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War - Currency Wars, Shooting Wars

War is war

War is destructive, a get rid of activity. People get hurt, killed. Lives are ruined, property destroyed, society destroyed, governments destroyed. Wars for the most part are carried out by governments.

In "Currency Wars" James Rickards writes about the warfare between governments using all forms of paper money as weapons. He also touches on how financial instruments are used to leverage their national and ideological interests. Gold and silver are also used, but this most valued "store of value" is coveted and feared by governments. Gold and silver are the peoples antidote to rogue government. It always has been and always will be.

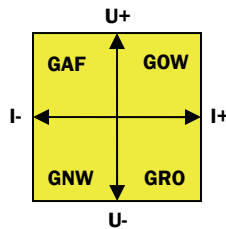
In the story (movie) "Casablanca," people are

for the most part marooned in this town where anything goes, awaiting passage to safety. Rick's Café Americain is a favored place where people can hopefully buy a safe passage to freedom. They are getting away from repressive, oppressive military activities. People are desperate.

Today, the Syrian people are walking away from their homes, leaving en mass. Reportedly 10,000 a day. They are

in the crossfire of **provocative** outside government supplied "rebels" (local and foreign), vagabonds, and the government's (**provocative**) army. There are many unknowns. Who is responsible for the violence? Where are the police?

The violent activities of all these different groups (in their towns and cities) are a threat to the very existence of the local residents-people. They are getting out while they can; away from the snipers, the bullets, the missiles, the bombs, the gas, the tanks, the soldiers, the governments. Millions of men, women, and children are leaving everything they have except for what they can carry, to get away from the horrors of (government) intervention. They seek freedom so that they can pursue their happiness.



getting away from a "war" that does not appear to be of their making. They've been caught

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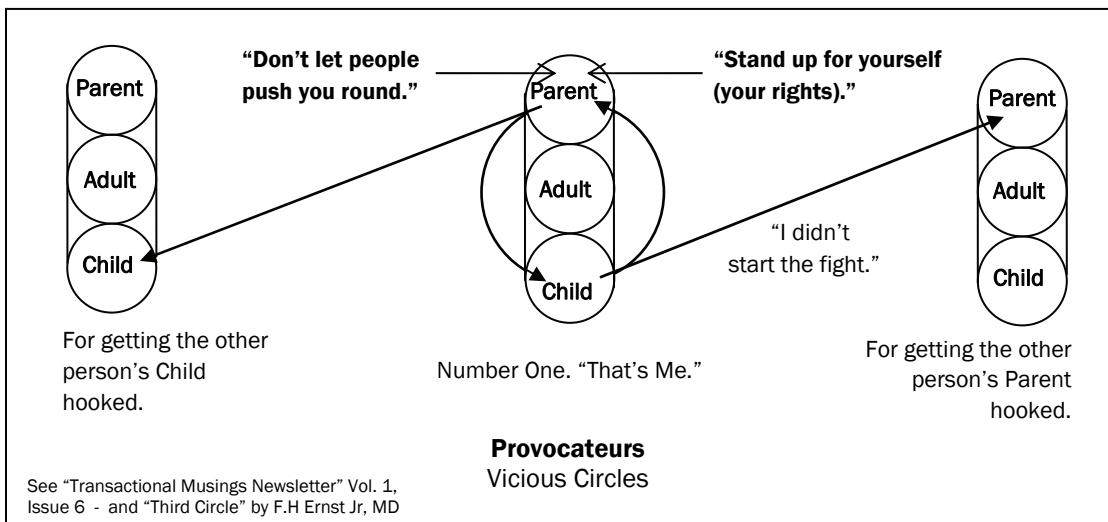
Special points of Interest:

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Supplying governments with more weapons will only make things worse. Supplying "rebels" with more guns, rockets, and other will only make things worse.

There are many groups involved: The Syrian gov't groups and individuals, neighboring governments and their agents, distant governments and their agents, local criminals, local "rebels", imported "rebels" of various stripes (al Qaeda included), family feuds, tribal feuds, other. [A lot of intensely played "Let's You and Him Fight"]

How does one neutralize the poison gas? How does one neutralize the indiscriminate bombing? How does one neutralize indiscriminate tank shelling? How does one neutralize the threats?

