

The USS Pagan Dominion, the Ship of Fools

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Did you know that in 1898 a little known novel was penned entitled *Futility*, the story of a huge, “unsinkable” ocean liner built with but a few lifeboats, which during a voyage across the northern Atlantic in April hits an iceberg field and sinks with great loss of lives? The name of this fictional ocean liner was the *Titan*. Sound familiar? Fourteen years later on April 14, 1912, the *RMS Titanic* slams into an iceberg in the northern Atlantic and sinks the next day, taking some 1,517 people to their deaths (according to a United States Senate investigation). Yes, it too had an insufficient number of life boats. But then again, who needs lifeboats when you have conquered the laws of nature’s God? It’s no coincidence that both ships derived their names from the mythological race of the *Titans*, powerful gods that claimed to have conquered nature. According to myth, the god Zeus later destroys these prideful challengers and sends them to Tatarus, a deep gloomy abyss in the underworld.

Ever since his fall in the garden, mankind has incessantly fought in futility to throw off his Creator’s rule while attempting to circumvent the righteous, unstoppable consequences of his own prideful rebellion. It isn’t surprising, therefore, that claims of invincibility were made about the Titanic, then the flagship of modern technology and human progress. White Star Line, the company that built and operated the fleet of ocean liners the Titanic belonged to, never advertised it as unsinkable, though it did make claims in a promotional flyer for the Olympic and Titanic that *as far as it is possible to do, these two wonderful vessels are designed to be unsinkable*. In a reply to an inquiry made on the Titanic’s maiden voyage by passenger Mrs. Silvia Caldwell, one of the deck hands is purported to have stated that *God Himself could not sink this ship*. The Titanic’s captain, John Edward Smith, boasted in the technological superiority of mankind. Upon arriving in New York after completing the maiden voyage of the Adriatic in 1907, Smith made these amazing claims, *I cannot imagine any condition which would cause a ship to founder. I cannot conceive of any vital disaster happening to this vessel. Modern shipbuilding has gone beyond that*. Perhaps this is why he gave little heed to the many warnings given him by other sea captains that deadly icebergs lay ahead of the Titanic on that dark night in 1912. With all confidence in the superior wisdom and technological savvy of mankind he sailed his invincible ship into the field of icebergs at full speed. The RMS Titanic, the opulent queen of modern man’s pride, which took over two years to build and ten months to outfit, plunged to the bottom of the dark abyss of the Atlantic in a mere 2 hours and 40 minutes. *Grand men, charming women, beautiful babies, all becoming horrible in the midst of the glittering splendor of a \$10,000,000 casket!* -- Reverend Dr. Charles Parkhurst, 1912.

Though the *Titanic* was huge for its day, displacing some 52,310 tons and measuring over 882 feet long and 94 feet wide, it was but a toy boat compared to the huge ocean liner that Americans were forced to board nearly ninety-five years ago when banker JP Morgan, the financier of the *Titanic*, helped form the Federal Reserve as one of its key players. Christened the *USS Pagan Dominion* by its owners, a cartel of very powerful bankers, in commemoration of the great economic coup of 1913 when the Federal Reserve (FED) took dominion of America in collusion with Congress (which has since become its collection agency), this towering behemoth has long ruled our nation and following WWII the economic sea lanes of the world. Her keel measures from *sea to shining sea*, an astonishing three thousand miles, her main beam measuring from border to border fully eighteen

hundred and fifty miles, she is without equal, the largest and longest sailing slave ship ever to ply the seas of humanity. *The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant [enslaved] to the lender.* She displaces literally tens of trillions in interest-bearing debt instruments, measured in the virtual dollars her masters create by fiat through a monopoly granted them by the Federal Government when the FED was formed. Her impressive bank of gargantuan engines is the greatest in the history of the world, the most powerful boilers and turbines ever brought together under one roof of corporate statism. Developed after the Keynesian model of debt-based “luxury and prosperity,” this inflationary powertrain turns twelve synchronized screws, which produce a near limitless supply of economic growth and dominion. Her lavish accommodations are most benevolent, even granting generous credit to its poorest passengers, of course for a modest fee. *Inflation (caused by paper money) is an evil which exerts its baleful influence throughout society. Gold and silver were gifts of God, and, short of the labor required to obtain them, were ours free. They didn't have to be returned to the source, much less with interest! Inflation, on the other hand, is borrowed into existence from a privileged clique who, by the very nature of the process, enslave those who use it -- Dr. Paul Hein.*

