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### Congress doesn’t understand debt

Let’s play Monopoly. My 10-year-old grandson became the banker and helped his younger brother learn the rules. Everything was going fine.

Suddenly, the 4-year-old grandson wanted to join in, begging to roll the dice and make the moves. “OK, let him play.”

They played quietly for an hour, until he also wanted his own money, his own car, money for passing Go and having his own properties.

“Give him a credit card”, I said.

So the banker kept record of his credit.

I was a hero! They played quietly for hours, until he had several properties but no money… just credit.

Then he landed on Boardwalk with a hotel owned by the banker! And the noise began.

“You’re out of money! You are done!”

“No, I want to play!”

“But you are broke!”

“I want to play! Give me more money! Mommy!”

How much does Congress owe? Fifteen trillion! How old must one be to understand credit and debt? Seventy? Eighty?

### Proving your ancestry with y-dna

Genealogy is the fastest growing hobby in the U.S.

Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution (SAR & DAR) have a paper trail back to Thomas Jefferson’s world.

Is their paper trail right? Perhaps records were burned, or there was an adoption, or someone lied. The solution is in the y-dna.

My trail has the following:

- 1800: P My John Cox was south of Lynchburg having marriages in Hinshaw’s Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, Vol. VI. South River Meeting at Lynchburg was the first Quaker meeting south of the James River.
- 1811: Marriage of James, only son of Valentine Cox near Lynchburg, is in the Quaker Encyclopedia.
- 1813: Valentine Cox, William’s descendant, died south of Lynchburg, VA, adjacent to Jefferson’s 4,819 acres called Poplar Forrest.
- Valentine had a brother named John. Can I prove he was my ancestor?
- A lab at FamilyTreeDNA (ftdna.com) sent a y-dna kit to a distant cousin in San Francisco. It revealed that his 37 y-dna markers (which are passed down from father to son) matched mine almost perfectly! Our paper trails were both correct. We both descend from the above John Cox.
- However, we did not match the Quaker Coxes who came to Virginia from Pennsylvania!
- Next, the lab sent a kit to an 84-year-old descendant of Valentine Cox in Oregon, and his 37 markers did not match mine! If we had matched, we would also match Valentine Cox and have a paper trail back to William Cox of 1610.

### At fault on 9-11: Drunk on Tolerance

It appears that the 9-11 panel hearings are finding evidence that the entire system was at fault for 9-11.

Reminds me of the dogma of “globalization” during the last ten years: “The Statue of Liberty says, ‘Give us your poor, desperate terrorists with skills to illegally sneak in, and we will learn to tolerate them’.” But how do we learn to tolerate the intolerant?

Why did 9-11 happen? Like in ancient Troy, the “horse” was in our gates, and everyone was asleep and indifferent. After all, we were in good hands. Perhaps it happened because our officials responsible for manning our posts were drunk on tolerance. Drunk and asleep while on duty.

There was a time when watchmen were shot for not sounding an alarm, but today we tolerate them. Besides, how do we court-marshal the entire bureaucracy?

A picture of innocence being raped by intruders? Perhaps not. The front door was left wide open. Who left the door open? Well, the 9-11 committee, the favorite brother of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, FBI and CIA, is investigating it.

The military drops a few bombs, repositions a few men and extorts $5000 billion from the public. And that’s good, right? We need an enemy to replace Russia, right? Better than closing bases, right?

Well, I’d better end this before someone charges me with subversion, for not tolerating our present form of government, right?
Another Look at “Creation Science”

Indiana Senators have pledged allegiance to the Constitution yet they pass Senate Bill 89 to teach religion in state schools? Is this legal? Better get the Attorney General’s opinion!

Should science classes teach Creation? One says, “I think God created dinosaur bones and buried them during the seven days of creation 6,000 years ago to test our faith, to see if we would believe the King James Version of the Bible.”

Should science cover this? Another says, “If God cannot create man from mud, how can we believe He can remake us? How can we believe in a resurrection?” If a lion ate a Christian martyr, can dung be restored back into the martyr? Ask “doubting Thomas”.

Where does it end? With reincarnation, UFOs, and people raptured like Mohammad? With holy cows?

The greater we create God in our imagination, the greater we create Him in our own image. And yet we are not to create images of God, right?

Moses is our source for time during creation. So, how good was he about recording time?

I found a curious, 251-year pattern in his book, “Genesis”.

Noah was 502 when he had Shem, and Shem died 502 years after the flood. In the King James Version, Noah was born 1056 years after Adam. In the Samaritan Text, the flood was in 1307 years (1307-1056=251).

Life spans of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob together were 502 years. Abraham was born 251 x 8 years after Adam, 251 years after Babel fell, 251 years before Joseph, 502 years before the Exodus. Is this science?

For more details: code251.com.

Intelligent Design or Numerology?

A library at Purdue has my book, Intelligent Design. I have discovered a curious 427-year pattern in the writings of Moses, which I would like to share.

It could be included in discussions on the beginning of time or “the end of time”.

1. From Adam to Noah’s flood, there were 427 years times 4, but 52 years were subtracted from this period to make 1656 years.
2. From Adam to when Abraham was called (age 75), there were 427 years times 5.
3. From Adam to when the Israelites left Egypt at the Exodus, there were 427 years times 6.
4. From Adam to Solomon’s temple, there were 427 years times 7, but 52 years were added to make 479 years, exodus to the temple (I Kings 6:1).
5. From Adam to the fall of Babylon in 539 BC, there were 427 years times 8.