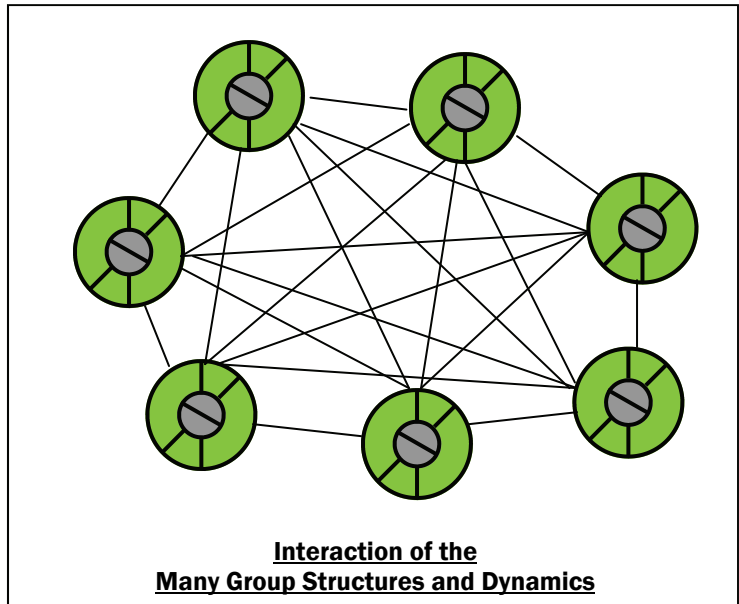
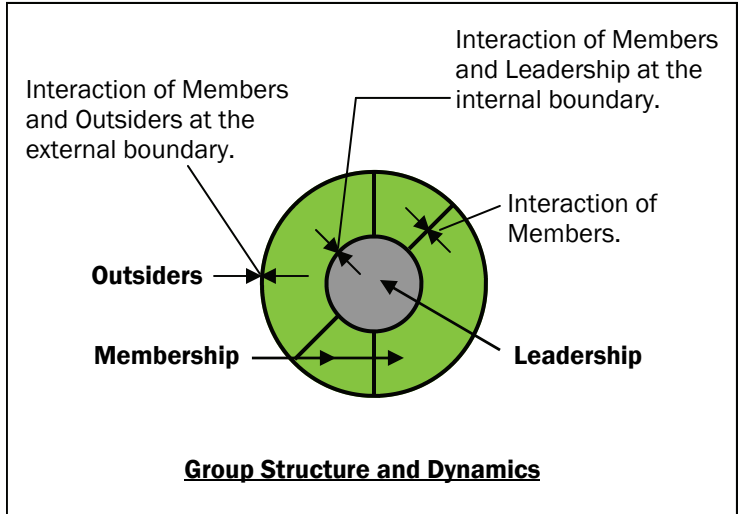
The people must have a means to defend themselves.

Money

It is abundantly clear that certain nations regard money as weapons; the United States, Russia, China to name a few. And others see they are merely pawns in this "war" game.

On page 160 of "Currency Wars" the author James Rickards writes: "The clearest exposition of Chinese thinking on financial warfare is an essay called 'The War God's Face Has Become Indistinct,' included in a book on unrestricted warfare written in 1999 by Colonels Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui of the People's Liberation Army. One passage in particular is worth quoting at length:

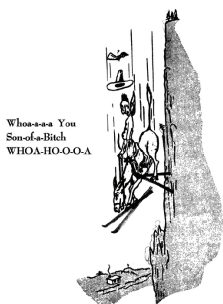
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fare" will undoubtedly be an entry in the . . . Dictionaries of official military jargon. Moreover, when people revise the history books of the twentieth-century warfare . . . The section on financial warfare will command the reader's utmost attention. . . . Today, when nuclear weapons have already become frightening mantelpiece decorations that are losing their real operational value . . . Financial war has become a "hyper-strategic" weapon that is attracting the attention of the world. This is because financial war is easily manipulated and allows for concealed actions, and is so highly destructive."

"Consideration of such military doctrine suggests that the future of geopolitics might not be the benign multilateral ethos of Davos Man but rather more dark and dystopian world of resource scarcity, infrastructure collapse, mercantilism and default. China's call to replace the U.S. dollar as the global reserve currency, routinely dismissed by bien-pensant global elite, might be taken more seriously if they were as familiar with Chinese financial warfare strategy as with Keynesian theory."

The author of "Currency War" points out that the Chinese [PRC government] have direct telephone lines into the



mega banks [of New York City] UBS, J.P. Morgan, Goldman Sachs, other, for purposes of buying and selling U.S. treasuries, U.S. Government securities, mortgage backed securities, other. Are they buying and selling paper gold/silver, too?

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The author of a recent article in “Aviation Week & Space Technology”/August 19, 2013 points out that while “General Keith Alexander, director of NSA, undertook a charm offensive with a keynote speech at the Black Hat hacker conference in Las Vegas last month, a smaller gathering of high-level information-security professionals in London were discussing a radical vision for how the NSA, the Internet and telecom industries could capitalize on recent leak of classified information.” Further on the author writes: “What is lacking is an understanding of just how vulnerable one can be when it comes to digital information,” says A.J. Clark, a former U.S. military data fusion analyst.”

Off the shelf technology solutions exist, that allow people to defend themselves here, too.

The author of this AWST article concludes by writing what Mr. Clark said: “ ... I’m optimistic (the government) will take a highly technological approach to addressing what they see as the problem, and not start building up a lot of artificial barriers around the tech-

nology that would encumber solution-providers such as ourselves from helping them become more efficient and more cost-effective.”

Don’t count on it. You are better off serving the people defend themselves than providing the government a means to become bigger and more cumbersome. Just look what happened in Iraq and Afghanistan. More and Bigger meant big armies, more bureaucracy and bigger bills. And what’s to show for all of this?

