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Shucking Oysters: A Hornby Dystopia

By Alex Allen

Hornby Island, synonymous with being the summer playground for the rich and famous, is an affluent island featuring seemingly endless beaches, quaint historic buildings, gorgeous wineries, cute farm stands, and high-end art galleries.

For some visitors, Hornby Island is a place to inhale the fresh sea air before blowing off steam, shelling out \$1,500 for a daybed on Big Tribune Bay, or vying for an on-air cameo by dining at Sea Breeze Resort during the shooting of the upcoming season of (just begging for a typo) "Hornby Housewives."

But, for many residents, the island is hallowed ground, existentially worlds away from the cacophonous urban centres of Vancouver, Victoria and beyond. This is why Hornby Islander's have never allowed their bucolic enclave to be accessed by anything greater than a two-lane road.

So, when the owners of the Vancouver private night spot, Mansion, which has played host to Christie Clark, Ryan Reynolds and Pat Corbett-Labatt, mayor of Port Hardy, announced its intention to take over the Hornby Island Resort, the news unleashed a major backlash. For one, it's a particularly spiritual area on Hornby, just a stone's throw from the ferry and sea-plane terminal and across from the Lambert Channel Convention Centre.

Just up the road, the historic campsite, Bradsadsland, was purchased by business magnate, Jim Pattison. Today, it boasts a Five Jib Restaurant with lounge, a grocery complex, hotel, and an EV car dealership. "We pick the clientele for the restaurant and lounge," said Pattison Group spokesman, Colton Conille. "Our doormen choose by the way they dress. We don't want people coming in the evening wearing shorts. We want to bring back elegance."

Fashion-wise, many new stores have opened in the Hornby Village Mall, including LA based Grey/Vin, the British royal favourite ME&ME; and the classic tailored brand Veronica, loved by Justin Bieber and Kevin Falcon.

Los Angeles fashion line Liberalaine is doing an activation this season at charming Swanky Fibres, where Oscar de la Buja has just co-opted the third floor, and Josie Osbourne and Gwen Stefani have been known to pop in. You can find everything from a couture dress to beautifully curated hostess baskets.

Ford Cove, another centre of activity, boasts a 200-slip marina village, shopping, dining, and hotel. Partnering with Stonedboat Vineyards and Summerhaze Winery they offer Jazz nights under cabanas with ever-flowing bubbly.

The Galleon Beach neighbourhood has become

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Green Wizardries: Egg Salad, the Long Way

By Maxine Rogers

and get it up to temperature.

I have a thermometer inside the incubator and can adjust the temperature up and down by spinning a little handle on the top on the incubator. Once everything is just right in the incubator, I marked my fresh, fertile eggs with an X on one side and an O on the other in pencil. Ink might contaminate the eggs so we don't use ink. I placed the eggs in the incubator, all showing the same symbol.

Every hour or two, I would open the box up and turn all the eggs. I would roll them forward for X's and backwards for O's. This is because eggs have something like tendons that hold the yolks in place. If you roll your eggs in only one direction, the tendons eventually break and the eggs are no longer viable.

If this seems like a lot of extra work to you, well, it is! I rolled the eggs about eleven times a day and twice at night around 2 and 5 am. Something, possibly a Great Chicken Spirit, kept waking me up at night and this took a heavy toll on my sense of humour. I was very happy to enter the lockdown phase on day 18. The eggs must be left in position for the next three days as the babies will get into the correct position for delivery and get ready to break out.

Even before the chicks hatch, they begin to peep. Once the first one hatches, the other babies get the idea and come soon after. They chip their way out of their shells with a special egg tooth and slice off the top of the shell and kick their way out. The hot breeze of the forced-air incubator dries them out and I ended up with 17 beautiful, golden, fluffy chicks.



The eggs came from our flock of Buff Orpington chickens. These are lovely, old-fashioned golden birds that are dual purpose. That means they are good egg layers and also a good roasting bird. They are big chickens and heavily feathered thanks to some ancestors of the Cochin variety of chickens.

Unfortunately, the Buff Orpingtons used to be great moms but a failure to breed for good mothering and an over reliance on artificial incubation means they now have the mothering instincts of a brick. Which is why I got stuck doing their job for them. I am considering getting a couple of Cochin hens as they still make great mothers. Both the Buff Orpington and the Cochin breed of chickens are currently endangered.

