

The Contradictions of American Warfare: Good Karma, Bad Karma... Always Karma

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The old adage should say: Nothing is certain but death and taxes... and Karma. Karma is as real as it gets. The various holy books made sure to state that 'What ye sow so shall ye reap' AKA 'What goes around comes around.' Karma has many flavors, but the end result is always the same: What one does will eventually come back to revisit in some form or manner.

In 1914 the whole of Europe and parts extended were in a world war. This war was not what was advertised as 'Good vs. Evil'. No, it was a war between major imperialist, colonialist nations for increased power and control.

The propaganda was such that the USA got itself involved to back up our British ally, or should I say our British 'Big brother' at the time. The negative energy generated by this ghastly war saw millions of young men (and women) dead, with devastating physical destruction throughout the region. As it is with major weather changes, energy, which can be positive or negative, does influence our atmosphere... for good or for bad. Well, the *Spanish Flu* from 1918-20 saw *500 million people* infected, as the war had already reached its devastating peak. Coincidence, or an expression of Bad Karma? That war was not at all what many historians like to classify as 'Just War'. It was simply a power grab war initiated by one group of super rich against another. Period!

My nation has had such Bad Karma going back to what we did to the Native Americans and then to the Mexicans, as we gobbled up their lands. Think about this: Who now owns and operates (with help from the super rich corporations) most of the gambling casinos nationwide? The Indians! All those problems with the undocumented (AKA 'Illegal Aliens') center around areas that were part of our imperialist 'Manifest Destiny'. These actions were in lands that were once Mexican: Lower California, New Mexico, Arizona and of course, the home of the Alamo, Texas. Karma dictates that we took their lands by force and now we have to deal with those people, like it or not! We dropped two A-Bombs on Japan, *unnecessarily*, occupied that country, and then THEY outcompeted us as economic adversaries for years to come. Which of the two countries made the better cars being driven in the USA during the 60s, 70s and right into the present time: General Motors, Ford and Chrysler... or Honda, Toyota and Nissan?

If one wants to speak about *Bad Karma*, just look back to 2002- 2003 and our most disgraceful, illegal and immoral invasions and occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq. Our nation's economy and moral compass are still reverberating from those heinous deeds, which still eat up over HALF of our federal taxes going for military spending. That was the

start of the Bad Karma created by ourselves and our NATO partners in crime. Then, factor in the horrendous carpet bombing of Libya and our *excursion* into Syria, and you have the present day refugee crisis that is affecting Europe and the Middle East. One additional outgrowth of this has been the rise of tremendous Neo Nazi right wing movements throughout Europe, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand and even the Southern Hemisphere. Who has been the greatest 'kick starter' for this Bad Karma? As Sinclair Lewis put it so succinctly: "Fascism will come to *America* wrapped in a flag". Others later on added "... and carrying a cross." The bottom line is that this incessant *American exceptionalism* has been the rallying point for the Super Rich who run things to hammer home to their minions. Thus, WE are the mess that We created with Bad Karma.

The new pandemic that the entire world is suffering from slowly reached our shores. Another example of Bad Karma is how this current administration *manhandled* things from the get go. Instead of preparing to better protect its citizens, especially the front line medical and hospital community, our (so called) leaders called it a HOAX for weeks on end... while the Chinese and Russians practiced due diligence.

Imagine if Amerika had stocked up on protective masks, ventilators, hand washing solutions and of course medicines that the Chinese found to be helpful. Imagine if, at the very beginning of this Pandemic USA, our Congress and administration would have instituted what the *Universal Basic Income* advocates were trumpeting for years? Then, by today April 2nd 2020 the FED would have created checks of \$ 1000 per citizen per month, in addition to extended unemployment insurance and loans to small business. Funny how, when the Sub Prime bubble burst in 2008, despite the right wing wolves' threats about our *terrible deficit*, the FED electronically created the money to bail out the banks. Once again, they have electronically created the money for this stimulus. Yet, when Bernie Sanders and millions of others have been calling for Medicare for All... they yell ' We can't afford it!!'

So, as our citizens are dying for lack of proper care, and ditto our economy, the Bad Karma keeps on rolling along. Time for the mega millions of us to start taking control of the conversation and create some Good Karma.

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