Is this pattern based upon numerology or science?

Perhaps by coincidence, Jupiter also has a 427-year cycle. NASA says it orbits around the sun 36 times every 427.104 years, but could Moses have known this?

Well, the Venus cycle was known long before the Exodus from Egypt. Every 243 and 251 years Venus transits over the sun as it did in 2004 and 2012 AD.

Perhaps by coincidence, there were 251 years times 7 from Adam to the fall of Babel, when Peleg was born (Genesis 10:25). There were 251 years times 8 from Adam to the birth of Abraham and 251 times 9 from Adam to the birth of Joseph. Obviously, Jupiter and Venus fit the patterns.

Another Look at “Creation Science”

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(More details at: code251.com).

• From Adam to Noah’s birth there were 1056 years in the King James Bible, and the flood was 251 years later (year 1307) in the Samaritan Bible.
• Shem was born when Noah was 502, and he continued living 502 years after the Noah’s flood (251 x 2).
• The fall of Babel was 1757 years after Adam (251 x 7).
• Abraham’s birth was 2008 years after Adam (251 x 8). The Samaritan Text has 2259 years to Abraham (251 x 9).
• Joseph’s birth was 2259 years after Adam (251 x 9).
• Lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (175, 180, 147) total 502.
• The pattern continues after Moses, during the temples:
  • Eusebius, bishop of Caesarea, said Solomon’s temple was founded 502 years before the second temple was founded (251 x 2) in 520 BC, in the second year of Darius (History of the Church).
  • Herod’s temple was built in 18 BC, 502 years after the second temple was founded (251 x 2).
  • Nehemiah restored Jerusalem’s wall in 502 BC, year twenty of Darius, 502 years before the Christian Era.
Congress' behavior is out of control

Like children out of control, Congress is testing its boundaries – testing the Constitution, testing gun control, testing its “right” to simply print money, testing newspapers’ right to give one side of a controversial issue – while telling everyone, “You’re not my boss!”

Such control freaks need some time out or need to be confined for having a control disorder. Real adults are becoming extinct. Straightjackets might help. No bloodshed. Just put them away somewhere until they grow up. Very embarrassing in the world scene.

Congress is full of lawyers (some are “Christians”), but not one of them can plead the cause of the widow, the elderly and the helpless unborn. Not one can argue both sides of an issue, as I had to do in college.

Our next generation will likely have its own version of the Golden Rule: Love your neighbor as yourself… if they deserve it. Treat others as you want to be treated… if they deserve it. Respect your elders… if they deserve it. Honor your father and mother… if they deserve it.

Because they are bound to become this way, we should borrow $19 trillion from them now, during our generation, right?

Environment to Grow Economy

If we are in a battle to cut federal spending, lower the inflation rate, balance the budget, and create jobs, the first act is to profile our enemy in the battle.

Do congressmen create jobs? No. Congress should create an environment in which a healthy free market should flourish (perhaps something not taught in law schools). Otherwise, members of Congress should have their jobs threatened when there is 9 to 18 percent unemployment.

Do teachers teach students? No, they create an environment in which healthy students should learn. This includes computers, audio-visual presentations and “hands on” experience.

Do gardeners grow plants? No, they create an environment in which healthy plants should grow (things you learn at Purdue).

What does an economic environment need? Warren Buffett (on July 24, CNBC) said, “I could end the deficit in five minutes. You just pass a law that says that anytime there is a deficit of more than three percent of GDP all sitting members of Congress are ineligible for re-election.”

Newt Gingrich says Congress needs to restore its “Contract With America” as in the Clinton years. It worked! But Congress somehow found loopholes.

Herman Cain says Congress should pass his “9-9-9 Plan” to reform taxes on sales, income and corporate taxes.

Bills are proposed to shrink Congressmen’s term in office or to cut pay or to fire the IRS may sound great but will never pass.

Meanwhile, we shift from congress and focus heavily on re-electing a President.

What is a level playing field?

In any battle, the first duty is to profile the enemy. Likewise, we need to profile the kind of country we’re in.

Picture our country this way:

- Each of us enters a game of Monopoly where one player starts with $84,000; one gets $11,000, the third gets $4,000, the fourth and fifth get $200 and $100. Want to play? Starting out even is Socialism, right?

Huffington Post says most Americans think the richest player (richest 20%) only gets $32,000 (32% of the wealth).

- So “the reality is” one player takes wealth from the other four and gets richer. He feels “lucky” having the other four “land” on his assets! But he feels sooo successful!

Guess which player owns oil stocks and now gets $4-5 per gallon! Guess who lands on his property. Guess which one lobbies his “elected officials”?

- The other four players mortgage their properties, become hopeless, file bankruptcy or drop out. These “losers” become trash that will, hopefully, become someone else’s treasure, right?

- But a rich man can’t play by himself. So, how about Monopoly using credit cards? Now there’s an idea! Or how about “You’re fired! I’m taking my money to a new game offshore!”

- “The reality is” that producers need consumers. Wealth must “trickle down” to the masses. So, the rich must provide jobs.

Living in the real world includes the Golden Rule, pleading the cause of the widow, orphan and homeless, having good judgment, mercy and acting in good faith.
Reconciling church and a secular state

Seems that we all have two opposing beliefs:

First, our coins are engraved with “In God We Trust”, and we pledge allegiance to “One nation under God”. We swear on the Bible pledging the truth, “So help me God”.

