## Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - 14 January 2022

Greetings from Tyler,

Everything has accelerated to the point you can hardly keep up, assuming you want to. Rules, mandates, requirements. It's looking like travel will never be the same, unless in the confines of your own car, and there are plans for that too. If someone was holding out hope to visit Australia, they can forget it unless prepared to be submissive and patient. If something isn't just so, you can look forward to detention while being guarded against, escape? They make sure that's impossible, especially for an innocent traveler. Ever been deported? You'd hate to make that flight twice, back to back.

Two professions that had great respect, almost reverence, were science and medicine. Doctors still have take the Hippocratic oath and swear to do no harm. Science is the ongoing challenge to facts that have been known and believed traditionally. It aims to not only verify what we already know to be fact and who knows, maybe discover something not previously known and receive recognition. Can you imagine a scientist who doesn't believe in global warming? That would be career suicide. Everybody's playing along to get by. Nobody dares call it what it is.

You see what's going on on the Internet. Any article on Djokovic, or the dreaded virus, January 6<sup>th</sup>, or perish the thought, election irregularities, assuming comments are allowed, is going to be swarmed with unhinged idiots calling names and using language. They've gone crazy at the very thought of anyone believing anything but the mainstream take. It's enough to ruin any intelligent exchange that might have ensued. But they're not prepared to argue anymore. It's been repeated enough times that (*coronavirus pronouncements, global warming, saving the planet, racial hatred*) those beliefs have become facts that nobody dares dispute. Nobody except some dangerous conspiracy theorist. Who wants that moniker?

The lengths to which the mainstream networks, newspapers and yes, local radio wire readers have gone to avoid anything that goes against the narrative is astonishing. We remember when publications were proud of their "scoops." There's no such thing anymore unless you venture to the "fringe." There better not be any revelations that dispute the overriding narrative. There are a precious few exceptions, and most of them are not in a position where they can be fired. There are other ways of dealing with the masses. Social media networks will just cancel whatever or whoever disagrees with their "fact-checkers." They'll disappear you without a second thought. Followers? Not anymore. Freedom of speech? "They" control the platform.

Since when were we "afraid" of false information? When did it become so "dangerous?" There's never been a shortage. Just like everything else that's wrong in the world, we just tuned it out. We refused to be ruffled. Huge legal disputes were decided forty years ago that legalized pretty much everything on the basis of a free society where the individual was free to decide what was right, or moral or true. Maybe that wasn't the best idea from the standpoint that a lot of evil was allowed to spill out into the public. Nevertheless, the courts erred on the side of freedom under the Constitution, and nuts to the consequences.

How times have changed! Suddenly, even a personal rendition of any negative experience with the mandated potions is dangerous and must be silenced. The "legitimate" sources of information have turned their heads another direction. As far as they're concerned nothing bad has ever happened to anyone who's followed orders. They never heard of it. It's like the testimony before Congress. Nobody knows what anybody is talking about. The wave-lengths are not compatible. Documents? The news will not acknowledge their existence.

There aren't any, according to previously ignored agencies that used to put out a study now and again. Suddenly they're telling everyone what to do, what to believe, instituting requirements that are a violation of our personal sovereignty. When you've been deceived and intentionally so, chances are you don't return for advice. Especially when you're in the habit of making your own personal decisions. The agencies are proceeding at warp speed to put an end to that.

As far as the mainstream is concerned, they'll be no more personal decisions. You'll do what your told without hesitation or, they won't let you in, they'll see to it that you're fired, they'll quarantine you and exact penalties for infractions. Authoritarianism is on a roll. Regardless of whatever information about the latest "variant," the "authorities" are hard at work, keeping everybody "safe." The narrative has been repeated enough times, we must all believe it.

But we don't. We're too polite to bash idols. But the mainstream hasn't earned much credibility, not for a long time. They've pretended to believe the most idiotic accusations. They pretend to believe the garbage they spout even after it's been picked apart, disproven, sometimes defeated in court. But the smirks just keep on coming without any shame for the nonsense they've pushed and pounded.

It's a bleak future for the earth if the banks and corporations require proof of compliance with whatever flavor they've invented. It will be supposedly rescued from the selfish who thought freedom (*within the boundaries of righteous law*) was guaranteed. Not so fast! Freedom has been stamped out in Canada, Australia, several European nations, and would be extinct in the United States if not for a few honest judges. It looks like the mandates, the firings, the cancellations will ultimately be reviewed by the Supreme Court. Not that mistakes haven't been made in the past, but there is some hope for this promised land yet. If they let the United States down, we'll go the way of the world. Let's hope God isn't ready to abandon us just yet. Calling those idols what they are might help.

Mark

P.S. The latest I've heard on Mr. Robert Nunnery's situation. It looks like he's taken a turn for the better and will be receiving treatment that doesn't include the ICU. We hope to hear he is home and back to normal strength.

Update on Australia deporting #1 tennis player and defending champion Novak Djokovic: He spent the week in limbo after winning a legal hearing. But Australia's Health Minister has decided that for the sake of Australians who have sacrificed mightily during the "pandemic," Djokovic must be deported for the public good. He didn't follow the rules sufficiently, consequently...

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