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In the story “The Outlaw Josey Wales” he rides into the Indian village alone to get his two friends held captive there. Confronted by a hundred or so Indians, Josey speaks:
JW: “You be Ten Bears?”
10-B: “I am Ten Bears.”
JW: “I’m Josey Wales.”
10-B: “I have heard. You’re the grey rider. You would not make peace with the blue coats. You may go in peace.”
JW: “I reckon not. Got nowhere to go.”

10-B: “Then you will die.”
JW: “ I came here to die with you. Or live with you. Dying ain’t so hard for men like you and me. It’s living that’s hard. And all you’ve cared about has been butchered or raped. Governments don’t live together. People live together. Red men don’t always get a fair word or a fair fight. Well, I’ve come here to give you either one, or get either one from you. I came here like this

so that you know my word of death is true. And then my word of life is then true. The bear lives here, the wolf, the antelope, Comanch. So will we. And we will only hunt what we need to live on. Same as the Comanch does. And every spring when the grass turns green and the Comanch turns north, can rest here in peace. Butcher some of our cattle. Jerk beef for the journey. The sign of the Comanch, that will be on our lodge. That’s my word of life.”

10-B: “And your word of death?”

JW: “It’s here in my pistols and your rifles. I’m here for either one.”

10-B: “These things you say we will have, we already have.”

JW: “That’s true. I ain’t promising you anything extra. I’m just giving you life and you’re giving me life. And I’m saying men can live together without butchering one another.”

10-B: “It’s sad that governments are cheaped by the double tongues. There is iron in your words of death for all Comanch to see. And so there is iron in your words of life. No signed paper can hold the iron. It must come from men. The words of Ten Bears carries the same words of life and death. It is good that warriors such as we meet in the struggle of life, or death. — It shall be life.”

10-B: “So it will be.”

JW: “I reckon so.”

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The Image and "Persona" of NSA Have Changed - cont.

Dr. Eric Berne writes in "The Structure and Dynamics of Organizations and Groups", page 113:

"The following hypotheses are offered:

1. The proceedings of any group are regulated by two authorities: the leadership and the group canon.
2. There are three kinds of leadership: the responsible leader, the effective leader and the psychological leader.
3. The members demand

certain absolute qualities of their leaders so that fundamentally every successful leader is a charismatic leader.

4. The culture of a group can be divided into three aspects: the technical culture, the group etiquette and the group character. The last two are based on an implicit contract that the members will respect each others' personas. Each group evolves its own standards of behavior, its

own ways of reinforcing the contract and its own ways of violating it in certain respects.

5. Each of the three aspects of a group culture is derived from a special aspect of the members' personalities: the technical culture from the realistic (adult) aspect; the group etiquette from the traditional (parental) aspect; and the group character from the emotional (archaic) aspect."

Trading Stamps

The following is from Eric Berne's book "Group Treatment", page 286

Trading Stamps

"Transactional trading stamps are the currency of what are colloquially known as "rackets," chiefly guilt, fear, hurt, and anger, and often inadequacy, stupidity, or bafflement as well. When the patient is young, his parents teach him how to feel when things get difficult: "In our family, when things get difficult, we feel guilty (afraid, hurt, angry, inadequate, baffled)." These feelings become rackets when the patient learns to exploit them and collect them in his games and script, usually because they have become sexualized. For example, much "justifiable" grown-up anger belongs in this category, the payoff in the game called "Now I've Got You, You Son of a Bitch." Here the patient's Child is full of suppressed anger. He waits until someone does something that justifies his expressing it. Justi-

fication means that his Adult goes along with his Child in saying to his Parent, "No one can reasonably blame me for getting angry under such conditions." Thus relieved of Paranoid censure, he turns on the offender and says, in effect, "Ha! No one would blame me, so 'Now I've Got You.'" etc. In transactional language, he gets a "free mad" (a "red trading stamp"). If he saves them up instead of cashing them in on the spot, he may eventually get enough to feel entitled to a "free" homicide.

A patient went home from a group meeting one day and briefly explained trading stamps to her 12-year-old son. He said, "Okay, mom, I'll be back soon." When he returned, he had a small roll of perforated stamps for which he had made a dispenser, and a little paper book with the pages divided into squares. The legend read: "This page when full of stamps entitles you to one free suffer." The boy understood perfectly the princi-

ple involved: if people do not spontaneously frighten you, provoke you, insult you, or entice you, then you can initiate a game in order to make them do it; in this way free fights, mads, suffers, or guilts can be collected.

The "store" where transactional stamps are redeemed has the same assortment of prizes as regular trading-stamp store: big ones, little ones, and toys. For "100 books," say, the patient can get one of the big ones: a free suicide, a free homicide, a free psychosis, or a free quit (divorce, leave therapy, quit job). For "10 books" he can get a toy (unsuccessful) suicide. For "1 book" he can get a "little" prize, a free sexual fantasy or drunk. An alcoholic, for example, by starting a game of "Uproar" at home, may provoke his wife into giving him 10 insult stamps, which entitle him to guilt-free evening at the corner saloon and a ...

To be continued