On the other hand, we deny there is a Higher Power than the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal government, and we make various assumptions:

- That, if we report seeing a ghost, an invisible life form coexisting with our realm (such as reported in 2 Kings 6:17 & Revelation), we need to have our heads examined, right?
- That there is no “heavenly throne” surrounded by 100 million angels controlling a vast army of 200 million ready to invade “Babylon”, no invisible hand reaching into our realm writing on our wall.
- That, like Babylon, our walls are high and wide. Open the gates! Invite everyone to an endless feast! Get drunk on tolerance; become obese. Train wolves to guard the sheep!
- That, if there were such a parallel dimension, a Higher Power, it would view abortion and gay marriage as “human rights endowed by a Creator”, perfectly legal, no penalties.
- It would not likely intervene to plead the cause of the widows, orphans and homeless, to remove stress, to cancel debts, poverty and robbing cradles for taxes, to plead for the lives of the unborn.

However, it is never safe to assume anything. Everything Hitler did was legal, right?

We need to learn the basics to fix America

When I taught Art & Design at Purdue, I first surveyed the “entry level” of the students. They needed to create portfolios used for admission to other departments using basic art skills. They needed the basics.

The reality is that half had no art in high school, and many had no previous art training at all.

How could I design my goals and objectives for teaching line, color, texture, form, space, contrast, balance, emphasis, variety and repetition if I could not reach the students on their own entry levels? If we want to go somewhere, we first need to find where we are. We may be lost.

What kind of country would you like to live in? Well, first boil this down to what the reality is. Then set goals and specific policies for our elected officials.

The reality is that Americans, regardless of their political party or gender, think the richest 20% of Americans should own only 32% of the nation’s wealth. The reality is this group owns 84% and rises to 93% if we subtract housing in the survey (Google: “vastly underestimate wealth-inequality”).

Every congressman should know this or else correct it and then act on it! Serve the people, not just lobbyists (or bribers).

Oil companies are being subsidized with our tax money. And now gas is $4.00 per gallon!

Just make it illegal to buy undelivered paper oil. Say it’s for national security reasons. Speculators are robbing everyone! Put some limits on Wall Street!

The weightier matters of the law include the Golden Rule, pleading the cause of the widow, orphan and homeless, having good judgment, mercy and acting in good faith.

Send politicians off to Rehab

Elected officials were hired to manage money taken from present taxpayers, right?

Instead, they are managing money by robbing the cradle, by robbing our helpless unborn grandchildren. Or are they just printing the money?

Do the feds have a right to use future dollars to provide everyone now with cars, refrigerators, food, houses, golf-carts, healthcare and clothing? Where exactly does the Constitution provide these powers to the feds?

The 1989 savings and loan meltdown recovered without a stimulus package. The 2008 bank meltdown is allegedly recovering with $800 billion in stimulus money. And yet haven’t both followed the same recovery pattern in about the same amount of time?

If only 15-20% of the stimulus money is spent before the DOW returns to 10,500 to 11,000, will the President rubberstamp Congress spending the remaining 80-85%?

If the feds pass a 1,000-page, government-run healthcare reform bill, will the $2.9 trillion held in Social Security reserves (from taxes on benefits since 1983) be used to pay for abortions, for those under age 65 and for illegal aliens who suddenly receive amnesty?

Congress is using OPM, other people’s money! Better send them to rehab!
God’s Plan Includes Sabbaticals and Jubilees

Why study sabbaticals and jubilees? There are dozens of examples that prove they are closely related to prophecy and God’s over-all plan. It is unlikely that “the last 3½ years” or the time of the end will be truly understood without them.

Judah went into captivity for 10 sabbaticals because she forgot the sabbaticals (II Chr. 36:21, 22).

Are they still forgotten? Can it be known when the sabbaticals are?

- If Jerusalem fell at the end of a sabbatical year (Jer. 34) and if Cyrus captured Babylon 49 years later, perhaps this will help us understand the fall of Babylon the Great in Revelation 18. This cycle began after Joshua crossed the Jordan.
- Historically, Herod captured Jerusalem and tried to kill the Christ-child after he was born. Then, was he the “dragon” of Revelation 12?
- The year that Herod captured Jerusalem and became King over the Jews is very important in understanding the Hebrew calendar and sabbaticals.

3761 BC is used as the basis for calculating the 19-year cycle. What is not widely known is that it also began the sabbatical cycle. These cycles did not begin after Joshua crossed the Jordan.

- How can this be proven?
  Josephus, a first century Levite scholar said Herod captured Jerusalem in a sabbatical year. This was in 37 BC, 3724 years after 3761.

3764 years equal 196 19-year cycles. This reveals that it was also four jubilees times 19!

It is also 532 sabbaticals.