Captain Smith’s infamous claims and actions remind me very much of the moneychangers of today who have made innumerable arrogant claims about the amazing resiliency and proven safety of the debt-based economics of the “modern” central banking system. *We cannot imagine any condition which would cause our economy to founder. We cannot conceive of any vital disaster happening to this great marvel of human ingenuity and prosperity. Modern economics have gone beyond that . . .* Gone beyond what, the unending train of economic “disasters” that have mysteriously befallen mankind by the hands of moneychangers throughout the ages who have arrogantly defied their Maker’s Law to plunder and enslave the world with their own “legalized” iniquity? *While boasting of our noble deeds, we are careful to control the ugly fact that by an iniquitous money system, we have nationalized a system of oppression which, though more refined, is not less cruel than the old system of chattel slavery -- Horace Greeley.*

The boastful claims of the FED that it can create unending prosperity and financial security by building an economy using ever inflating usurious debt (monetized by fiat and called “money” and “economic expansion”) is like a ship’s captain claiming that his vessel has an endless capacity to take on water and though it fills to overflowing, it will, nonetheless, remain afloat and never sink. This is based on the insane alchemy of Keynesian economics that supposedly turns water into air. The immutable laws of physics teach that the only way to save a sinking ship is to pump out the water faster than it is coming in, which in a debt-based economy means to crank up the bilge pumps of deflation (default). Contrary to the many assurances made by the FED, these pumps are meant to expel debt and not protect the trillions of dollars of inflating cargo which sinks the ship, such as pensions, 401k’s, annuities, bonds, CD’s, other interest-bearing paper, the equity of homes driven up by speculative inflation, and all US fiat dollars wherever they exist, be they paper ones “safely” hidden under a mattress or electronic ones prudently stowed away in one’s banking account.

No, the common waters of the fiat US dollar in its various inflating forms are no different than the deadly, cold waters of the Atlantic that swallowed up the Titanic. Water is water and not air, as we have been led to believe, which is why it always sinks ships. And since employing deflation through defaulting on the “investments” of millions of Americans as a *monetary policy* is certain political suicide, to say the least, the only avenue the moneychangers can take is to act noble and calm while appearing to save the ship by making gallant efforts to keep it inflated through increasing monetary liquidity (water) while bailing out those corporations and banks that are already defaulting, as we are witnessing today. While creating more debt through inflation may seem to be the only reasonable course to take, it only hastens the unavoidable economic consequences of their iniquity, as the crushing waters of growing debt fracture the hull and take the ship down. Don’t think that the owners of the ship are willing to go down with it, either, as they long ago planned their ordered evacuation, having already made the private arrangements to protect their personal assets so as to maintain their power. Look to the horizon, for as history as shown us, they are certain to show up on the scene with a new slave ship to “rescue” the people, though not their precious fiat investments, which by then have either inflated into worthlessness or disappeared through deflation.

The sinister insanity of it all is that a debt-based economic system is by nature designed to operate by ever expanding debt, that is, “economic growth” through inflation, which means that the ship was designed from the very beginning to fill with water and eventually sink. Makes you wonder what the few “lifeboats” that exist are meant for doesn’t it . . . perhaps empty tokens of safety to disarm the fears of their passengers and prevent the chaos of anarchy? History has clearly proven that these types of usurious luxury liners were not designed for the long term well-being of its millions of passengers, as the primary goal for such a system is total economic and political dominion, something that moneychangers of the world will fight tenaciously to keep, no matter who or what is expensed. Mayer Amschel Bauer (Rothschild), the father of modern banking made clear the intentions of the ship’s owners, *Give me control of a Nation's money and I care not who makes the laws.*

What amazes me all the more, however, is that nearly all Americans including the vast majority of American Christendom sincerely believe the deceiving rhetoric of the FED—even now when the bow of their beloved economy points skyward and water gushes up around their necks, when the piercing screeches of metal tearing and the thunderous booms of imploding bulkheads only increases—they believe it! “But, hey, isn’t that upbeat tune played by the ship’s band, *The FED Heads*, so reassuring.” Come hell or high water they have to believe in the economic alchemy of the FED, since by faith they have poured all their labor into the magical goose that lays the virtual golden egg. In willful ignorance of the Scriptures and the testimonies of history which prove their veracity, Americans have foolishly put their trust and hopes for financial security and a blessed future in the one great economic god, the *USS Pagan Dominion*. “It just can’t sink, for it will be the end of our dreams!” Ignorance is a temporal bliss and the best slaves are the blind ones that condone and enthusiastically support their master’s means of enslavement, all the while living comfortably deceived in their futile thinking that it provides them their freedom. *It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our Banking and Monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a Revolution before tomorrow morning -- Henry Ford.*

