

fActs of Deception
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Satan delights equally in statistics and in quoting scripture....
H.G. Wells, *The Undying Fire*

I have a growing sense that calamity is at the door of America, but you would not know it from the reports of the mainstream media. Of late I have been led to consider numerous signs in the earth, including the Costa Concordia disaster, the sudden fall from the pinnacle of success by Joe Paterno (and the two giant sequoias in California), the construction of One World Trade Center, and the parables contained in Super Bowl XLVI and its Half-Time show. Added to this mix has been a contemplation of what is signified by the fact that 2012 is the Year of the Water Dragon, for the image of such a creature is found described in the 12th chapter of the book of Revelation.

Revelation 12:13, 16

Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child... The serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

As the post titled *Drowning in Deception* points out, the image of the dragon pouring forth a flood of water from his mouth is a metaphor for Satan flooding the earth with lies and deception. At this time, this flood is intended to keep mankind (and particularly Christians) lulled into a false sense of peace and security while Satan sets in order all that is required for a violent establishment of his rule over mankind as Babylon is once more formed in the earth.

Christians have for too long been distracted by a pursuit of the world and the things in it. They have bought into the lie that it is God's desire for them to be successful in a worldly sense, having an abundance of material possessions, ease, prosperity and entertainments. They have rejected the lives of Christ and the apostles as a pattern for their lives, having embraced the image portrayed today by the slick preacher who is a promoter of prosperity. Yet Christ declared that His life was a pattern that His disciples were to follow.

Luke 6:40

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

To those who would be His disciples Yahshua said:

Matthew 19:21

If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.

Luke 14:33

So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

Matthew 8:20

Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.

The sum of these words of Christ, and many more besides, reveal that those who are to follow Him as His disciples are to take their minds off of the world and the things in it, that their focus might be upon apprehending the will of Yahweh and doing it. Satan has worked tirelessly to get Christians focused on worldly things, for then they are no threat to his kingdom. He has had great success, and this has been to the detriment of Christians everywhere, for in pursuing the things of the world they have estranged themselves from God the Father.

James 4:4

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

I John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Although Satan is the architect behind the coming collapse of the world's financial, political, and religious systems, Yahweh will use the resulting turmoil and destruction to purify a remnant of His people. What Satan intends for evil, Yahweh will use for good. God has ever done so. This was the testimony of Joseph in the first book of the Bible.

Genesis 50:20

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

It is my desire in writing of current events to make known to Christians the day they are living in. It is Yahweh's desire that His people remain alert and perceptive to the times. He would have us know that the return of His Son is near, and to anticipate those events that must precede His appearing.

Luke 21:25-28

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, in the stars, and on the earth; distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Christ testified in other places that the earth would go through a period of great distress compared to a woman in the pains of child birth, before His appearing. These days are close at hand. Signs everywhere are testifying that we live at the end of the age and we will soon

see the fulfillment of many things prophesied for the end of days.

It is not the will of Satan that Christians should be awakened to these truths. He would keep the church in a state of slumber.

I Thessalonians 5:3-8

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober...

At the end of the half-time show of Super Bowl XLVI there was a message of peace and safety. It capped the entire event, and with the display of a message of world peace the performers all left the stage.



If you look closely, you can see in this image the form of a Phoenix rising from the fire and ashes. The Phoenix is a symbol of Satan. He was cast down to the earth and consumed in fire at the judgment of Yahweh. Yet he boasts that he will arise from the ashes, reborn to rule as god of this world.



Phoenix Rising

Yesterday I was reading an article online that speaks of the true state of the American economy as contrasted with what is being reported in the main stream media. As I read I contemplated the effectiveness of Satan in lulling the population into a state of slumber, unsuspecting of the collapse that is drawing ever closer. It is well that Christians be aware of the schemes of the adversary that they might not sleep as others do, but that they would prepare themselves to walk through days of great difficulty.

Mark Twain in his autobiography attributed to British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli the following quote.

"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics."

The inference is that the most awful of all lies are found in the form of statistics. Another has stated:

"Torture numbers, and they'll confess to anything."

Gregg Easterbrook

Those who are working in concert with Satan to bring forth a new world order are indeed torturing numbers, seeking to keep the populace lulled into complacency. If one reads the statistics they may even conclude that the economy is in a state of recovery and good times are at hand. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Following are some excerpts from a very telling article on the topic.