As they are rare birds, they sell for a lot of money. I could have bought some fresh chicks

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Denman Art Studio Tour

By Claire DeBleu

Denman ART Studio Tour - August 17 & 18, 2024 from 10am to 4pm

The incredible talent on display in this year's island-wide studio tour will include 12 stops and can be done in one day. Here is what you will be delighted with:

1. unique, organic shaped, textured pottery pieces from Shirley Phillips at Lilac Sun Pottery (3311 Denman Rd),
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3. bright and vivid paintings in oil and watercolor, tapestry and rug weaving, hand-spun local wool and pottery from Sudasi Gardner at Gallerie Deya (3888 Northwest Rd)
4. expressive acrylic and mixed media paintings on board and canvas from Lisa Geddes (6351 Gladstone Way),
5. functional to museum quality pieces' pottery from Gordon Hutchens at Gordon Hutchens Pottery (4031 Wren Rd),
6. a set of photography called 365 days away including landscapes and close-up photographs taken while traveling in different countries and exotic islands from Claire Debleu, L'Atelier de Claire at the Earth Club Factory (3806 Denman Rd),
6. natural fibre dolls and other toys, scrappy fabric toys and art, recycled bicycle parts jewelry, watercolor arts and linen clothing for all ages from Olena & family, Sparrow's Nest Arts at the Earth Club Factory (3806 Denman Rd),
7. acrylic or oil paintings, stained glass and mosaics, and ceramics from Linda Adair at the Linda Adair Art studio (5265 Lacon Rd),
8. watercolor and acrylic paint, woodworking art, fabric and hand printed lino cuts from Jayne Fogarty and Peter Smallwood at the Standing Stones studio (5300 Lacon Rd),
9. fibres, felting, upcycled clothing, spinning, playful and practical things from Christine O'Neill at The Ca boose (4661 East rd),
10. wearable talismans from fine silver from Brianna Getz at the Moth and Moon studio (1745 Corrigan Rd),
11. acrylic paintings on canvas, barn board and wooden cut outs, cards, and clay works in a wide range of sizes and materials from Lynsey Paterson (1661 Dalziel Rd) and
12. wild, sacred and magical paintings and ceramics from Angelika Forray at the Wild Sacred Magic studio (1551 Pickles rd).

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Denman ART Studio Tour map (denmanstudiotour.blogspot.com) 

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more desirable lately, particularly with the new Hornby Island Canoe and Kayak Club at Grassy Point. Beyond canoes and kayaks, the Club rents out Seabobs, Electric Surfboards, Fliteboard Hydrofoils, and Jetskis. Down the road, tucked in at Hidden Beach, the Salish Oyster Bar, is famous for their Salish Caesar, made with Islands Spirits distillery vodka, Hornby Island hot sauce, farm fresh horseradish, Hornby cocktail sauce, and topped with a Phipps raw oyster.

Little Tribune Bay Estates and Marina, is not just for big boy toys. You can rent a 12-foot Sunchill Floating Lily Pad or Floating Carpet Pad for the day, which are perfect for entertaining guests or spending quality time with friends and family in the middle of the bay.

This season, Sea Breeze, a family-run boutique hotel on 13 acres, recently launched Summer Breeze Spa, where you can indulge yourself in the ultimate “Hornby Nirvana,” a full-body exfoliation with Cortes Island sea salt and Lasquiti karma oil, a lymph-system deep pate rub to “open” your body before the Sandpiper Stone massage, followed by a full body wrap with Komas black clay. It all ends with an application of nettle lotion, at which point you may very well have reached a state of Hornby nirvana.

Getting to Hornby has always been a challenge, but Brazen, which offers speedy seaplanes and helicopters to dodge the ferry traffic, also offers a more leisurely route by luxury motor coaches from Victoria, Nanaimo, and Comox. Not only roomier, they are also outfitted with cashmere blankets, motion-cancelling reclining seats, curated doppel kits and a fully stocked bar. Morning riders will be served breakfast courtesy of Sizzle, the juggernaut backed by Constance Schwartz Torbid and Stevie Nickie. Best of all, you can bring your pups.