- It is also seven cycles of 532 years each! 532 years are 28 19-year cycles. These two cycles allow the same dates to repeat after each cycle.
- Is the Hebrew calendar accurate?
  If it were off three or four days in 2,000 years, there would not be a solar eclipse in 71 AD on the new moon, the first day of a new year on the Hebrew calendar. This is confirmed by NASA’s solar eclipse calendar.
  If it were off three or four days in 2,000 years, there would not be a lunar eclipse on the Passover in AD 2014, on the full moon, on Nisan 14, on April 14, 2014. This is confirmed by NASA’s lunar eclipse calendar.
  - Dozens of other examples could be cited, such as the date Solomon founded the temple 427 sabbaticals after 3957 BC. The second temple was founded one jubilee after Nebuchednezzar became a wild beast for seven years, 28 jubilees before Alexander. Alexander allowed the Jews to observe their land rest six jubilees before Herod conquered Jerusalem.
  - Jerusalem burned at the end of the 15th sabbatical after 37 BC, and the Bar Kochba revolt against Roman “occupiers” was equal to 9 sabbaticals after that.
- Again, this cycle did not begin after Joshua crossed the Jordan.
  - When is the next sabbatical? 2022 AD is 49 jubilees after Herod conquered Jerusalem, and 2015 AD is the next sabbatical.
  Why study sabbaticals and jubilees?
  The above evidence shows they are an integral part of God’s over-all master plan and may help us understand the time of the end.
George Orwell’s
“Double-Speak”

George Orwell’s “1984” was required reading in college. He said that “double-speak” would become the standard practice.

One says ObomaCare is remodeled, RomneyCare in Massachusetts. Another says, “But we can trust Mitt Romney.”

One says unemployment is 8.3 percent of 160 million workers, but Governor Daniels says the employment rate is 64 percent, “lowest it's been since the era of stay-at-home moms.”

One says we need to ‘drill baby drill’ to increase supply, to reduce prices. Bill O’Reilly says, “I never realized we export oil to other countries after a warm winter! So why are prices high?”

(Electric car sales depend on high gas prices. Why “delay” the Keystone pipeline? Why drive green sales away to China?)

One says four Korans were accidentally burned in Kabul and that’s bad! Another says terrorists burned many times more than that on 9-11, in the twin towers, and that’s not bad?

The feds say, “We passed laws to protect the borders of Arizona, but we’ll sue Arizona if they try to enforce them.”

Congress says, “If we raise our debt ceiling above $15 trillion, we will agree to cut spending 10 percent. But “10 percent cut” means “reducing what we would have spent in 10 years.”

One says women have a right to contraceptives. Others say they have a right not to dispense them. Another says that we can’t honor rights of both.

Seeking the truth is like drilling for water near a city dump; the water might not kill you. It just makes you very sick.

Perhaps we should vote for the one that lies the least.

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Congress’ behavior is something else

After elected, members of Congress are like lottery winners who suddenly have a million “friends”, and, within five years, they are bankrupt. And yet Congress can control GM, which is bankrupt, control the banks, control the housing market, control the 9-11 extremists, and others with the same problems the Congress has.

Congress wants “fair and balanced coverage” of various issues, right? Don’t members of Congress also have “talking points” handed down by their party? Not one can argue both sides of an issue.

Congress is full of lawyers; some are “Christians”, but true religion is pleading the cause of the widow, the orphan as well as the helpless unborn (James 1:27).

“Doctor” Tiller willfully killed 60,000 children who would have otherwise lived? And it’s illegal to drive with your seatbelt off because you might accidentally kill someone? (One officer writes 500 tickets per year for not reducing speed quickly enough before reaching the only stop light in his town.)

So Madoff made off with $50 billion of others’ life savings and retirement funds? No oversight, right?

And now Congress wants to expand and oversee Medicaid-type health insurance to cover everyone?
### Grassroots demand vs. top-down mandates

What if the Supreme Court decides that the government cannot force us to buy health insurance… that mandates are the enemy?

If we are in a battle to reduce costs for healthcare, the first act is to profile our enemy in the battle.

Perhaps the Supreme Court will brand ObamaCare as un-constitutional. But what if the court tweaks the law so that it is constitutional? How? Just remove the mandate that we must purchase it. Make sure it attracts grassroots consumers.

But this would be “legislating from the bench”, right? No, congress passes bills all the time without having the Attorney General’s opinion on whether the law would be constitutional.

A 1990 mandate required GM, Toyota, Honda, Ford, Nissan and Chrysler to offer electric cars. Never mind that gas prices might sharply drop, and that jobs would likely be lost. Electric cars wouldn’t need new or remanufactured trans-missions, spark plugs & distributors, gas tanks, fuel pumps & carburetors, water pumps & radiators.

So, being unsure about consumer demand, GM scrapped its electric cars in 2002. Why? Production should meet demand rising upward from the grassroots, not coming downward from a mandate.

This should be a good lesson to avoid ObamaCare if mandated from the top downward.

### U.S. has two parties of liberal leaders

Reagan said, “I didn’t leave the Democrat Party; the party left me.”

What might this mean? Are Reagan conservatives actually liberals?

- Case in point: Excessive “ear marks” and a bridge to nowhere!
- Case in point: From WWI to Vietnam, wars were under Presidents Wilson, Roosevelt, Truman and Johnson (all Democrats). The Cold War ended, the Pentagon lacked funding, and we began to close bases. So we needed another perpetual enemy.

This should be a good lesson to avoid ObamaCare if mandated from the top downward.

### Class warfare ignores how the rich help poor

Huffington Post says that 20 per cent of Americans own 84 per cent of the wealth. What does this mean?

There are two opposing forces at work in balancing the economy.

Federal Reserve Chairman, Ben Bernanke, should explain this…

- The wealthiest 20 percent pay 68 per cent of all income taxes. The government redistributes these taxes to make the country better for the other 80 per cent. It is unconstitutional to redistribute wealth directly from the rich to the poor.