Willful ignorance on the part of fallen man and, sadly, even God’s people, has always been the bane of their fool’s affliction (Pro. 10:13). *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became **futile** in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became **fools*** (Rom. 1:20-22). The word **futile** is translated here from the Greek *mataioo*, which means to make empty or vain. It comes from the root word *mataios*, which means to be devoid of force, truth, success, result . . . to be useless, of no purpose. The English word futile comes from the Latin *futilis*, which means vain, worthless (literally, pouring out easily) and it comes from the base word *fundere*, to pour or melt (from an entomological sense “leaky” – Bacon.) The word **fool** is translated here from the Greek *moraino*, which means to become foolish or loose savour (as in the salt of the world loosing its savour and becoming worthless, only good for road gravel – Mat. 5:13). It comes from the root word *moros*, which means foolish, impious, godless. The English word fool comes from the Latin *folis*, which means bellows or a leather bag and in late Vulgar Latin it was used to refer to one as a windbag, empty-headed, a fool.ⁱ

When I watch history unfold as our great American empire sinks economically I cannot help but consider the futility of foolish man to suppose that he can defy the moral laws of his Creator and forge his own way to peace and prosperity through his incessant worship of mammon. *The Lord knows the thoughts of man, that they are futile. Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law* (Psa. 94:11-12). Of all the gods that our Lord could have cited to condemn the sin of idolatry, He specifically chose mammon (Mat. 6:24), and for good reason. It is the primary god that fallen man chooses to serve since it is the embodiment of the power of money -- wealth personified -- which gives him tremendous power and advantage over his fellow man. And since fallen man hates the pain and sweat associated with laboring by his own hands, he is forever seeking new ways to avoid it by stealing from others. History has shown that the most lucrative way to enslave and plunder the labor and wealth of one’s neighbor, and in a secretive and safe manner for obvious reasons, is to develop a legalized system of theft, an economic monopoly, that alters the nature of money through subverting the law that defines it and in a way that looks so pro-economy, philanthropic, and “moral” that the masses

embrace it with abandoned enthusiasm until they are enslaved and plundered. *The Lord is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands* (Psa. 9:16).

Money assumes the prerogative of ruling the country and defying the laws of the land. It walks boldly into legislative halls and arrogates all of the rights, powers, and immunities of supreme Lawgiver. Money has laid under tribute the labor and property of the country, controls public interests and public men. No class of people receive legislative consideration, except money brokers and paper shavers -- Senate Chaplain Henry Clay Dean, *Crimes Of The Civil War and Curse Of The Funding System*, 1868. As the Scriptures teach, *there is nothing new under the sun*, and that includes America, as many have sounded the alarm in warning us of the growing banking aristocracy that over the last two centuries has finally enslaved and plundered the American people, making them indentured addicts of the various credit products that are hawked at the “ship’s commissary.” The day is soon coming when the virtual (fiat) wealth of Americans will disappear and they will discover in the sore bitterness of fools the biblical realities of their poverty and captivity. *A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished* (Pro. 22:3). It behooves us all, therefore, to take the time to carefully read the quotes below, as they present the sober truth and reality of what we have come to.

1809 – President Thomas Jefferson, from the debate over the rechartering of the Bank Bill:

I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. Already they have raised up a money aristocracy that has set the government at defiance. This issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the people to whom it properly belongs. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered. I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of the moneyed corporations which already dare to challenge our Government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country.

1864 – President Abraham Lincoln, in a letter to William F. Elkins:

The money powers prey upon the nation in times of peace and conspire against it in times of adversity. The banking powers are more despotic than a monarchy, more insolent than autocracy, more selfish than bureaucracy. They denounce as public enemies all who question their methods or throw light upon their crimes. I have two great enemies, the Southern Army in front of me and the bankers in the rear. Of the two, the one at my rear is my greatest foe. Corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow. The money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until the wealth is aggregated in the hands of a few, and the Republic is destroyed."