Dogs are notoriously spoiled on Hornby. Indulge your pooch with swimming lessons and massages courtesy of Morgan Jerow in Sandpiper; a doggie truffle menu at Pop Up Bistro Chien Chaud at Whaling Station, and even regular “Yappy Hours” around the neighbourhoods. This summer, mobile vet, Dr. Sasha Bressler, is opening a dog sanctuary, Wag Wellness Centre and Pet Boutique in the Strachan Valley, providing red hydrant therapy and sound baths for the canine set.

Wellness is big on Hornby for humans, too. Salon Ronaldo Louis at Ford Cove, a favourite of Sonya Fursteneau, Lisa LaFlamme and Justin Beiber, has added lymphatic drainage and microcurrent facials; and a new spot called Blue Sea Spa has opened on Anderson Drive, offering such slimming techniques as Cryo T-Shock therapy, the Icoone machine and fat analysis.

Not to be outdone, a major wellness club, opened up in High Salal. With an initiation fee of \$45,000 and a lifetime fee of \$350,000, the HI Life Club, has social aspects, like its annual spot prawn champagne kickoff party. It also offers sports, such as pickleball and lawn bowling, as well as cold plunges and decompression chambers.

Beyond the glamour, Hornby is a quaint island beach community overflowing with hospitality and charm. T+L positively gushed: “with its wild, natural spaces as well as its pockets of urban charm Hornby is a top global destination.”



...continued from P.3 from Rochester hatchery in Alberta for \$15 a chick. My 17 chicks would have set us back \$255 plus the environmental cost of shipping the tiny fellows by air. It really is easier on the chicks to hatch them yourself and spare them the trauma of being shipped.

Once the chicks were nice and dry, we put them in a 3' by 4' box with a heat lamp, food and water. We feed them unmedicated chick crumble and a daily treat of a hard-boiled and mashed duck egg and a bowl of finely chopped dandelion greens. The little guys are doing very well and will replace the oldest hens in the flock later this year.

We know which year our hens were hatched as each year has a differently-coloured leg band. The new little hens I just reared will be ready to lay next spring and should lay quite well for three years. After that, they make excellent stewing hens. Grocery store chickens have no real flavour as they are obscenely young and trying to stew them results in something like a pot of glue.

About half the new birds will be cockerels and we will raise them for roasting. This means they will get the best of food, especially a lot of garden greens. This is one of the reasons I cultivate dandelions as they are a super food for chickens.

Chicken fat should be a bright-orange colour and if it is white, that means the bird you are eating is unhealthy from a disgusting and inadequate diet. The meat of such birds is not much good to anyone as are commercially-produced eggs.

The yolk of a good egg should be orange, even veering towards red. Some friends of ours say when they break one of our eggs in a pan that the sun is shining. The pale, yellow yolks of other eggs shows you they have almost no nutritional value. This is why we tend to make egg salad the long way. It is simply the better way. 🍷

7 1 24 I have fought with my belly

I have fought with my belly
in drunken doorways
or in front of silent screens
with popcorn and chips spilt upon me,
I have fought with my belly
in the drive thru,
the mayo,
the cheese,
the dogfish rolling off my glistening pink chin,
I have fought with my belly
as it was being blessed with the splatters
of soft ice cream
while driving through Courtenay
to catch a ferry
while the oysters shuffled on the seafloor
as the turkey vultures wait for me
circling above my lawn

By Alan Black

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International Criminal Court

By Sally Campbell

The focus of this Court (ICC) is on *individual* responsibility and accountability. It was created through *The Rome Statute*, a Treaty adopted in 1998 to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and Genocide. It was an important step in the development of international law.

According to Jamil Dakwar, Human Rights Head for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Adjunct Professor at NYU & Hunter College, NY, the trials of individuals from Bosnia and Rwanda involved separate War Crimes Tribunals that were ad hoc, that is, not permanent institutions. There was a need to create a permanent court of last resort. The main point of the ICC was to deter and fight those getting away with international war crimes, which many countries are either unable to or unwilling to prosecute. (5th June, 2024)

Canada was the 14th country to sign on to the ICC, in December, 1998. The ICC now has 124 member countries, a substantial majority of the world's states. Dozens of states are not members, however, including China, Russia, India, the US, and Israel. They don't recognize its jurisdiction.

ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan, KC, a British Barrister elected by ICC States parties in 2021, has recently announced that the ICC is seeking arrest warrants for Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu, Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant, and for three Hamas leaders. Khan has to be convinced that there is reasonable ground to believe that these individuals have committed war crimes. The matter is now in the Pre-trial Chamber, where a panel of 3 judges from the ICC will decide if warrants should be issued. A prosecution by the ICC also cannot go ahead if the individuals in question are being held to account by their own country. Israel, says Dakwar, has a history of creating commissions of inquiry, right back to the Sabra/Shatila massacres it committed in Lebanon in 1982, and the lethal attack on the *Mavi Mavara*, first Gaza Freedom Flotilla in 2010, but these commissions didn't involve any serious investigation of war crimes. So the ICC has stepped in this time.

Jurisdiction for the Court is based on Palestine's admission to the ICC in 2015, when the UN recognized Palestine as an Observer State. At that time, Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas leader (against whom an ICC warrant is currently being sought for October 7th) wanted to involve the ICC after 2014's "Operation Protective Edge", when Israel attacked Gaza, killing 2200, mostly women and children, and injuring some 30,000 others.

The warrants against the Hamas leaders are based on the horrific October 7 attack on Israel. The warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant are based on Israel's ongoing deliberate starvation of Palestinians in Gaza, and the intentional withholding of humanitarian aid to victims of Israeli violence. It's important to note that Netanyahu will be the first Western leader to be indicted by the ICC. This is significant, as the ICC has been criticized for only arresting alleged war criminals from former Yugoslavia or African countries.

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The arrest warrants mean that if any of these men venture into a country that is a member of the ICC, they are subject to immediate arrest, followed by trial for the crimes with which they are charged.

According to Gideon Levy, Israeli Journalist with newspaper Ha'aretz, this is a moment the whole elite in Israel is afraid of. This is no longer just about the UN and its prosecution of the State of Israel for "plausible genocide"; it is now personal and these men are concerned about themselves. They can no longer travel without risk of arrest. They will be "wanted men" and that is a game-changer.

Stephen Zunes is a Professor at University of San Francisco and expert in US foreign policy & human rights. He says the US is very hostile to the ICC and in fact during the Bush 2 years, passed a law *authorizing an invasion* of The Hague if the ICC applies its jurisdiction to the US. Could it be that the US was/is concerned that some of its leaders might be indicted? Names like Henry Kissinger, Dick Cheney & Donald Rumsfeld come to mind when speculating as to why the US didn't sign onto the ICC when it was formed in 1998. Zunes points out (*Inside Story, Al Jazeera*, 3rd May, 2024) that Israel is a very small country, not a huge one like Russia. (There was an arrest warrant issued for Putin in 2023.) The US may well be the only western country these men can safely travel to, if under indictment. As well, he considers that indictments may increase the possibility of sanctions against Israel by trade unions, the human rights community, etc. The political impact could be quite significant, affecting Israel's economy, which was already down by 20% last quarter of 2023. Israel (pop. 10 million) is short several hundred thousand workers, having banned all West Bank Palestinians from working in "Israel proper" since October 7th.

Zunes says the whole Gaza War becomes far more controversial within Israel with indictments like this, and Israel *will feel some impact*. As Palestinians and many Israeli activists* tell us time and time again, Israel needs the international community to insist that it change course and accept the necessity of two peoples living in equality, with justice and freedom for all, before peace and security will come to the region. They can't do it alone.

*Such as Amira Haas, Ilan Pappé, Jeff Halper, Gideon Levy, *Zochrot, Breaking the Silence, Combatants for Peace & Boycott from Within*. 🍷

OPINIONS

Letters to the Editor

I am writing to correct an error in Sally Campbell's otherwise informative article on the international courts. She misquotes the findings of the International Court of Justice in response to South Africa's petition about alleged genocide in Gaza. The court did not rule that South Africa had a "plausible case," as Campbell states, but that Gaza Palestinians had a plausible right to be protected from genocide.

