

When Recurring Disaster is the Only Solution

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There was a time when the unplanned commodity production of the capitalist market economy led, first to failures in the real economy, and then brought down the banks that financed the bankrupt industries. Something real and useful was marketed in such a mysteriously private manner that no one capitalist knew when they were approaching retail commodity limits until they were well into too much of the product. Now there is almost always too much of the product in terms of the public's ability to purchase it, and the collapse is initiated by capitalism's ghost in the machine -- the ballooning liquidity that emulates functional success sufficient to dream away the moribund nature of the real economy.

The 2008 housing and banking collapse forced Congress to reinstate much of the Glass Stegall Act – deleted when Clinton thought the future looked so bright that the entire national debt would be paid off in 10 years – because having banking risk insured inflames the greed of investment firms. The Fed had expended \$29 trillion over 31 months to keep trading firms afloat following the housing/Mortgage Backed Securities/derivatives collapse. They were determined to not let that happen again.

Now personal and investment banking was once again separated with only the former secured by government entities. But the Obama version had designed weaknesses that enabled a partial return in 2014 because conventional means of recovery from the GFC had minimal success. Dodd-Frank was supposed to push out risky junk like derivatives from insured banking and into entities where investors will have to absorb the risk of their bets. Eleven years later and that has yet to be done. Of the \$189 trillion in derivative junk 89% (\$168 trillion) is concentrated and insured in 4 monster Wall Street banks – JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Citibank (Citigroup) and Bank of America.

Where we are now is that there has never been a recovery from the 2008 crisis. GDP is still \$5 trillion short of its baseline 1992-2005

growth. The resulting malaise is felt but not officially acknowledged. Then along came the pandemic which had its origin in another field of crime – the endless destruction of nature to feed the greed of capitalists. Huge expenditures had to be made in order to keep the enfeebled economy alive, and to also prevent the enraged masses from finding and destroying their enemies.

And then the pandemic gradually lessened and vigorous economic life was about to begin when along came viral mutations that could well force a return to masks and lockdowns. The ruling classes are on edge; they don't want to even imagine what it would be like for the oppressed to search and destroy the system responsible for disease and despair

It's evident that mutants have broken through many vaccine defenses. Almost all of the Israeli Jewish population has been inoculated with the Pfizer vaccine which also accounts for the greater number of American Covid vaccinations. Reports that the Pfizer has been thoroughly compromised by the nasty Delta mutation have been minimized. When events reach a certain degree of severity, even best friends become enemies.

According to Israel's director of public health services the rate of break through infections in the fully immunized have doubled from March of last year to this January. Israel is saying that the Pfizer is only 40% effective while Pfizer itself insists that it's 91.3% effective up to 6 months after the second dose. There are limits to the social abuses that the masses will tolerate. If their viral creation keeps returning, then the day will eventually come when the chickens will return with the latest mutant to roost on the carcass of capitalism.

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