

PARABLE OF THE HOG WALLOW

LIFE ON THE FARM

There once was a hog farm. On this hog farm there were many hog pens. In each pen there was a hog wallow with its usual mud, mire and accompanying smells. The several pens, or sties as they're called, were attached to each other so that one pen bordered another, separated only by a fence and an occasional walkway for the farmer to use in feeding and managing the hogs. Looking down upon the farm, from a nearby hill, it seemed like a labyrinth of unending fences and hog wallows. It was called "The J-C Farm," and it had been owned and managed by the same family for many generations. It had become the largest hog farm in the land.

The J-C Farm was renowned for its contented, fat, well-mannered hogs. For generation after generation, the J-C hogs had occupied themselves mostly with eating, breeding and then going to the butcher. It was an ideal money-making setup. The owners were happy and rich.

NEW VISION

One day, one of the more intelligent young hogs overheard the farmer telling his son that hog life had not always been the way it was now on the J-C Farm. Long ago, some hogs had actually lived free. They had no fences, no mud wallows, no farmers and NO BUTCHERS. Hogs were free to roam about, making their own life and seeking their own happiness. This thought interested the young hog and he determined to look into the matter.

Soon, he had compiled an impressive amount of evidence proving

that, indeed, hogs could live and survive outside the sty. Not only that, but it showed that hogs were better off and happier when not locked inside a pen. After he was quite convinced of these things, he decided that he should share the information with others. Being a "natural leader," and since he enjoyed the attention given to him by the crowds of hogs who came to hear him speak about "new lifestyles," he gladly became their leader. "Why," he thought, "if I can get enough hogs to join my movement and support my ideas, I can create a new hog sect. I can change the world!"



REFORMATION

He began by learning how to unlatch the gate. Then, one night, along with a few of his most trusted followers, he escaped from the farm. The escapees were so few in number that they would hardly be missed from the thousands of hogs that lived on the farm. Soon, he found an area he liked and set up his base of operations there, not far from the J-C Farm. Within a month or two, he had established a system of teaching

hogs how to open gates. Then he began sending the veteran gate openers on night missions to help recruit more hogs to join them. They would walk around the pens inviting others to join their sect, and then open the gates for those who wanted to go with them.

SWEET SUCCESS

Before long, the new hog sect had grown to sizable proportions. Its success surpassed all expectations, and was still growing. The air of success was so intoxicating it obscured the fact that their leader was starting to have problems. He was finding that being a hog leader was no easy task. The problems seemed to increase in proportion to the number of members.

Nonetheless, he bolstered himself and figured that being a leader meant that he would have to face and conquer the challenges and hardships. Besides, other leaders had led larger groups, and with the support of his followers he, too, could continue to be successful.

One of his accomplishments, of which he was particularly proud, was his revolutionary idea that hogs could live better if they refrained from wallowing in mud. This was his crowning achievement. The hogs in his sect were the cleanest in the land—and the best smelling too. In fact, the schools in his sect developed a reputation for turning out executive type hogs which were more socially acceptable. They were no longer handicapped with the stigma of "hog stench."

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THE BUSINESS WORLD

Over the next several years, his leadership took on new meaning. He was no longer motivated by a need to share new information. Instead, he was consumed by pride for his accomplishments. Also, much of his energy was spent trying to defend and maintain the popularity of his organization against a spate of new competition. Hog sects were popping up everywhere. And as if that wasn't enough, he also had the constant worry of maintaining control of his personal holdings. But he kept reminding his members of how much he had improved their lives and sacrificed for them, and that they must keep supporting him so he could keep helping them.

Luckily, much of his daily worries, as leader, had been taken off his shoulders when he incorporated a committee of educated hogs to help manage the herd. Consequently, with the help of these experts, he could manage the herd much more efficiently, and the profits continued to increase. Of course, he had almost no personal contact with the herd anymore. It was even said, among the hog members, that he was no longer "one of them."

Indeed, he had lost contact with the daily herd life. In fact, he seemed unconcerned when he learned that several sections of the herd were beginning to practice mud wallowing again. He just passed it off as "harmless, temporary diversion." Besides, it didn't seem to effect the profit or membership ratings, which were available on monthly spreadsheets from his in-house computer setup.

THE TRUTH ABOUT HOG FARMS

One day, many years later, the proud old leader was showing his grandson around the herd facilities. "This," he proudly drawled, "was all possible because I had vision. I dared to be different!"