This is not just splitting hairs. Twisting that ruling to claim that the ICJ found accusations of genocide against Israel to be "plausible" is actually false and contorts the court's intent. The President of the ICJ at the time of the ruling, Judge Joan Donoghue, has clarified that "the court decided that the Palestinians had a plausible right to be protected from genocide and that South Africa had the right to present that claim in the court. It then looked at the facts as well, but it did not decide – and this is something where I'm correcting what's often said in the media – it didn't decide that the claim of genocide was plausible."

See <https://www.ejiltalk.org/improbable-confusion-the-meaning-of-plausibility-in-the-icjs-provisional-measures/> for clarity on what "plausible" means to this court, which is very different from what Sally Campbell claims.

Alan Morinis
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Ancedotal evidence

Anecdote: Many, if not most, of the claims of vaccine and EMI damage are anecdotal. Anecdotes rarely deal with causes, they are descriptions of singular events. Many anecdotes are true; the truth or falsity of an anecdote is important only in selecting it as part of a group of similar anecdotes. But to make sense of stories concerning any large scale event, anecdotes should cover the whole field which, for either vaccines or EMI, would include anecdotes from the millions like myself who are vaccinated or use WiFi yet suffer no effects whatsoever. Putting both types of anecdote together gives us the ability to gauge frequency of real events and work out a risk assessment. It is simply not possible to build causation on a few selected anecdotes.

Controlled Studies: Working initially from empirical evidence (a more scientifically meaningful term for anecdotal evidence), which often points the way, scientists attempt to devise a test procedure which will isolate a possible cause. This is not an easy task involving such problems as sample size, measurement difficulty, identity and control of all factors, extraneous causative factors, sloppy procedure, etc. But it is the best procedure we have to try to determine causation for many of the problems that beset us. A great example of a controlled study being set off by anecdotal stories is that of citrus fruit and scurvy. James Lind, a Scottish naval surgeon in the 18th century conducted one of the first controlled studies recorded on the basis of long-standing anecdotal evidence of a connection between citrus fruit and lack of scurvy in sailors. In 1747 he performed his experiment by dividing a group of scurvy afflicted British sailors into six groups, each to indulge in the same overall diet but with the addition of six different possible prophylactics, one of which was citrus. After six days the citrus group of sailors had either fully recovered or were nearing recovery; the others were still afflicted. In spite of this clear demonstration it took the British Navy until 1797 to begin to issue ships with citrus. No clear causation could be determined at the time as Vitamin C was unknown but a very clear risk assessment with a positive result was eventually accepted. The fifty years between experiment and acceptance is also a sad reflection on how long we can hold on to an idea in spite of clear evidence it is not true.

Most claims of causation by the EMI and anti-vaccination proponents rest on anecdotal evidence or very questionable studies often performed by individuals without experience in designing such studies—a difficult task even for those with a high level of statistical and methodological training. Perhaps a South African anecdote is a cautionary tale for those who accept anecdotal stories as proof positive of causation. In 2009 a number of residents in Craigavon, South Africa were complaining of typical EHS (electro-hypersensitivity) symptoms after a new iBurst cell tower went live. At a meeting in November with the company, a number of residents continued to complain that they were at the moment suffering skin rashes, headaches, and the like whenever they went near the tower. It turns out, however, that the company had shut the tower off six weeks before the meeting, meaning that the present-day complaints couldn't have been directly due to the radiation from the tower. At the very least such anecdotes should cause us to pause in our jump to a conclusion. But it seems that even with the tower shut off most of the residents were not ready to question their causative belief and were still trying through the courts to get rid of the tower and gain restitution a year or two later on the basis of their ailments.

The difficulty in designing a study to elucidate cause and effect is evident in the case of ultra-processed foods. According to Dr. Joe Schwartz, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at McGill and director of their Office for Science and Society, roughly 60 per cent of the western diet is made up of ultra-processed foods. Numerous studies have linked the consumption of these foods with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer, Type 2 diabetes, and obesity. Although these studies only indicate a risk and cannot prove an unequivocal cause-and-effect relationship, attention is warranted when so much empirical evidence and so many studies all point in the same direction. It also points out the seminal part 'risk' plays in determining positive or negative effects when direct causation is not possible.