1931 – Congressman Louis T. McFadden, before the House of Representatives:

Every effort has been made by the Federal Reserve Board to conceal its power. But the truth is, the Federal Reserve Board has usurped the government of the United States. It controls everything here; and it controls our foreign relations. It makes or breaks governments at will. No man, and no body of men, is more entrenched in power than the arrogant credit monopoly which operates the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks. These evil-doers have robbed this country of more than enough money to pay the national debt. What the National Government has permitted the Federal Reserve Board to steal from the people should now be restored to the people. The people have a valid claim against the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks. If that claim is enforced, Americans will not need to stand in bread lines. Homes will be saved. Families will be kept. What is needed here is a return to the Constitution of the United States. The old struggle that was fought out

here in Jackson's day must be fought over again. The Federal Reserve Act should be repealed; and the Federal Reserve Banks - having violated their charters - should be liquidated immediately. Faithless government officers who have violated their oaths of office should be impeached and brought to trial. Unless this is done by us, I predict the American people - outraged, robbed, pillaged, insulted, and betrayed as they are in their own land - will rise in their wrath and send a President here who WILL sweep the money changers from the temple.

1967 – Alan Greenspan, who became Chairman of The Federal Reserve, from his *Gold and Economic Freedom*:

The abandonment of the gold standard made it possible for the welfare statist to use the banking system as a means to an unlimited expansion of credit . . . In the absence of the gold standard, there is no way to protect savings from confiscation through inflation. There is no safe store of value . . . Deficit spending is simply a scheme for the "hidden" confiscation of wealth . . . [Gold] stands as a protector of property rights."

The bottles stand as empty, as they were filled before. Time there was and plenty, but from that cup no more. Though I could not caution all, I still might warn a few: Don't lend your hand to raise no flag atop no ship of fools -- Ship of Fools by The Grateful Dead. Though we were forewarned, the drunken credit orgy of the last sixty years has hit the whirlwind of its own making and the casualty list is yet to be written, and many there will be from among the Lord's own people who were loyal passengers on the Ship of Fools. They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; it shall never produce meal. If it should produce, aliens would swallow it up (Hos. 8:7). Yes, we have lived in relative peace and seeming prosperity, as it has taken many decades for the storm to develop, but America is finally reaping the righteous whirlwind that comes from sowing iniquity through devising evil by law. Though fallen man join hand in hand in seeking to overthrow the righteous laws of his Creator, God in mercy and loving kindness cuts off the wicked, so as to safely land His people upon the Rock of His mercy and grace. Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, have fellowship with You? They gather together against the life of the righteous, and condemn innocent blood. But the Lord has been my defense, and my God the rock of my refuge. He has brought on them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; The Lord our God shall cut them off (Psa. 94:20-23).

The Lord, Who is not in the least bit pressured or threatened by the tyranny of unregenerate men nor their seemingly invincible kingdoms, though His people frequently cower in subservient fear to them, has suffered long the wicked ways of the moneyed aristocracy that have grown in great power over America over the last two centuries, but especially since World War II. Their rise to power is not unrelated to the doings of American Christendom, either, for over the same period the Lord has given it plenty of time to repent from the idolatry of unequally yoking itself to these gods of mammon and their prosperity (2Cor. 6:14-18). But like the small vine that grows to eventually strangle the tree it latches unto, so the Lord has suffered the wicked to become the head over His people because of their generational covenant breaking (Deu. 28). The Lord has been most gracious in giving us, His people, generations of time to reform our ways according to the glorious light of His Word, but we have hardened our hearts in the blindness of patriotic piety . . . so much so as to presume His blessing upon and approbation of our nation by daring to place His name upon the filthy lucre of our idolatry, the fiat US dollar, claiming "*In God We Trust*," all the while asking Him to bless the pagan nation born of it. And so the Lord in His perfect and just timing commences to take the nation down by the foolish hand of America's doing, for the Lord renders the ways of the wicked upon their own heads, both believer and heathen alike (Eze. 22:31). Our growing economic woes and increasing loss of freedom are the just consequences for our once Christian republic that many generations ago turned its back on the Lord and His commandments to seek the wealth and prosperity proffered by the money brokers and paper shavers that have come to rule it (Deu. 23:6, Ezra 9:10-14). *Ship of fools on a cruel sea, ship of fools sail away from me. It was later than I thought, when I first believed you, Now I cannot share your laughter, ship of fools -- Ship of Fools by The Grateful Dead.*

