppressed you would probably have rioting in the streets and a country with major social unrest. Governments and central banks around the world will do everything they can to keep the game going, to hold onto power and their jobs for as long as they can before everything blows up.

The mainstream media has conditioned the public to trust them and right now the mainstream media is insisting that everything is going to be just fine. So, you must be informed so you can protect yourselves and your families, and their economic well-being before it's too late. One third of Americans don't make enough money to even cover the basic necessities. Twenty three percent of adults in their prime working years are not employed. We are going to see the biggest global bubble burst in history probably before 2026 or shortly thereafter. The great reset is coming, a combination of demographics, debt and global economic weakness makes the crash inevitable.

## **Does the Bible predict a global economic collapse**

Are we headed towards a global economic collapse? Financial markets are violently unstable worldwide, and the key benchmarks of financial health are rapidly getting worst. The Bible predicts a coming day when one person will take control of the entire global economy. How will this happen? We may now have the answers. In fact, the biblical and technological evidence tells us that a cashless society and one world economy are not only possible, but inevitable. Bible prophecy addresses these important questions:

- How is the stage being set for economic collapse and a

- cashless society?
- What technology will make this cashless world possible?
- How will the Antichrist control the world economy?
- What will happen to the people who face all this tumult and chaos?

One only has to read the book of Revelation to get a glimpse of what's coming. The Bible makes it clear these judgements will encompass the entire planet. Who could have guessed 2000 years ago we'd end up with a global economy? One thing is certain; the Church will be rescued from these horrendous and disastrous end time events written about in the book of Revelation. The Church (Christ's body of believers) will be rescued in the Rapture and taken to heaven just prior to the Great Tribulation. The world at large will be caught completely off guard and left behind to endure the time of trial that will come upon the whole earth (Revelation 3:10).

## **War on cash**

The central banks of the world believe that they can create economic activity by printing money. Unfortunately, they forgot about the fact that the way a person or a society becomes wealthy is by producing more than they consume and saving the difference. That difference is capital, which you need in order to invest in buildings, technologies, and so forth. The central bankers think that by inflating the currency, they can create prosperity but what they are really doing is destroying capital. When you destroy the value of the currency, it becomes a diminishing asset and that discourages people from saving it. When people don't save, they can't build capital and the vicious cycle goes on. It seems that almost everything that central banks and governments do in the economic area is a total and complete disaster. Frankly, I am surprised that they have gone as far as they have. I previously thought it was nearly impossible to have negative interest rates but it's happened. Today there are over US\$12 trillion worth of bonds out there that have negative interest rates – mostly in Europe.

I believe the next step in their idiotic plan is to abolish cash. Decades ago they got rid of gold and then they got rid of silver coinage. Now, they're planning to get rid of cash altogether. Everything else is going to have to be done through electronic payment processing. This is a huge disaster for the average person: absolutely everything that you

buy or sell, other than perhaps a candy bar or hamburger, is having to go through the banking system. Thus, the government will be able to monitor every transaction and payment. Fiscal privacy, even what's left of it today, will literally cease to exist.

As I finish this chapter (November 2016), we have these recent developments on the war on cash that I want to bring to your attention:

- Recently, without any fanfare, ATM's in Mexico have ceased issuing the 500 peso note (\$24 US). The largest note is now the 200 peso note (US \$10).
- At about the same time, Citibank in Australia declared that it's branches will no longer accept cash.
- 900 of 1600 Swedish bank branches do not accept cash.
- In just the last month India has joined those countries that have done away with larger notes.

The sudden elimination of the 500 rupee (\$7.50 US) and the 1000 rupee note (\$15 US) is putting the nation of India in chaos. The ATM's were quickly being emptied of the smaller denominations. The people of India cried foul, as 86% of all money in circulation had vanished from the system overnight. The limit for withdrawal per day is 2500 rupees (\$37 US) which for some is sufficient to pay for daily expenses, but is most certainly not sufficient to carry on a business or facilitate larger transactions.

The result has been a partial breakdown of commerce. With millions of people beginning each day with insufficient funds to function, one by-product of the money shortage is that over 9.3 million trucks have simply been abandoned by their drivers. Nearly 2/3 of all freight in India moves by road.

If central banks and governments have their way, large denominations of physical cash are going to be banned as they have been now in India and Australia. Coming later we can see our \$100 bill and possibly the \$50 bill being banned; the same for the US \$100 bill. This push towards a fully digitized (cashless) monetary system where every transaction will be recorded, scrutinized, controlled and taxed is being sneakily sold to the public as "the cure all" to rid the world of terrorism and criminal activity when in fact the real motive is their own self-interest.

The lesson to be learned here is that, in all countries where a war on cash is being destructively waged, the end will not be a positive one. The people of each country will increasingly become unable to function normally, as in Greece, where there have been riots due to the banking squeeze. Banks and governments have colluded to tie up wealth in order to have their hands on as much of it as possible, as they grow nearer to a economic collapse. As the situation drags on, their intent is becoming ever-more transparent to those who have to suffer the difficulties caused by the squeeze. But, as difficult as it may be to accept, these are "the good old days." The direst events to come have not yet begun to surface.