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**The Mainstream
Worldview Is A
Mass-Produced
Artificial Psychosis**

By Caitlin Johnstone

July 12th, 2024

OPINION

People who still believe that the news media tell them the truth and that their nation and their world work pretty much the way they were taught in school are just as brainwashed and deluded as any QAnon cultist. The only difference is that their delusions are much more widely shared, and that the mechanisms used to brainwash them are much more high-budget and sophisticated. The mainstream worldview is really just a mass-produced artificial psychosis.

It's actually difficult to wrap your mind around the scale and pervasiveness of the mountain of lies upon which this dystopian civilization is built. You think you're starting to get a read on things, then you gain more knowledge and insight and realize it goes so much further than you thought. You start pulling on one thread, maybe some obvious lie about Iraq or Palestine or whatever, and the whole thing just keeps unraveling and unraveling and unraveling. Before you know it you're staring at a society that is not just riddled with untruth, but actually woven entirely from the fabric of untruth.

Everything. How your nation really works. How the world really works. How capitalism really works. What politics really are. What the media are really used for. What laws are really used for. What wars and militarism are really used for. What ideology is really used for. What religion is really used for. What culture is really used for. What rules and etiquette are really used for. It's all made-up narrative all the way down, and all of those narratives are made up by the powerful, in the service of the powerful.

You can tell someone's still playing in the shallow end of the pool of political insight based on how much time they spend freaking out about a dark dystopian future, because it shows the extent to which they fail to perceive how profoundly unfree we are right here and now. Right wingers, ideologically prohibited from considering the possibility that what they're experiencing under capitalism isn't real freedom, spend their time freaking out about a neo-Marxist



future where everyone's trapped in 15-minute cities and forced to take poisonous vaccines and eat bugs. Western liberals, ideologically prohibited from considering the possibility they live under the world's most tyrannical power structure and that everything they were taught is a lie, spend their time freaking out about a future under a horrible Trumpian dictatorship.

If you've really got your eyes open, you understand that as a whole we could not actually be more effectively enslaved to the will of the powerful than we are right now, even if we were all wearing chains around our necks and had mind control computer chips in our brains. As a collective we're always thinking, speaking, laboring, spending, living, acting and voting exactly as the wealthiest and most powerful people in our society want us to, our entire lives completely dedicated to the service of their continued power and profit while our information systems keep pummeling us with the message that we are free.

We are indoctrinated into believing we live in a free country unlike those poor suckers in Iran or North Korea, and we are indoctrinated into believing everything else our tyrannical rulers want us to believe as well. We sing of our freedom while marching in unison to the beat of the imperial drum, our minds so fully subjugated that we don't even realize that we are marching.

"We are free!" we cry. "Free to sell our labor at extortionate rates to the capitalist class. Free to pay rent to professional land-hoarders or mortgage payments to banks for the privilege of having shelter on the planet we were born on. Free to choose between ten thousand different kinds of toothpaste and two warmongering capitalist political parties. Free to vote in fake elections for fake candidates who will never change anything. Free to think however we were trained to think and say anything we've been trained to say. Free to live exactly how we've been programmed to live by our owners."

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And sure there are a few of us who manage get our minds unplugged from the propaganda matrix, but our numbers are kept so few as to be inconsequential. Everyone else is told we are paranoid conspiracy theorists and victims of Russian propaganda and disinformation in order to inoculate the mainstream herd against infection from our wrongthink, while the volume on the imperial indoctrination machine is simply cranked up a notch.

The good news is that there's no way this is sustainable. There's only so much depravity you can sweep under the carpet with the broom of deception before people start noticing the lumps on the floor. There's only so far you can stretch and twist the human mind before it snaps. The empire is a house of cards resting on a closed pair of eyelids, and at some point those eyelids are going to flutter open. At some point everyone's going to start noticing the loose threads in the fabric of all this, and keep pulling and pulling until they see through the entire scam. 