As powerful and impressive as the *USS Pagan Dominion* is, she is not invincible, by any means. In fact, she was doomed the day she set sail, for her very nature is utterly contrary to the righteous Law of God that condemns the dishonest weights and unjust measures of her fiat money and usurious ways, which are both abominations cursed of the Lord (Pro. 20:10, Eze. 18:10-13). *Do not envy the oppressor, and choose none of his ways; for the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, but His secret counsel is with the upright. The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the just* (Pro. 3:31-33). Even though the beloved economic system and money of America is sanctioned by “law,” endorsed by “we the people,” and presumed to be blessed of God, its perverse practices are by design the tools of slavery and oppression, for which the Supreme Lawgiver and King, the Lord Jesus Christ, will destroy in His perfect timing and glory from His throne in Heaven, as He has all oppressors since the beginning of time. *The Lord is King forever and ever; the nations have perished out of His land. Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear, to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may oppress no more* (Psa. 10:16-18). In breaking the rod of those who oppress His people, the Lord is not concerned should it also destroy the “wealth” of His people who have unequally yoked themselves to their oppressors in seeking their peace and prosperity, especially since we are expressly forbidden to join in a common purse with them (Pro. 1:10-19). To lament, therefore, His righteous judgments because it came upon our own wicked ways in destroying our personal financial kingdoms, is to weep as an enemy of God who has made the world its friend (James 4:4-5). I know these are hard words, but let every man be a liar and God be true. Is it not far better to weep in genuine repentance, for the Lord is faithful to save His people from their wandering ways when they turn back to Him?

Though we see our economy reeling from the whirlwind of its own making, none of us know what the Lord will do in the long run in dealing with the generational sin of His people and the pagan rulers He has placed over them. He could allow the moneyed aristocracy to simply raise another ship of fools (a bigger central bank and a new currency – perhaps the Amero) to maintain their dominion over His people with little interruption, while allowing our present ship to sink in humbling them even further, as they would suffer tremendous financial loss while coming under even greater enslavement. He could also bring the whole house of cards down in destroying our wicked economic system and government in one tumultuous collapse, which, in my opinion would be more merciful (1Chr. 21:9-13), though it would also bring down the financial castles and personal kingdoms of His people that are comprised of the virtual money of debt-based economics. Perhaps, He will bring His people to a proactive repentance and reformation where the true Gospel will be brought once again to the American people and revival will break out throughout the land, but even this will bring painful consequences for we know from the sure testimonies of the Lord found in His word that, although He forgives the sins of His people, He also takes vengeance upon their deeds (Psa. 99:8). No matter what way He chooses, we all face some very difficult years, as He leads us down into the valley of Baca, the valley of tearful repentance. It really depends upon the actions of His people in either turning the corner in genuine repentance and reformation or remaining stubbornly obstinate in their unbelief, as the children of Israel did in the wilderness, for which we are clearly warned from the Scriptures not to do the same (1Cor 10: 1-13, Heb. 3:7-19).

Like it or not . . . believe it or not, by the time the gaudy bow of the *USS Pagan Dominion* finally slips below the waves, taking with her the almighty US dollar and every paper “investment” denominated by it, there will be no economic lifeboats to save the virtual wealth of the American people, believers included. I can picture her captain and officers shaking their fists full of dollars in the face of God while shouting, “damn His Laws . . . inflate, inflate ahead,” while the passengers scurry about the tilting deck in utter panic looking for life vests, but not for themselves but for their god mammon! There is hope, however, just as there has always been. It's called repentance where one abandons ship long before it sinks by converting one's paper assets into tangibles—land, livestock, seeds, tools, gold and silver, and other forms of real wealth—that can be stewarded locally with other likeminded brethren under the watchful care and mercy of the Lord. Yes, there is the painful, though righteous, price of repentance to be paid in the form of onerous taxes and penalties, but should repentance be painless we would soon forget what got us into our predicament in the first place.

I would like to conclude with two quotes from long ago that sum up well our predicament, though they may smart with the sting of conviction. At least they have for me.

We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debt, as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessaries and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our calling and our creeds . . . [we will] have no time to think, no means of calling our miss-managers to account but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow-sufferers . . . And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance becomes a precedent for [another] . . . till the bulk of society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery . . . And the fore-horse of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression. -- Thomas Jefferson

If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsel or your arms. Crouch down and lick the hands of those who feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen. -- Samuel Adams

Brothers and sisters in Christ, yea, even those who do not yet profess Him but are drawn to Him by the truth, while the Lord makes a way for us in what waning peace and financial freedom that remains, let us **together** call upon the name of the Lord, humble ourselves before Him, pray, seek His face, turn from the many generations of wickedness we and our fathers have committed, and turn to Him, while it is still called today. *But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen* (1 Peter 5:10-11).

ⁱ (These cobbled definitions were compiled from the *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon* (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1995), the *Chambers Dictionary of Etymology* (Chambers Harrap Publishers, Ltd, Edinburgh, 1988), and *The Oxford Universal Dictionary* (Oxford University Press, Amen House, London E.C., 1955.)