The richest 20 percent hire the 80 percent and manage their retirement funds taking advantage of stock market bubbles in technology, gold, oil and real estate, all “on paper”. Instead of business cycles, they create bubble cycles by simply buying and selling undelivered goods.

Paper bubbles burst when, like Bernard Madoff, they decide they prefer paper dollars. The first to sell gets the most.

- The second force is inflation. The government takes dollars from the 80 per cent and gives them back to the richest 20 per cent. How?

The price of a gallon of gas was $1.00 in 1978, $2.00 in 1998 and should be $4.00 in 2018. Prices have doubled every 20 years since the Federal Reserve was formed in 1913. Incomes rise much slower.

The inflation cycle bursts when dollars are just printed or “borrowed” and mass produced to cause the DOW to rise “back to normal”, and the dollar plung-es in value.
States need to reclaim rights

What if the Congress violates states’ rights granted by the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution? Could states demand a grievance procedure that the federal government will respect?

A 50-governor “Tea Party” may address these abuses. So far 37 states have introduced legislation declaring their sovereignty (Do a web search for “Tenth Amendment Center”).

Where does the Constitution expressly say the government can seize our earnings through payroll deductions to finance abortions and give the elderly “end of life counseling” and deny treatments?

To preserve power over the states, the feds grab access to our individual paychecks to impose the income tax, Social Security tax and now a Medicaid for everyone tax? And a cap and trade tax?

These seizures inhibit the states from ever reversing the fed’s first option on our checks. It is a “power grab” and a hidden trap — hidden because we focus on what the plans leave out. We want entitlements, but money doesn’t grow on trees.

The feds seize “taxes” from our checks for companies “too big to fail” instead of local banks that have followed the rules. Miss a few payments, and your house goes to Freddie Mack regardless of your state, right?

The federal government is elderly, well over 65, grossly obese, broke and in need of a life-prolonging intervention, a new heart.

Should we pay for it or just offer the red pill? Hmm!

Cost of Living Calculator Profiles our Enemy

If we are in a battle to preserve our present standard of living, our first task is to profile our enemy in the battle.

First, prices have doubled every 20 years since 1913, since the Federal Reserve. A cost of living calculator is found by Googling for: “measuringworth.com/calculators/ppowerus”.

You simply insert a price and date, such as, $1.00 in 1913. Then you add another date, like 2010. The calculator says today’s price would be $22.70.

Here are some other findings:

I began teaching in 1964 for $5,000 per year. The calculator says a teacher should now start at $47,600 to buy the same.

But why go into teaching if it pays only $30,000, when there are college bills to pay, when teachers would need a second income to buy the same?

Another enemy is that companies downsize even when there is no recession, when sales have not dropped. (Guess who gets a bonus for “cutting costs”?)

Instead of allowing new teachers tenure after five years, the school will sometimes return for another cheaper graduate. This is job security, right?

It’s legal for a company to buy another company and confiscate its retirement funds, but it’s illegal to drive without wearing a seat belt.

I built a new home in 1966 for $15,000. Calculator says now it should be $101,000 to build.

In 1978, gas reached $1 per gallon for the first time. The calculator says it should now cost $3.34.

Perhaps China’s currency is not the one being manipulated!
One-Sided Monopoly

Most Americans do not understand how wealth is distributed. Picture it this way:

In Monopoly everyone starts out even, right? That’s socialism.

On the contrary, we enter the game with one player having $84,000; one has $11,000, one has $4,000, one gets $200, and one has $100. Want to play?

- “The reality is” Americans, regardless of their political party or gender, think it is fair if the richest player has 32% of the total wealth but suspects he actually has up to 59%. But “the reality is” he owns 84%.

Google: “vastly-underestimate-wealth-inequality”.

- The richest 1% actually own about 50% of the wealth like during the Great Depression. So “the reality is” one player takes wealth from the other four and gets richer. One feels “lucky” having the other four “land” on his assets! But he feels sooo successful!

- The other four players mortgage their properties, become homeless, file bankruptcy or drop out. These “losers” become trash that hopefully will become someone else’s treasure, right?

- A rich man can’t play by himself. How about Monopoly using credit cards? Now there’s an idea! Or how about “You’re fired! I’m taking my money to a new game offshore!”

- “The reality is” that producers need consumers. Wealth must “trickle down” to the masses. So, the rich must provide jobs.

The wealthiest 20% pay 70-80% of all taxes and government becomes a “slum lord”. Therefore, those without jobs and without savings should feel “entitled” to buy homes with nothing down, right?

Relearning the Basics in Economics

The “Golden Rule” says, “those who have the gold make the rules”, right?

So, if our Federal Reserve has a certain amount of gold, it can print a certain amount of dollars, right? Senator Ron Paul has tried to have these amounts audited but was unsuccessful.

When the Spaniards shipped masses of gold from the Indians, they closed factories throughout Spain and simply bought everything from other countries.

When the gold ran out, they had no factories and no jobs. Eventually, it took a wheel barrel full of money to buy just one loaf of bread.

When the Romans captured Jerusalem in 70 AD, they shipped masses of gold from the temple to Rome. They used it to pay soldiers and to construct the coliseum… until the gold ran out (Josephus, Antiquities).

But gold is just another NYSE commodity valued in dollars, right? Dollars buy permanent things like gold, diamonds and real estate or temporary things like hairstyles, ball games, booze and dog food.

Dollars can buy products and services made in America and create American jobs.