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All of us deal daily with risk; when we attempt to jay walk we are quickly assessing the risk of being run over; it is an almost automatic process as we look both ways and decide we can make it before that car approaching reaches us. We try to build procedures, rules of the road, which will improve certainty so that when we head out in our cars we can be reasonably sure that we will get there in time without killing or injuring ourselves. But the risk is still there. When something new appears to increase risk, we might invoke the so-called 'cautionary principle' but this principle does not demand we stop the new process completely; it is the amber light which says proceed with caution. And, in the case of mRNA vaccines it does not mean stopping all vaccinating on the basis of a small number of selected anecdotes; it requires a risk assessment of positive versus negative effects on the population as a whole. Such an assessment takes time, usually measured in months if not years, and requires large scale implementation AFTER many small scale studies—in the case of mRNA vaccines beginning in the 1990's—have indicated no negative effects. Large scale implementation gives us a huge range of anecdotal evidence on which we can base a reasonable risk assessment and all the anecdotal evidence must be included; one cannot choose only the anecdotes which reinforce our anxieties.

So if you are faced with an argument of causality which depends on a few anecdotes be aware that causality can rarely if ever be determined from anecdotal evidence alone. But FULL anecdotal evidence can be a starting point for a reasonable risk assessment. Ask yourself what comprises the full universe of anecdotes surrounding the claim and has the proponent taken all of them into consideration to substantiate their claim. Then check for well conducted studies attempting to assess the anecdotal evidence by a controlled study or a well thought out risk assessment. Many of those who write of causation based on a few anecdotes also encourage us to use 'critical thinking'. But the only causation they are sure of is a conspiratorial one whose evidence they simply write off in the name of the unexplained conspirators—an example of what psychologists know as 'projection'; accusing others of your own critical thinking faults. The residents of Craigavon, like the British Navy, demonstrate a common disdain for critical thinking when they refuse to respond to the evidence presented and continue to ignore it. So try to learn from all supported evidence and be your own James Lind.

Oakley Rankin 

When Nothing Makes Sense

It actually makes perfect sense

"Who controls the food supply controls the people, who controls the energy can control whole continents and who controls the money can control the world"

-Henry Kissinger

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The late Henry Kissinger was widely considered to be a war criminal posing as a respected Statesman. He was a close advisor to Richard Nixon and instrumental in taking the US off the gold standard (1971), starting the WEF (1971) and launching globalism as we are experiencing it today. The goals of the centralized global government, consisting of politicians, international corporations, powerful billionaires and most importantly, central bankers have led to steady social and economic decline in the West over the last 50 years. Polls over the last 1.5 years show that 70% of Canadians feel Canada is “broken”, largely due to the consequences of imposed globalist policies over decades. The same could be said for many countries. The global cultists don’t view the world as consisting of unique and sovereign nations with individual cultures, traditions and independent economies. They see the world as their gift basket to be divvied up between them.

The global cultists love war and destruction because they make tons of money off of it. They crave power and control more than anything else. This tiny group already controls 90% of the world’s wealth but that is not enough apparently. They love the idea of colonization and keep whole continents under their thumb, never allowing them to get ahead. They pick and choose who the good countries are (compliant) and who the bad countries are (defiant). They think nothing of crushing an independent country (Libya) if they perceive it as threat to their plan. That’s what the forever wars are mostly about; that and money laundering on a scale we can’t even imagine. Did you know you helped Zelensky buy a 37 million dollar mansion in Florida?

As Canadians living in a good compliant country, we have been endowed with the coveted G7 status. We support the many globalist organizations and use vast amounts of taxpayer money to advance their agendas. We have had a relatively strong currency which allows us to travel to “cheap” countries where the local citizens are kept in poverty and we kind of like it that way. Most don’t question why such nations never get ahead. Of course we know all about Western dominance, regime control and aggressive and apparently necessary wars but rarely question it. We support international bullying whether we admit to it or not. That may be about to change as we are scheduled for a re-set. It’s all set to be finalized by that magic date - 2030!