ILLUSION OF RECOVERY – FEELINGS VERSUS FACTS

The last week has offered an amusing display of the difference between the cheerleading corporate mainstream media, lying Wall Street shills and the critical thinking analysts... What passes for journalism at CNBC and the rest of the mainstream print and TV media is beyond laughable. Their America is all about feelings. Are we confident? Are we bullish? Are we optimistic about the future? America has turned into a giant confidence game. The governing elite spend their time spinning stories about recovery and manipulating public opinion so people will feel good and spend money. Facts are inconvenient to their storyline. The truth is for suckers. They know what is best for us and will tell us what to do and when to do it.

The false storyline last week was the dramatic surge in new jobs. This fantastic news was utilized by the six banks that account for 80% of the stock market trading to propel the NASDAQ to an eleven year high and the Dow Jones to a four year high. The compliant corporate press did their part with blaring headlines of good cheer. The entire sham was designed to make Joe the Plumber pull out one of his 15 credit cards and buy a new 72 inch 3D HDTV for this weekend's Super Bowl. When you watch a CNBC talking head interviewing a Wall Street shyster realize you have the 1% interviewing the .01% about how great things are.

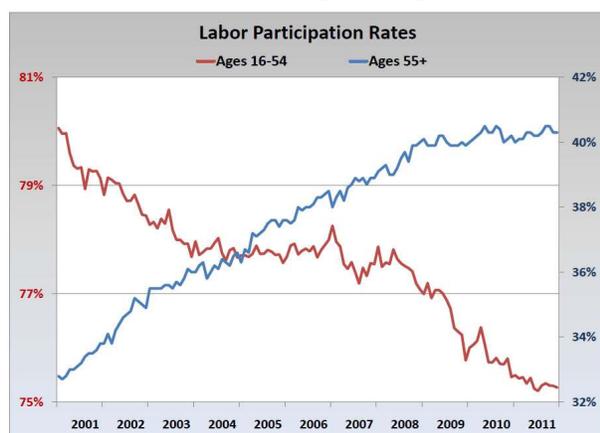
What you most certainly did not hear from the MSM is that the NASDAQ is still down 42% from its 2000 high of 5,048. None of the brain dead twits on CNBC pointed out the S&P

500 is trading at the exact same level it reached on April 8, 1999. Twelve or thirteen years of zero or negative returns are meaningless when a story needs to be sold. On Friday the hyperbole utilized by the media mouthpieces was off the charts, leading to an all-out brawl between the critical thinking blogosphere and the non-thinking "professionals" spouting the government sanctioned propaganda. Accusations flew back and forth about who was misinterpreting the data. I found it hysterical that anyone would debate the accuracy of BLS (Bureau of Lies & Swindles) data.

The drones at this government propaganda agency relentlessly massage the data until they achieve a happy ending. They use a birth/death model to create jobs out of thin air, later adjusting those phantom jobs away in a press release on a Friday night. They create new categories of Americans to pretend they aren't really unemployed. They use more models to make adjustments for seasonality. Then they make massive one-time adjustments for the Census. Essentially, you can conclude that anything the BLS reports on a monthly basis is a wild (word redacted) guess, massaged to present the most optimistic view of the world. The government preferred unemployment rate of 8.3% is a terrible joke and the MSM dutifully spouts this drivel to a zombie-like public. If the governing elite were to report the truth, the public would realize we are in the midst of a 2nd Great Depression.

The unemployment rate during the Great Depression reached 25%. Without the BLS "adjustments" the real unemployment rate in this country is 23%. Cheerleading and packaging the data in a way to mislead the public does not change the facts:

- ! *There are 242 million working age Americans. Only 142 million Americans are working. For the math challenged, such as CNBC analysts, that means 100 million working age Americans (41.5%) are not working. But don't worry, the BLS says the unemployment rate is only 8.3%. Things are going so swimmingly well in this country the other 33.2% are kicking back enjoying the good life.*
- ! *The labor force participation rate and employment to population ratio are at 30 year lows. The number of Americans supposedly not in the labor force is at an all-time record of 87.9 million. A corporate MSM pundit like Steve Liesman would explain this away as the Baby Boomers beginning to retire. Great storyline, but the facts prove that old timers are so desperate for cash they have dramatically increased their participation in the labor market.*