As he basked in the admiration from his attentive offspring, he heard the young pig ask, "Grandpa, why do we need such high fences, and why are the hogs so muddy and stinky?" The proud old hog, in a moment of reflection, mused the strange twinge of conscience barely noticeable some where in the back of his memory.

The precocious piglet continued,

"These hog pens are muddier and smellier than those at the J-C Farm! Why do you say our farm is different, Grandpa?"

The old sire didn't answer the question. "Just remember," he grumbled, "Hogs will be hogs!"

("While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: . . . But it is happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.")

—2 Peter 2:18 & 22)

-THE MORAL

Vision is overcome by pride, greed and habit. Thus, when innovation loses its distinctiveness and original impetus, it reverts back to the old patterns, becoming a stereotype of that which it originally protested.

Israel was freed from Egypt, but later reverted back to enslavement under human kings.

Protestants protested the Papacy and then reverted back to Catholic worship patterns.

Americans declared independence from the Crown in 1776 and then reverted back to English style central government in 1787.

Today, Christians are leaving the Judeo-churches (J-C Farms). Will they revert back to old church patterns (habits)?

Just as hog farms beget fences, mud and stench, churches seem to naturally beget a wrong form of "worship"—an idolatry the Bible calls Baalworship. Most people call it "church worship."

"Church," as we know it, is a misnomer. It is the wrong word. The English Bible translators incorrectly used "church" to translate the Greek word: ECCLESIA. "Church" correctly comes from a different Greek word: KURIOKOS: two completely different things confused by the Romanized translators.

A "church" is a temple of religion. The concept, came by way of Rome—not New Testament Greek. An "ecclesia" (mistranslated "church" in the Bible) is actually a body politic. [In Athens, the "ecclesia" was the governing assembly of the citizens—duly called by proper officers (Britannica, 9th edition -1888).

Thus, New Testament "ecclesias"

were local Christian communities—**NOT CHURCHES!**

Churches dissipate and neutralize Christians by religious emotion and catharsis. We don't need more churches (sties). We need Christian ecclesias (Christian governments).

We do not need church programs, entertainment, ritual and habit. (mud wallows). We need repentance and practical education.

We do not need churches to pacify us, make us feel religious and fatten us up for the bankers—(butchers).

We should think in terms of fellow called-out ecclesias rather than churches; Christian education instead of "charisma." Christian self-government instead of pagan central government.

As citizens of Christ's Kingdom, you have been redeemed from the idolatry of the Baal churches. **KEEP YOURSELVES FROM RELIGIOUS MUD-WALLOWING!**

"When you come to appear before me, who requires of you this trampling of my courts? Bring your worthless offerings no longer, incense is an abomination to me.

"New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts, they have become a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.

"So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you, yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from my sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice . . ."

—Isaiah 1:12-17



GOLD AND USURY

by Sheldon Emry & Ben Williams

GOLD PRICES ARE SET ARBITRARILY

Don't try to gage the economy by watching gold! It is a false measure. Gold and silver today are CONTROLLED AND MANIPULATED BY BANKERS, the same as all commodities!

A few men arbitrarily manipulate gold markets to help them maintain control of the economy. Its values and activities are not natural: they do not find their own natural level in the economy. They are false measures because the London and New York Bankers cause them to take a false course. Why would any Christian want to follow an economic course mapped out by London and New York Bankers?

The following article should be enough to convince any Christian that gold is manipulated the same as paper money is manipulated by bankers.

F.D.R.'s Game With Price of Gold

By Walter Trohan
—From *The Chicago Tribune*—
September 10, 1971)

WASHINGTON—There is nothing sacred about the price of gold at \$35 per ounce. It must be remembered the price was set by Franklin D. Roosevelt almost 40 years ago, when he launched the spiral of tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect.

In his diaries, the late Henry Morgenthau Jr., F.D.R.'s Secretary of the Treasury, tells how Roosevelt raised the price of gold from \$29.01 an ounce on the London market toward his goal of \$35 ounce. Every morning F.D.R. would meet with Morgenthau, Reconstruction Finance Corp. Chairman Jesse Jones and Dr. George F. Warren, a farm and monetary expert, to set the price of gold in October and November of 1933.

Roosevelt, according to Morgenthau, would lie comfortably on his old fashioned three-quarters mahogany bed. A table stood on each side. On his left would be a batch of government reports, a detective novel or two, a couple of

telephones. On his right would be pads, pencils, cigarettes, his watch and a plate of fruit. Hearty and refreshed after a night's rest, he would eat his soft boiled eggs, while others reported on the behavior of gold and commodity prices.