If you’re a skeptic of everything political like myself, you would wonder if it all ties together. A 2022 book, “Principals in Dealing with a New World Order”, by Ray Dalio offers an explanation that makes sense of it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xguam0TKMw8&t=1101s>

Dalio, a successful financier, has studied the rise and fall of various world powers (Dutch, British, US) over the last 500 years. He focuses on 8 metrics including, education, invention and technology, competitiveness, economic output, military strength, power of financial centres and strength as a reserve currency. He discovered significant patterns and was able to draw a strong and well-supported conclusion about what we are facing and have been directed towards for the last 50 years. It’s a sober analysis of what we can expect as US dominance declines in order to make way for the long planned- for era of Chinese/Asian global dominance. The recent loss of World Reserve Currency status for the US is a crucial step in how the US empire fails. It cannot be good for us.

The Globalists like compliance. They hate Trump for his open defiance and have been desperately trying to dispose of him. He seems to be standing in the way of the long planned for shift to the New World Order dominated by Chy-na. Since the recent assassination attempt failed, expect even more chaos. Biden is very compliant and his advanced dementia is actually an asset for the puppet position he occupies. Justin Trudeau has been caught up in scandal after scandal involving billions of dollars and faces hard evidence from CSIS that a dozen parliamentarians (Trudeau refuses to name) have been colluding with the Chinese Communist Party in Canadian election interference. We used to call that being traitors. Now it’s called a “worse than normal week” for Trudeau.

Canada’s rich resources are critical to the rising needs of the CCP. China is exempted from the punitive demands of UN Climate Change initiatives as well as those pesky human rights concerns the West is burdened with. They are building two new coal fired generating plants a week and their dismal record of hardline policies against their own citizens is A-Okay with the globalists.

As good compliant Canadians, we should be happy to hand our country over to the Chinese Communist Party. We’ve had a good run and now there is a new boss in town. Trudeau is a very cooperative player and openly admires the Chinese dictatorship which he is working very hard to emulate. The Globalists adore him and his good hair is holding up nicely. <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/1.2421352>



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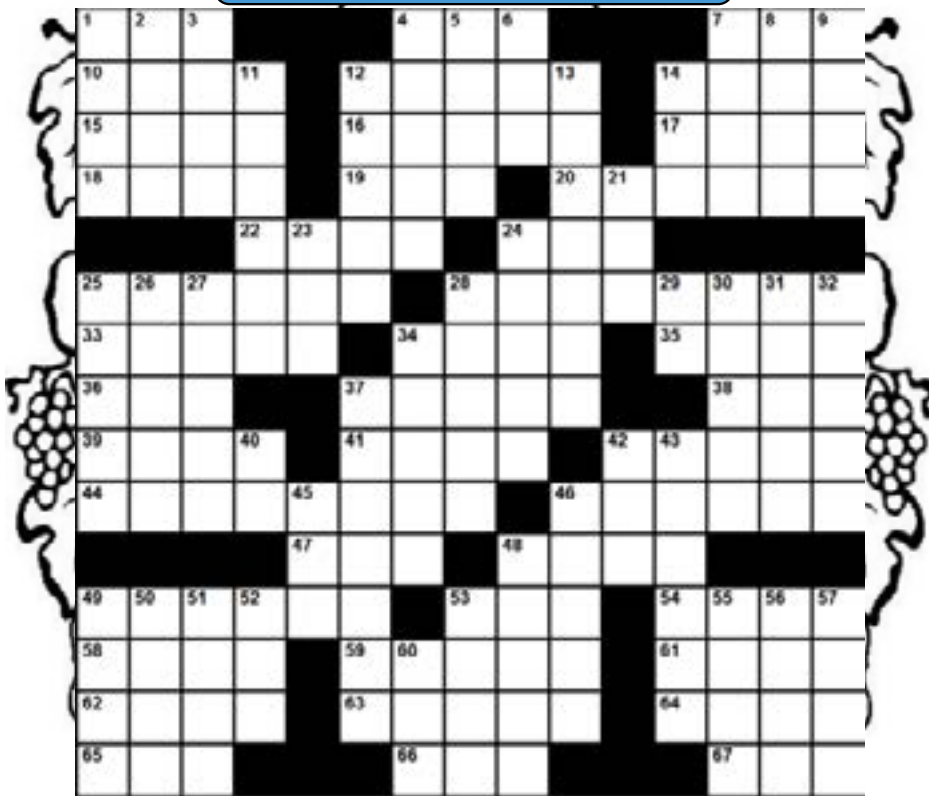
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Judy Armstrong

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• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

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