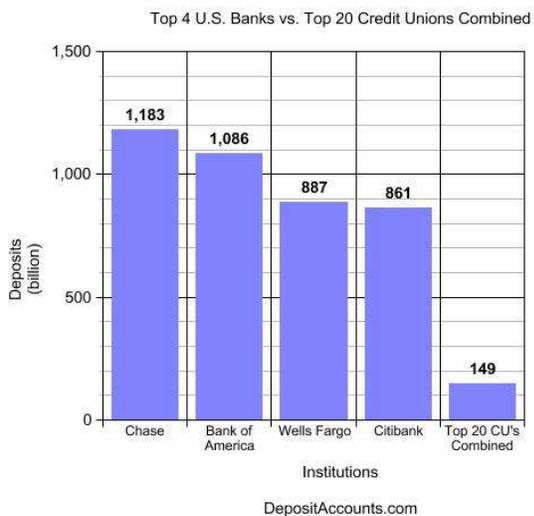
- ! *The data being dished out by the government on a daily basis does not pass the smell test. The working age population since 2000 has grown by 30 million people. The number of people working has grown by only 4.7 million. A critical thinker would conclude the unemployment rate should be dramatically higher than the reported 8.3%. But the government falsely reports the labor force has only increased by 11.8 million in the last eleven years. They have the gall to report that 17.9 million Americans just decided to leave the workforce. The economy was booming in 2000. It sucks today. Don't more people need jobs when times are tougher? The Boomers retiring storyline has already proven to be false. The fact that 46 million (15% of total population) people are on food stamps is a testament to the BLS lie. A look at history proves how badly the current figures reek to high heaven:*
- ! *2000 to 2011 - Not in Labor Force increased by 17.9 million.*
- ! *1990's – Not in Labor Force increased by 5 million.*
- ! *1980's – Not in Labor Force increased by 1.7 million.*
- ! *The Not in the Labor Force category is utilized to hide how bad the employment situation in this country really is. They conclude that 17 million out of 38 million Americans between the ages of 16 and 24 are not in the labor force... It is a lie that 45% of these people don't want a job. If you dig into their data, you realize the horrific state of employment in this country:*
- ! *74% of 16 to 19 year olds are not employed*
- ! *85% of black 16 to 19 year olds are not employed*
- ! *31% of black 25 to 54 year old men are not employed*
- ! *40% of 20 to 24 year olds are not employed*
- ! *22% of 25 to 29 year old males are not employed*
- ! *22% of 50 to 54 year old males are not employed*
- ! *According to the BLS, 11% of men between 25 and 54 are not in the labor force*

Not only is real unemployment at Depressionary levels, but those that do have jobs are falling further and further behind. Wages have gone up less than 2% in the last year and have been rising at an annual rate below 3% for the last four years. According to our friends at the BLS, inflation has risen 3% in the last year. This is almost as ludicrous as their unemployment rate. Anyone living in the real world, as opposed to the BLS model world, knows that inflation on the things we need to live has been rising in excess of 10%. It is a fact that if you measure CPI exactly as it was measured in 1980, at the outset of our great debt inflation, it exceeds 10% versus the fake 3% reported without question by the MSM to a non-thinking public. A poor schmuck making the median salary of \$25,000 who gets a 2% raise thinks he has \$500 more to spend when in reality he has lost \$2,000 of purchasing power. Federal Reserve created inflation is an insidious hidden tax that destroys the 99%, while enriching the 1%.

The recovery storyline being touted by the oligarchy of politicians, bankers and media is designed to make consumers feel better. This is a key part of their master plan. Any honest assessment of the financial disaster that struck in 2008 would conclude it was caused by too much debt peddled to too many people incapable of paying it back, too few banks having too much power, the Federal Reserve keeping interest rates too low for too long, and that same Federal Reserve doing too little regulating of the Too Big To Fail Wall

Street mega-banks. I wonder what Albert Einstein would think about the “solutions” rolled out to fix our debt problem. Would he find it insane that total credit market debt has actually risen to an all-time high of \$53.8 trillion, up \$533 billion from the previous 2008 peak? Our leaders have added \$6.1 trillion to our National Debt in the last four years, a mere 66% increase. This unprecedented level of borrowing certainly did not benefit the American people, as real GDP has risen by \$96 billion, or 0.7%, over the last four years.