Rich Uncle Sam owns the gold and up to half the land in some states. But Poor Uncle Sam is $14.5 trillion in debt? Perhaps he should get off Welfare and go to work… perhaps drilling for oil. Or mortgage his White House and start a retirement plan. Perhaps we should all relearn the basics.

Baby Boomers will not bankrupt Social Security!

Will baby boomers cause Social Security to crash?

We are told that “Boomers” born after 1946 turned 60 in 2006 and will be 65 in 2011 and will receive Social Security.

What we are not being told is when the “Boomers” will end. To find this, we need to study the birth rates after 1946. This will imply how many are turning 60-65 today.

If birth rates dropped sharply after 1958, then benefits should drop sharply 60 yrs. later, in 2018. This we are not being told and it makes us wonder why?

Here is a short history of birth rates since the Great Depression (Google for “Baby Boomers” “Wikipedia”):

When Social Security began in 1935, there were about 20 new births per 1,000 citizens. This rose to 25 per 1,000 in 1946. After 1958, there were only 15 births per 1,000. About 50 million unborn were killed after 1973.

So, demand for Social Security should actually drop sharply after 2018, that is, 60 years after 1958.

Moreover, after 1983, everyone receiving Social Security benefits began paying tax on it as new income, not money from their Social Security Account already taxed on.

We never hear that these taxes have been stored as a reserve, not as a surplus. This reserve has now grown to $2.6 trillion!

After 2018, annual benefits will exceed annual contributions, and this reserve will gradually “kick in” to keep the system solvent, and fewer should be retiring after 2018.

So, watch that $2.6 trillion! There are buzzards out there. It should still grow after 2011.
Social Security a Ponzi Scheme?

Presidential candidate, Rick Perry, dropped in the polls after implying that, if the government robs Social Security “surplus”, it would prove it is a “Ponzi Scheme”. Mitt Romney replied that Social Security has performed its duties and has not yet become a Ponzi scheme. One says it will eventually morph into a Ponzi Scheme. The other says it hasn’t morphed yet.

A Ponzi scheme is like using your Visa to pay MasterCard, like a company using payments received from a second circle of “investors” to pay claims made by a smaller circle of “investors”.

This is what Charles Ponzi did in 1920. Word got out about the great earnings, and the “investors” increased massively.

Bernie Madoff’s $50 billion scam was a Ponzi scheme. New “investors” eventually ceased to grow enough to pay the claims.

Social Security Annual Reports show a protected Reserve Fund available for future claims.

Since reforms made in 1983 and 1993, taxes paid by recipients on Social Security in-come are in a Social Security “Reserve” Fund, not in a “Surplus” Fund. These taxes have accumulated to about $2.6 trillion.

Political pundits, like Mark Levin, say the money is spent, but actually the claims will finally equal the contributions in about 2018 and will begin to be subsidized by the reserve just like we do with our oil reserve. This is not “bankruptcy”!

It would be nice if officials from Social Security would make a clear presentation on TV to clear this up.

Police Disturbing the Peace

Rossville City Council has approved a “speed trap” for several years… a real money-maker! Here’s how it works:

You see, many have the impression they are safe going 60 on highway 26 instead of the 55 mph. Not so!

When you approach Rossville at an hour before midnight, a city policeman is parked in front of the only 30 mph speed sign before you reach the only stop light in town.

You know, that sign is hard enough to see on a dark night at that hour without hiding it.

The policeman parks facing west with his radar gun pointing east. When a car going 60 reaches the patrol car at the 30 mph sign, the flashers go on at that very instant. Gotcha! Even if the “speeding car” pulls over within one foot of the 30 mph sign, he still gets a ticket for $214! $112 for speeding and $100 for going 60 mph for one foot.

You see, it is all about money and meeting quotas. My wife’s inlaws are troopers and they also have quotas! The captain in Rossville has personally told me that a patrolman in Rossville writes 500 tickets per year and even invited me to his town council meeting if I wanted!

Later, I advised his “patrolman”, “If you are so concerned about making cars slow down in the short distance to the only stop light in town, why not do what Purdue is doing? Just place an interactive sign here at the 30 mph sign showing how fast the cars are moving.”

He said, “We’ve been thinking about that.” But in two years nothing has changed! The lion still pounces, feeds his family, and the herd speeds on.

Congress can’t even control itself

After elected, members of Congress are like lottery winners who suddenly have a million “friends,” and, within five years, they are bankrupt. An yet Congress can control GM, which is bankrupt, control the banks, control the housing market, control the 9-11 extremists, and control others with the same problems that Congress has.

Congress wants “fair and balanced coverage” of various issues, right? Don’t members of Congress also have “talking points” handed down by their parties? Not one of them can argue both sides of an issue.

Congress is full of lawyers; some are “Christians”, but true religion is pleading the cause of the widow, the orphan and the helpless unborn (James 1:27).

“Doctor” Tiller willfully killed 60,000 children who would have otherwise lived. And it’s illegal to drive without seatbelts because you might accidentally kill someone? (One officer writes 500 tickets per year for not reducing speed quickly enough before reaching the only stop light in town.)

So Madeoff made off with $50 billion of others’ life savings and retirement funds? No oversight, right? And now Congress wants to expand Medicaid-type health insurance to cover everyone?
How is “Trickle Down” Working for you?

After 1982, President Reagan advanced the idea that, if we heavily support job creators, their prosperity will “trickle down” to our kids and grandkids. How is it working out for us?

Well, I think he was counting on job creators pledging allegiance to America, to our next generation.

