

Systemic Elements of Collapse

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This week the featured scandal had Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas unaware of the impropriety of accepting a \$500,000 vacation from his capitalist friends. While what should have drawn maximum attention was the horrendous approval by the court for the persecution of Steven Donziger because he won a \$9.5 billion judgment against Chevron/Texaco's poisoning the habitat of Ecuadorian indigenous people -- and the fact that three of the courts liberals were among the persecutors.

It's not really a surprise for the politically observant. There is an extremely greedy sector of the ruling class who will never admit to having enough and they include the flat-taxers. They would like a national flat tax, like a sales tax, but until 2018 sales taxes were confined within state borders where some were low or even non-existent. Low income people in high sales tax states like NY (almost 9%) could save money by purchasing out of state. The court had many votes on the issue but only could muster 4 votes. Until 2018 when liberal icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg cast a deciding vote. She died soon after. Praised to the skies for her political progressivism without a word about her vote for robbing the low income of tax break. No doubt she justified the vote because evading a tax means less funds available for beneficial purposes. And all good things must come through the capitalist state – all others are subversive.

From the 1960's through the 1990's Texaco and later Chevron after it was bought out, converted 1500 square miles of pristine forest and streams to what became called the *Amazon Chernobyl* after dumping 16 billion gallons of toxic wastes into nature's pristine rivers and causing a massive cancer epidemic among the indigenous population.

When Chevron realized they were losing they came to NY (where Donziger lives) to sue him for \$60 billion. Lawsuits by big money corporations are a major method of destroying adversaries which includes stealing inventions developed by others by claiming, they have somehow infringed something big capital had already thought of. Some end tragically, like the creator of FM radio was so harassed by RCA/NBC that he committed suicide.

For his efforts on behalf of humanity and the environment Donziger has been disbarred, had his convicted of contempt and will soon be in jail because he refused to name some of the people involved in developing his case because of their personal danger. Meanwhile

Chevron buys an Ecuadorian judge and pays him \$12,000 a month to invent some garbage to use against Donziger. Stateside he was persecuted by a despicable zealot named Kaplan, *U.S. federal judge who has investments in Chevron and is a pro-corporate ideologue.* Donziger's attempt to have the Supreme Court hear his case against the charges was turned down 6-3 with three of the 'liberal' judges, **Ketanji Brown Jackson, Sonya Sotomayor, Sonya Sotomayor**, voting with the majority, and putting Donziger in jail – thank you for your service to humanity. Oddly, two of the so-called right wing judges condemned the ruling. Gorsuch, supported by Kavanaugh, *“The Constitution gives courts the power to ‘serve as a neutral adjudicator in a criminal case’ not ‘the power to prosecute crimes.’ Our constitution does not tolerate what happened here.”*

Along with the system fighting against justice for humanity they are looking forward to profiting from probably their main source of future wealth – what they call *creative destruction*. In this case it's nature being itself, and two recent studies indicate that the rate of warming and its effects like the melting of ice sheets is rapidly increasing. They retreat in pulses so melting may increase in bursts.

Frazer Christie, polar scientist at Scott Polar Research Center/University of Cambridge: *The study showed ice sheet retreat rates up to 20 times faster than previously measured anywhere else: “It's probably likely, in my opinion, that this rapid buoyancy driven course of retreat, could be all that's needed to set in motion a chain of events that spirals into a more runaway style of retreat.”*

According to Eric Rignot, glaciologist at the University of California, Irvine and Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory: “This is an important study revealing that we have not seen anything yet in terms of how fast an ice sheet can retreat dynamically, not just melting away, but falling apart... This is not a model. This is real data. And it is frankly scary, even to me. These data should keep us awake at night,”

Climate scientists have also found that the gulf coasts of the US and Mexico are experiencing a rapid rise of diminishing coast line just since 2010. Like most things climate related, these are unprecedented occurrences.

--- Then we have a cascade of popular stupidities broadcast for narrow political purposes. Like Jan 6th was an insurrection when it was a mob running free thanks to the collaboration of the forces of order, and then collapses with one shot and one death. Concern should focus on the DC police, the Secret Service, and to a certain extent the FBI, all of which were strangely nice to the mob because they expressed their own gut feeling of the state of the nation.

--- We have the constant drumbeat of gun control because no one dares to point to an obvious source. Adverse behavior of youth at the local level can be seen as significantly derived from those adults involved in the raising of children in their early years. As for the mature incidents of anti social behavior that's largely derived from their dear Uncle Sam where shoot them up or blow them up are the basis for their sense of right or wrong, always having in mind profit.

Justice and life on earth are melting away faster than the ice caps. There is the sense that the willingness for major changes is becoming more acceptable. Perhaps like the pulse movement of ice humanity may suddenly decide that we want no more of this.

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