The ability to track, record, and mediate transactions of all individuals is a power dictators throughout history could have only dreamed of. You see, if a society becomes cashless, dissenters can't hide. All of their financial holdings would be vulnerable to an attack by the government. This would be the ultimate form of control. Because, without access to money, people can't resist, couldn't hide or escape the system. You are at their mercy! We are fast approaching the new age of electronic totalitarianism that will control us. Truth be known, the war on cash is part of an effort by government and banks to eliminate citizens control over their wealth. Totalitarianism is indeed the future.

One of the many government arguments for going cashless is that the removal of cash from society will help to prevent criminal activity and money laundering. Yet as much as economists and governments would like to blame cash-based money laundering as a reason to go cashless; in the UK it is not as big a problem as cyber money laundering. The digital sector is by no means more secure for the average citizen and, if anything, puts your money more at risk of criminal activity than money laundering. Like all new technological movements the intention is to improve systems, economies and the standard of living, but at the same time they can be misused if put in the wrong hands; government control.

This cashless society they are working towards would also make the foolish idea of helicopter money that US Fed Bernanke proposed much easier to implement. At that point, every citizens financial activities will be electronic, making it simpler for the government to just debit or credit anybody's account as much as they want. They would have

absolute power to manipulate the economy, and to intervene, down to an individual level and there goes your freedom. Thereafter, when the body of Christ, the Church, is raptured and taken to heaven then comes the Tribulation period. The world ruler at that time, the Antichrist, will command all inhabitants of earth to worship him and take his mark. Without his mark or identification you will not be able to buy or sell. The Antichrist will control all commerce on earth and if you disagree with him you will be eliminated. This is where this cashless society eventually culminates; where the Antichrist has total control over all commerce. God had John write about this prophecy nearly 2000 years ago in the book of Revelation; describing the Tribulation period in the end times.

### **"Mark of the beast" technology – cashless society**

God's prophetic plan is right on schedule. God revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos nearly 2000 years ago that the day is coming when the crash of cash will be a reality. The dollar and all money will be no more. Only those who have the "mark of the beast" will be able to buy and sell during the Tribulation period. Promoting this move towards cashless transactions via a myriad of banking plans, ATM machines, credit cards, point-of-sale machines and credit data; all of this funnelled through massive computer systems. Eventually the goal of the New World Order leaders is the control of all these computer systems, leading to the end time ruler – the Antichrist.

Students of Bible prophecy know exactly why there is a war on cash. Revelation 13 tells us that the end time ruler (Antichrist) is going to cause the whole world to take the "mark of the beast" and those of you who refuse to take the "mark of the beast," or worship the beast, will not be able to buy or sell. I ask you, "What needs to happen in order to stop you from buying and selling?" Simple; get rid of cash.

**Make no mistake:** If the Antichrist is to gain control of every sale or purchase, as prophesied over 1900 years ago, it appears that cash must be eliminated so that there is a record of every transaction that takes place. In the future (Tribulation period), the method of exchange will not be money.

As I mentioned earlier in this chapter that what's coming will be worse than anything we've seen in our lifetime and there is nothing one can

do to stop it. You can't tinker with destiny. For the Antichrist to come on the scene this is just the type of environment that was predicted in Scripture nearly 2000 years ago. God is in control.

What does this mean for us today? Does this mean we should resist the cashless trend and avoid using services like direct deposit, smart cards, debit cards, or credit cards. *NO!* None of these are inherently evil in themselves. Often these new technologies are very convenient and make sense. But, we need to be aware of what is going on in our world all around us, recognizing the implications of these movements and consider how they may be setting the stage for what is coming.

**Bottom line:** The coming cashless society is not immoral or evil but it is a sign we are approaching the end times. It's a glimpse into life during the end times and points towards the days when people will be required to have the "mark of the beast" on their forehead or hand to do any business transactions. Those who take the mark will be taking Antichrist's name upon themselves and will signal his complete ownership of them and their destiny and for that they will be eternally doomed (Revelation 14:9-10).

Again, it's critical to keep in mind that nothing we see today is the "mark of the beast." It won't appear until after the Rapture, when the Tribulation period begins. No one today should worry that they will somehow take the "mark of the beast" by accident. All who take the Antichrist's mark during the Tribulation will do so knowingly and intentionally, thus sealing their eternal fate.

Over 1900 years ago, the Bible predicted both the "mark of the beast" technology and today's global economy. The fact that these words of Revelation 13 were penned in the age of wood, stones, swords, spears and Roman togas makes this prophecy yet another powerful proof that God's Word can be trusted. Who outside of God could have predicted a one world economic system that controls all commerce? The end time signposts are lining up. This stunning development when viewed in light of the convergence of so many other signs of the times shows us that man's government on earth is coming to an end and the Second Coming of Christ Jesus is very near.

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