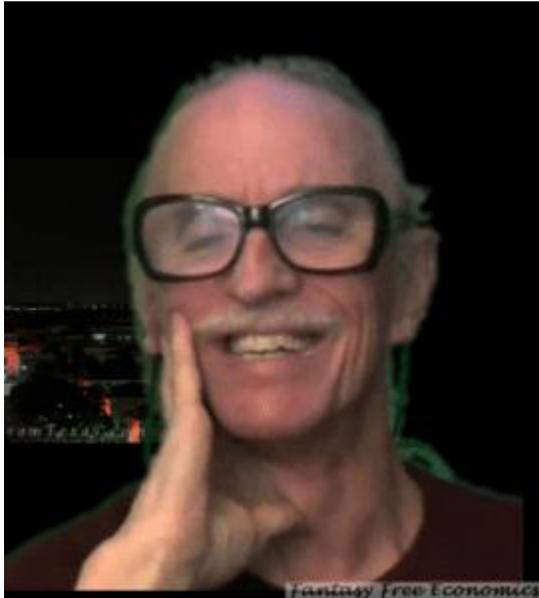


Accepting Reality April 2022

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The race to escape reality begins at birth. Reality is replaced with fantasy because it is too harsh to cope with. Every child is born into an eternal power structure. Our world is governed by laws of dominance and subservience. Most people live in an oasis of peace from all of the belligerence and brutality that is actually ongoing. It is easy to see the world as a peaceful place for those who have no direct involvement with it.

Most agree that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Today power is concentrated at the top of society more so than it ever has been in human history. So, those in charge of the world and its people are closer to having absolute power than has ever been the case before. Americans are surrendering their First Amendment rights as if

those rights are not necessary and that they will be fine without them.

The relevant fantasy here is the notion that our leaders have goodwill and are trying to do what is best for the country. The truth is that in the aggregate, there is no such thing as an incentive to serve. All with power, elected and otherwise, are acting out of self interest. Politicians become like foxes hired to guard a hen house. Their constituents who voted for them think of them more as messiahs.

The Stockholm syndrome is defined in Wikipedia as follows. **Stockholm syndrome is a condition in which hostages develop a psychological bond with their captors during captivity.** Can we expand on this? Is it hard to notice that incumbents get re-elected over and over, no matter how badly they perform? Faith in authority abounds. The Stockholm syndrome is obviously in play with respect to humans who live under one authority or another. Why wouldn't folks give up rights when they are under control of an authority.... when they are psychologically prone to do so?

Faith in government is inborn. Government programs that have never worked are tried over and over again with dismal results. Still, folks have faith in government, and always want to give these things another shot.

**“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, and expecting different results.”...
Albert Einstein**

Are people insane? No, faith in government is inborn. That is not the same as insanity.

Today, the majority of Americans have complete faith in government and all it is said to provide.

We have a massive reality gap in place and it is about to slam shut. We can suspect something probably more severe than what was experienced during the Great Depression and World War II. Americans are completely unprepared.

My point is to be prepared in whatever way you can. Is there a way to be prepared? I wish I could answer that question. Certainly we are facing an every man for himself scenario.