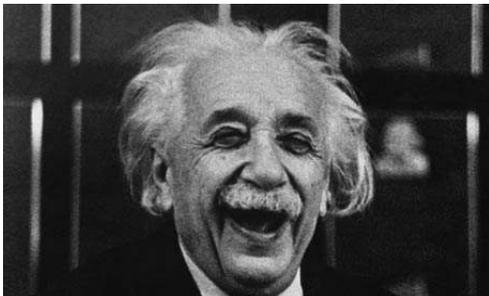
Would Einstein find it insane that the governing elite would encourage the 4 biggest banks, that were the main culprits in creating a worldwide financial collapse, to actually get bigger? The largest banks in the U.S. now control 72% of all the deposits in the country versus 68.5% in 2008. The Too Big To Fail are now Too Bigger To Fail. Rather than liquidating the bad debts, breaking up the insolvent banks, selling off the good assets to well run banks, firing the executives, and wiping out the shareholders & bondholders foolish enough to invest in these badly run casinos, the powers that be chose to protect their fellow .01% brethren and throw the 99% under the bus.



Ben Bernanke, in conjunction with Tim Geithner and his masters on Wall Street, implemented a zero interest rate policy designed to enrich the Wall Street banks, force investors into the stock market, and encourage Americans to borrow and spend like it was 2005 again. Rather than accepting that our economy has been warped for decades, with over-consumption utilizing debt as the driving force, and allowing a reset, the Federal Reserve insanely encouraging banks and consumers to do the same thing again. We do know Bernanke has stolen \$450 billion of interest income going to savers and senior citizens and handed it to Jamie Dimon, Vikrim Pandit, Lloyd Blankfein and the rest of the Wall Street cabal. The “austerity is bad” storyline is pounded home on a daily basis by the politicians, corporate chieftains, Wall Street billionaires, and MSM pundits. The definition of austere is “practicing great self-denial”. Did you see the mob scenes on Black Friday? Americans are incapable of any self-denial, let alone great self-denial, and the masters of our country will not allow it to happen. One look at our GDP figures confirms the non-austerity occurring in this country. In 2007, prior to the collapse, consumer spending accounted for 69.7% of GDP. Today, consumer spending accounts for 71% of GDP, with investment accounting for 12.7% of GDP...

Bernanke and his Wall Street puppet masters' plan is actually quite simple. It's essentially a confidence game. A confidence game (also known as a con, flim flam, gaffle, grift, hustle, scam, scheme, or swindle) is an attempt to defraud a group by gaining their confidence. The people who commit such tricks are often known as con men, con artists, or grifters. The con man often works with one or more accomplices called shills, who help manipulate the mark into accepting the con man's plan. In a traditional confidence game, the mark is led to believe that he will be able to win money or some other prize by doing some task. The accomplices may pretend to be random strangers who have benefited from successfully performing the task. Bernanke and the 1% are the con men. They are attempting to defraud the 99% by convincing them their "solutions" will benefit them. The shills acting as accomplices are Wall Street bankers, bought off economists, politicians, journalists, and mainstream media pundits. You are the mark. The game has multiple facets but is based on more freely flowing low interest easy debt. The con man has reduced interest rates to zero at the behest of his puppet masters. The Wall Street accomplices offer enticing financing to the marks for big ticket items like automobiles, furniture and electronics. As the marks go further into debt, the Wall Street shills report record earnings (\$26 billion from loan loss reserve accounting entries), consumer spending rises and GDP goes higher. The mainstream media accomplices dutifully report an improving economy. The government accomplices massage the employment and inflation data and declare a jobs recovery with no inflation. The marks are supposed to feel better about the future and spend even more borrowed money. This is what is considered a self-sustaining recovery...