Instead, we have humongous ships arriving from China, India, South Korea and Japan replacing small and large American corporations.

What is the modern definition of “traitor”, “betrayer”, “Benedict Arnold”, “treason”, “malfeasance” and “fraud”?

How should we feel if an investment firm spreads doomsday propaganda saying, “The American Apocalypse is just ahead!” “Invest overseas!” “Protect yourself and get rich! Send us your money! Never mind that it won’t solve America’s problems!”

So, in this case, our businesses are not the only ones moving to other countries. Investors are!

How should we feel if China could buy our farm produce on the Internet and drive up prices for all Americans?

How should we feel if our leaders interfere with getting an oil pipeline from Canada that would make us less dependent on oil from other countries, even countries that threaten American interests?

Where is our pledge of allegiance to America, to our kids and grandkids?

They say the pendulum swings both ways, to the left and then to the right. The sad part is that we have the same voters who created this mess, and we get the kind of country we deserve.

Having both eyes wide open

Because we have two eyes, one looking at something at a slightly different angle than the other, we can see a new dimension.

The vast majority of world problems are caused by a gigantic race of scary men and women with only one eye. These are confined to a two-dimensional, flat world.

Since childhood, we have all learned to appreciate stories about those having a secret code only understood by those with special insight.

Joseph could understand the symbols of the Pharaoh’s dream. Samson had a riddle, which the Philistines could never solve without an “insider” like Delilah. King David swapped riddles with King Hiram of Tyre. Daniel understood the symbols in his own dreams and those of the king of Babylon.

The Bible is like a sealed book, which only “the Lamb” could open.

Every government has private information, a national security system and a secret code.

If the dream is inspired, so must the interpreter be inspired (II Pet. 1:20-21).

How can you describe a tree to someone who is blind? A message falls on deaf ears and makes no sense.

There is a barrier between prophets descending from Abraham’s sons, Ishmael and Isaac. Yet their lines, their y-dna, both match Abraham. So, why can’t they both sit down together and sort out what they have in common? Perhaps they would see a new dimension in their “sacred books”.

So, if a politician signs a bill, looks up and closes one eye, now we’ll understand what that really means. His worldview is likely very flat.
Mysterious Laser Printers Unveiled

Having remanufactured thousands of laser printer cartridges, I would like to explain how simple they are. There are two sides.

- The hopper side: Toner is a dry, powder, which clings to a magnetic roller that is the width of the paper being printed.
  
  So, this toner has metallic powder in it, such as iron oxide, to make it stick to the mag roller.

- The two sides: The hopper / mag roller side is attached to the other half, the drum/waste chamber side. These halves are attached so that the drum roller is close to the magi roller.
  
  A Primary Charge Roller (PCR) makes the drum roller negative. When an image is sent from the computer to the printer, a pulsed laser makes very tiny dots (the image) on the drum.

  Each laser dot makes the negative charge on the drum less negative and more positive. This attracts the negative toner to each dot. So, as these rollers rotate, toner jumps from the mag roller to the laser dots on the drum.

  The dots then jump from the drum to a sheet of paper as a stronger charge roller rolls across the back of the paper.

  Toner transferred to the paper is finally melted onto the paper by a fuser roller.

- The waste chamber: Toner that remains on the drum falls into a chamber.

Will we Eventually Re-grow Adult Teeth?

Loosing even one front tooth can ruin your face value. I lost one on my 70th birthday. A new crown can be rebuilt over a healthy tooth root. Had to do some fast Googling for a history of other options.

- An artificial root can be implanted. The earliest implant discovered was in a 20-year-old Mayan woman of about 700 AD. In 1931 it was found that her front three jaw teeth were replaced with triangular pieces of shell (Google for “Boston Annual Meeting” “world’s first known implant”). 1931 was 80 years ago! Should be crowning them by now, right?

- Research is finding that coral shaped like a tooth and seeded with adult root stem cells will develop dental tissue compatible with the donor’s tissue (Google for: “coral scaffold” “stem cells”).
  
  Adult stem cells found in the root will grow in a dish to become a tooth root, which is compatible with donor’s tissue. Perhaps the root can be crowned. It may become offered in Indiana by 2030, when I’m 90. Hmm! (Google for: “tooth stem cells”)

- In 1965, a Swede revealed that a titanium implant shaped like a root merges with surrounding bone and tissue. It allows a crown to be attached, (Google for “titanium tooth implants”). However, for $2,000 per tooth root, one might get as desperate as the Mayan woman who said, “Just give me some shells!”

Solving PC Virus Problems

Everyone really dreads getting viruses on their PC system. Instead of buying anti-virus software, some decide to change to a Linux operating system or use Firefox instead of Internet Explorer as their browser. Others just give up on PC completely and buy a Mac.

Couldn’t Microsoft create a version of Windows or Internet Explorer to make them immune to viruses, or perhaps Microsoft or HP has a vested interest in anti-virus software. Who knows?

In December my Windows 2000 system crashed from a virus and would not reboot. So here’s my solution:

- Buy a rebuilt, older Windows system and keep it offline to create logos, charts, edit books and to avoid more viruses.

- Buy a new system with Windows 7 installed for using Skype, Facebook, e-mail, Google and to manage a web site.

- Transfer data between the two computers using several USB Flash (Thumb) drives.

- About every month a window pops up on the new PC, automatically scans and allegedly finds awful viruses that might cause a crash. Buy now!

