

Re: sRe: A Must Read

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On a sunny day (Sat, 06 Jan 2007 11:42:14 -0800) it happened John Larkin <jjlarkin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in <aquvp2do8av7sj6svevmc1d4vd1vv09p6@xxxxxxxx>:

On Sat, 06 Jan 2007 19:32:57 GMT, Jan Panteltje <pNaonStpealmtje@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On a sunny day (Sat, 06 Jan 2007 10:49:16 -0800) it happened John Larkin <jjlarkin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in <4mrvp21pg7jl4p1dstmqe612sao2n8tksg@xxxxxxxx>:

The real killer would be if
Iran actually asks Euros for
the oil, and the
Chinese start investing in
the old world rather than in
Columbustistan.

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China is already (and has been)
dis-investing in the US and moving the
investment money to South America, Africa
and Southeast Asia. They are not
talking about it, they are just doing it
(following the lead of several
multinational corporations).

What they're really up to is not so much classic financial
investment
but more locking up access to natural resources.

John

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They have to do something with all the dollars they make.
So they bought US bonds.

If the return on those bonds gets lower (interest rates), then say on European ones, capital will move towards Europe.

The European bank is increasing interest rates, the US lowering.

Because the US has this huge deficit, they are printing dollars like mad.

If those dollars are no longer covered by bonds (Nixon disconnected the dollar

from the gold, so it is only covered by paper) you get what is called inflation (other word for the dollar is not even worth the ink).

This may lead to funny things, I once did read that in Italy, before it joined the euro, the lire became so cheap that one manufacturer started pressing coins

to used these for the backside of watches, it was cheaper then buying the metal.

If other countries no longer buy the bonds, then you get a spiral, until the dollar is worth the same as those liras.

It is my view that the US, with mostly weapon sales and MS windows as export

product atm. will start a WW3 in that case, as it still has submarines and nukes.

However others are also working on weapons, so keeping the war away from N America

will become more and more difficult.

The US could either fall apart, with states with more resources going in a different direction, or in the best case be bought and become part of China, or maybe a Saudi Arabian province.

Well, I dunno, it does not matter much, perhaps if the US invented an even stronger

weapon then the H bomb it would be able to keep at the top, by fear.

History shows that all big civilizations collapsed.

Add a bit of global warming, pieces of land flooding, a thousand years from now the world could be a very different place.

Maybe humanity would go extinct, and the insects inherit the earth, until the sun goes out.

What our function in the universe is.. and how long.... we are in a way just a piece of the mechanism of that universe.

A flash in time.

Gosh, you should give up engineering and write fiction.

John

There are several answers possible, one being: What makes you think I did not ;-)?

OTOH we think we are so important.

It is a big religious like thinking the earth is in the middle and the sun orbits around it..

Then we think we are the only 'life' in the universe....

Then we think we, the society we live in, is the only correct one,

We think our religion is the only valid one etc.

I truly think we have no free will, we are but a piece of the mechanism of the universe.

If you really think you have free will, look here;

<ftp://panteltje.com/pub/freewill.gif>

Imagine that computer that runs a program, write a second thread, called 'self awareness', one that monitors the system monitor, add a variable 'importance', it may find itself very important, because it does so many things.

Now there is us.

In a way the things [we] are important, and unique too, but no more so then the force the grain of sand has on the other grains that it supports and that support it to hold the universe together.

All the Bushes, statesmen, generals, and soldiers, probably exist on many other planets in some form or other too..

All very important to them.

Same for the states, the US, Europe, China, it is a changing landscape.

In cosmological timescales earth not so long ago was glowing hot perhaps.

And when the sun goes out it will become bigger and bigger they say, and engulf the earth and fry your pizza free of charge.

Do you really think text like this will sell ;-)?

LOL

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