The facts prove the issuance of billions in easy credit is creating the illusion of recovery. Non-revolving (auto & student loans) consumer credit outstanding is now at an all-time high of \$1.7 trillion. Even with billions in bad debt write-offs since 2009 the amount outstanding has risen by \$100 billion. Does this sound like austerity is gripping the nation? The Federal government is dishing out student loans like candy, as hundreds of thousands of students get worthless degrees from for-profit diploma mills like the University of Phoenix and its ilk. By keeping them occupied in school, the government is able to keep them in the Not in the Labor Force category. Not to be outdone, our friends at GE Capital, Wells Fargo and the other too big to fail entities have been doing their part on the revolving credit side of the scam. I've recently been seeing an ad by the largest U.S. furniture retailer, Ashley Furniture, offering 0% interest with no payments for 7 years. I don't know about you, but my kids destroy a couch in less than 7 years. Wells Fargo Credit doesn't seem too worried. A critical thinker might ask, how can Wells Fargo possibly make money offering these terms? But there is the rub. Ben Bernanke is loaning Wells Fargo money at 0% so they can perpetuate the confidence game. These insane bankers truly believe they can kick start this moribund debt saturated economy by issuing billions more in debt to people incapable of repaying them. Einstein would be amused.



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The above article does not come from a Christian source, hence the reviling and use of profanity in the original article. Nevertheless, the writer sees things far more clearly than many Christians do today. He perceives the disingenuous statistics being cited by the government, which in turn are repeated ad infinitum by a press that has suspended their critical faculties in order to parrot the party line of their NWO controllers. The mainstream media has become the mouthpiece of Satan, spewing forth a flood of misinformation to the world.

I have previously reported that in 2007 and 2008 Miss USA fell on stage during the Miss Universe pageant.



These two different women both fell to the ground in front of a worldwide audience, for Yahweh chose in this way reveal that America's collapse was imminent. The reason this parable was repeated is found in Joseph's explanation of Pharaoh's dreams, which were also repeated twice.

Genesis 41:32

"Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about."

The collapse of America did come swiftly. In 2008 the financial system of America was rocked as the mortgage bubble collapsed. Investment banks, insurance companies, mortgage providers, and a host of other companies teetered on the brink, requiring immediate bailouts of trillions of dollars. The stock market sank precipitously. America has been hemorrhaging jobs and its wealth has been evaporating ever since.

You may wonder how it could possibly be hidden that America is now undergoing a second Great Depression. Where are the shanty towns? Where are the hordes of people standing in bread lines across America? The answer is understood as one realizes that the government this time around had already put programs in place to handle these needs. Millions of Americans were able to remain in their homes through greatly extended unemployment benefits. Formerly, these benefits would expire after a few months, but they

have been extended until a person can receive government unemployment assistance for 18 months. Then there are the many government housing assistance programs. Banks also have been pressured to extend the time from a default on house payments to foreclosure and eviction. Despite all these offerings, there are tent cities springing up across the nation, and homelessness is increasing greatly. (See article: <http://blog.alexanderhiggins.com/2011/08/06/46-million-americans-live-food-stamps-homeless-tent-city-camp-spring-nationwide-50401/>)

Thomas Jefferson stated, "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation and 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."

In the early 1900s, Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr, revealed to congress the existence of The Banker's Manifesto of 1892. Some have attributed it to JP Morgan who was the greatest banker of the time, and perhaps in all of American history. Following is an extract from it.

The Banker's Manifesto

Capital must protect itself in every way, through combination and through legislation. Debts must be collected and loans and mortgages foreclosed as soon as possible. When through a process of law the common people have lost their homes, they will be more tractable and more easily governed by the strong arm of the law, applied by the central power of wealth, under control of leading financiers. People without homes will not quarrel with their leaders.

As in the Great Depression, millions of Americans are unable to feed themselves and their families. We do not see the bread lines because the government is providing food to the population through food stamps, WIC vouchers, subsidized school lunch programs, and other government offerings. No longer do people have to stand in long lines extending around the block to receive food assistance. They can go to the grocery store of their choice and purchase their food with the swipe of a card.

As the article above stated, there are currently 46 million Americans receiving food stamps. This is the equivalent of every man, woman and child in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine and Mississippi combined. America is just like the Costa Concordia. She is drowning in debt. Her infrastructure is ruined. She can not remain afloat much longer. Those running the ship have told the people to not worry, everything will be fine. The charade will be carried on just long enough to strip the last of the nation's wealth from the populace and put it in the hands of a few.



In reading, watching, or listening to the main stream media's reports, it is best to do so with a critical appraisal. There is a flood of deception being poured out at this hour. Most Christians are asleep. They little suspect the calamity that is so near to their door.



Seek the Lord while He may be found.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days.