  Merely use the Recovery tab in Windows 7 to restore the system back to the earliest date possible. Each time the alleged viruses completely vanish, and everything works fine!

  To find Recovery, go to Control Panel, then go to System & Security, then go to Find and Fix Problems, then go to Recovery and follow directions.

  Another solution is to create a new user account. Suddenly, the virus cannot activate when the computer is rebooted.
Repetition of 251 Years
Throughout the book of Genesis

Here is a whole new insight into a mysterious time pattern hidden in the first book of Moses, which should have been placed in the margins of Genesis and preserved in its original version of the first 2510 years.

Instead, we have been exposed to the time spans introduced by Archbishop James Ussher in the King James Version of the Bible, but he never found the 251-year pattern this present writer has discovered in throughout the book of Genesis and elsewhere.

Ussher published The Annals of the World, in 1650. It is a chronology back to Adam. He dated births, deaths and other events by counting the years AM (After Man), Shem was born when Noah was 502, and Shem continued to live for 502 years after the flood (pages 21 & 27).

1757 AM: Babel fell at the time Peleg was born (page 21).
2259 AM: Joseph was born (pg. 29).
2513 AM: The Exodus (page 39).

Now each of these numbers is divisible by 251 except 2513. It should be 2510 AM, but Ussher made a 3-year mistake for the period between Abraham and the exodus.

Moreover, other chronologists have used these same eras, and they are not some new way of manipulating the numbers for a sensational, new scheme. And create a “best seller”.

Intelligent Design or Numerology?

I have discovered a curious 251-year pattern in the writings of Moses, which I would like to share.

It could be included in future discussions on the beginning of time or “the end of time”.

1. From Adam to the fall of Babel (when Peleg was born) there were 251 years times seven (1757 years).
2. From Adam to the birth of Abraham, there were 251 years times eight (2,008 years).
3. From Adam to the birth of Joseph, there were 251 years times nine (2,259 years).
4. From Adam to the Exodus (when the Israelites left Egypt), there were 251 years times ten (2,510 years).
5. Noah’s son, Shem, lived 502 years after the flood, that is, 251 times two.
6. Noah was 602 when Shem was 100, two years after the flood. So, Noah was 502 when Shem was born.
7. In the Massoreh and King James version, Noah was born 1056 years after Adam. In the Samaritan text, the flood was 251 years later, in 1307 years after Adam.
8. Abraham lived 175 years; Isaac lived 180 years; Jacob lived 147 years. These three life spans equal 502 years.
9. The pattern ends with Moses dying after being in the wilderness 39 years, 251 years after Jacob’s family entered Egypt when Joseph was 39.

The pattern exists, but its significance is yet to be determined. Is it based upon numerology or has an Intelligent Designer inspired it?

Planet of the Apes

Master spokesmen spout their views on the beginning and ending of the world and what to expect in the next.

In the movie, “Planet of the Apes”, scientists evolve only to blast mankind back into their caves. After the “big bang”, apes evolve into another world of scientists... but all are still apes!

Others say the world evolved from a “big bang”, formed galaxies and planets, which may eventually collapse, reach critical mass and then explode outward again. From where did all this come? From nothing? Nobody knows.

Others quote the book of Genesis: The world came from nothing and was created in six days (See Archbishop James Ussher’s dates in The Annals of the World). After Creation, Babel fell in the 1757th year (251 x 7). Abraham was born in the 2008th year (251 x 8). Joseph was born in the 2259th year (251 x 9). The Israelites left Egypt in the 2510th year (251 x 10).

We have our views of the beginnings and ending. So, what should happen at the end?

• Those who believe in creating peace should inherit a New World with a King of Peace, the early American dream and hope for all.

• Those who believe in an eye for an eye, vengeance, no mercy and getting even should inherit a world of confusion, strife, litigation with the King of Torment.

Live in both worlds? Dual citizenship? There is a great gulf in between.

For now, wild grass morphs with the wheat. Iran wants a bomb like Israel’s. All are evolving, coping in a jungle.

Perhaps another realm will intervene, change our hearts and save us from the apes.
We the people get the government we deserve

It seems that we the people elected someone we knew little about. What if he were merely someone who had graduated from Toastmasters Club with honors. He had learned to speak with purpose, heart to heart, add humor, motivate, stir to action… all the skills needed to campaign for President.

Does this qualified him to solve unemployment, homelessness, run GM, healthcare reform, solve Iran’s threat against Israel, illegal aliens, drug wars, inflation, global warming and abortion?

We were looking for someone who was not an incumbent, right? Someone with less experience with DC and wouldn’t lie to us. How is that working?

Reminds me of a farmer who married a city slicker who said she loved him and promised to learn to like farming. Six months later, they divorced, and she took half of the farm.

A friend said, “I was stunned that Americans would elect someone during hard times with no real experience! They were lied to during the campaign.”

Reminds me of a fellow who lied a blue streak to marry a gorgeous, rich widow. Afterwards he said, “Oh, did I say that?”

We get the kind of government we deserve… a bunch of lawyers who pass bills they won’t enforce, who sue Arizona for keeping them, who have hearings on 9/11, on the oil spill, on healthcare reform, on legalizing drugs. That is what lawyers do!

A trillion is spent on the borders of Afghanistan and Iraq for national security, but we leave our own borders wide open. We redistribute our wealth with illegal aliens to win their votes and wonder why we’re broke! Democracy at work, right?