On Nov. 3 - with a range of 19 to 22 cents to add to the price of gold - F.D.R. took one look at the worried Morgenthau and suggested a rise of 21 cents.

"It is a lucky number," Roosevelt said with a laugh, according to the diaries, "because it's three times seven."

Later Morgenthau confided to his diaries, "If anybody ever knew how we really set the price of gold thru a combination of lucky numbers, etc., I think they would be frightened."

EXPERTS

Financial Newsletter writers allow readers to believe the price of gold is set by "the free market." IT IS NOT! **The price of gold is totally controlled by the International Bankers.**

A January letter from WORLD MARKET PERSPECTIVE gave some details of a Russian-owned Bank of Zurich, Switzerland, the Wozchod Bank. They say it buys and sells gold for the express purpose of "controlling the daily world price of gold!" They credited the Bank's purchases and sales with helping keep gold stable even through such market-shaking news as the announcement of Reagan's \$200 billion deficit, the news of possible Third World loan defaults, the attack on South Africa which produces 30% of the West's gold, or the reduction in interest, which should have run gold up or down drastically.

The WMP report said Zurich Bankers normally buy and sell "30 tons of gold daily," and the Russian Bank was one of the biggest traders in Zurich.

Think of that: 30 tons of gold bought and sold daily by International Bankers in one city! Christians had better start using their common sense, and tell those "Gold-can-save-America" patriots they don't buy their arguments any more. **Tell them the gold market is totally in the hands of, and under the control of, the enemies of Christendom ... and it is nonsense to think anyone can save America with gold!**

If you subscribe to one of their Newsletters, you can do as I did to one when he solicited my subscription. I wrote back, "I can't really afford \$95 a year to be told over and over that gold is the answer to all things.

As I stated in a gold article over 3 years ago: If all the common gold lovers in the U.S. put together all their life's savings **they couldn't buy one ton of gold one time! Meanwhile, the Bankers who control world economics buy and sell 30 tons in Zurich each day!** Aren't gold promoters lying to you when they even suggest they can forecast the future price of gold?

FALSE HOPE

The false advice of these self-proclaimed "financial advisors" does two things:

1. The false hope they paint of gold keeps thousands of active Patriots from accepting the only real solution to our money problem: namely, **God's Laws on money** (including the cancellation of all debts and the abolition of usury).

2. Their advice is wrong so often many Patriots have lost substantial sums following it. (If these "advisors" really knew how to make large sums of money in gold they would be doing it themselves, not selling newsletters, telling others how to do it.)

AMERICA'S PROBLEM IS SIN, NOT LACK OF GOLD!

The margin in my Bible says that the last phrase in Ezekiel 7:19 could have been translated, "because their iniquity is their stumbling block."

That alternate rendering is probably correct, for it fits exactly all the rest of the prophets, i.e., that **our captivity under those who hate us is not because we lack gold or silver in our pockets, buried in our yards, or backing our money, but that we are committing iniquity (sin)!** God calls for Israel to repent (2 Chron. 7:14 and others). He does not tell Israel that if they mine or buy enough gold they can save themselves from captivity!

In Luke 19:12-27, Jesus taught his disciples a lesson on values. Our Lord wants us to pursue profit and gain, but not in unethical ways. In the parable of the unfaithful (worthless) steward, the condemnation was not for failure to take usury, but for failure to invest (this assumes that there are ethical investment options available).

This is God's will for us concerning all valuables—including money, talents, and even life itself. Profit is not evil unless it is of an illegitimate or immoral nature.

However, all usury is immoral. Therefore, it stands to reason that there are ways to profit without usury. The answer is to INVEST in an honest enterprise.

Profit from honest investment, with equal risk of loss for all involved, is not usury—providing that one does not exact more than his share of profit from the investment. “Usury,” is loosely defined as ‘excessive profit.’ Profit on investment, within ethical bounds, is not usury. Capital is technically the same as labor, in that the funds merely represent accumulated labor-value and/or profit. Thus, with honest investment the risk of real loss is shared by all who invest, whether it be investment of funds, or investment of labor.

However, with Jewish-style usury lending, loans are secured with collateral, relieving the lender of the risk of loss. Both lender and borrower hope to make a profit, but the borrower is the only one risking possible loss. Sharing in the profit without sharing the risk of loss is usury.

Profit from investment is OK, but profit from lending is not. Lending is supposed to be for helping the borrower; IT IS NOT FOR HELPING THE LENDER! The borrower is not helped if he is exploited and milked of his sustenance by usury. It is a Christian’s duty to HELP the needy if he is able, NOT MAKE MERCHANDISE OF HIM. See Ex. 22:21-26; Lev. 25:35-37; Deut. 15:7-11; Prov. 19:17.

CHRISTIANS WORSHIP USURERS

“The Heathen, out of natural reason and understanding, were able to render an account that an Usurer is a three-fold thief and murderer.

But we that are Christians hold them in such honor and esteem that in a manner we adore and worship them; no regard is had, (and) what scorn and derision thereby we procure to the name of a Christian and to Christ Himself.

For even if we were not Christians, yet natural sense and reason would tell us that a Usurer is a murderer: for who so sucks the sustenance of another, the same not only robs and steals, but also he commits even as great a murder as he that starves and utterly destroys one. This does an Usurer, and in

the meantime sits in his chair, whereas he justly ought to hang on the Gallows, and be devoured by so many Ravens as he has stolen shillings, if otherwise so much flesh were on him that so many Ravens might be able to piece it and to part it out. Cato, the Usurer’s enemy, said: *‘Little thieves lie stocked, ironed in Prisons, but the great Thieves ride prancing in silks and chains of gold.’* But, so much as we neither punish nor strive against them, therefore without doubt in the end we together with the Usurers shall pay sweetly for it.”

—Martin Luther, *‘TABLE TALK’*

In Deuteronomy 23:19-20, usury is precluded among all Christians. It is precluded because it creates perpetual debt for the common man, and an elite society of bankers who end up owning everything (Ex. 12:49; Lev. 24:22; Nu. 9:14, 15:15-16, 29). The “stranger” in Deut. 23:20 is an alien with whom we are at odds. This scripture applies to Israel’s relations with aliens, or with other groups or nations. But on the level of brethren in Christ, all are equal under the law (Deut. 10:19, and Lev. 19:33-34).

C. F. Parker’s MOSES THE ECONOMIST gives answers to questions of usury in society. It is a reprint of an old book, available from this ministry for \$10.00.

CONCLUSION

Usury is a Christian’s enemy, because it destroys the economy, causes poverty, and puts men into slavery. Gold and silver can make good money, and it can provide a certain amount of privacy in transactions. However, gold and silver can be manipulated and loaned at usury. Therefore, debating the FORM of money is fruitless if we still allow usury.

Bad forms of money are kept in place by usurers for the purpose of legitimizing usury. Outlaw usury and all the bad forms of money would disappear because the usurers would have no vested interest in keeping the system going.

JESUS IS OUR ANCHOR

A ship floating on the surface of the ocean can drift many yards off top dead center of the anchor resting solidly on the ocean floor several hundred feet below. Hundreds of feet of anchor chain allows for a wide sweep from one side to the other before being stopped by the anchor.

Christians are like ships, and Jesus is like an anchor. Jesus holds us on tether, lest we drift too far.

Imagine several ships attached to the same anchor. The winds, surface currents and size cause the different ships to each drift in its own way—but never further than the anchor chains will allow.

Need we worry that the ships are not all neatly, and placidly, lined up in formation, side by side? If they are not exactly in a line, does that mean that some of them are not attached to the anchor? Not necessarily. The anchor chain must allow for some drift—otherwise the anchor doesn’t hold well.

Thus, it is with Christians. They represent different “ships” around the country. The more ships the better, as long as they are attached to the right anchor! And they need not be in total conformity since the chain allows for drift—but only so far!

We are commissioned to pursue truth at the risk of becoming unpopular. But then, Jesus didn’t command us to be popular—He commanded us to be loyal to Him! Innovations need not unsettle us. Changes need not embitter. Differences need not condemn—as long as we seek truth and stay attached to that chain which is held fast on Jesus, our ONE ANCHOR!

At what point, then, should we take alarm? At the point where a ship is obviously attached to a DIFFERENT ANCHOR! Or, when a ship abandons the anchor and drifts, unhelmed, toward the high seas or the rocky shores.

Need there be lines drawn or recriminations between different ships of the same anchor? NO! Is there a lack of conformity among these ships? NO! “Unity” does not mean “identical.”

But, some ships have different anchors! And this is the real issue.

There is no lack of unity among the fleet attached to THE ANCHOR. But, there can be NO UNITY between ships of different anchors!