

Christmas and Gold: The Silent Night is Over

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Gold cannot be fully understood by a secular mind. A strong spirituality is necessary to understand its allure, its value, and its role throughout history. It is time for Christians to be silent no more.

Christendom has a very special take on money and in the markets that isn't often discussed, and certainly money isn't addressed in the mainstream. That is no accident. Whether you are a Christian or not, in Canada more than 63% of the population considers themselves to be followers of Christ. Most Christians are humble and do not discuss their faith. As a nation we are conservative and considerate of other people's feelings.

If you are a Christian reading this, then you should be aware that you are part of a majority. If you are reading this and you are not a Christian, then know that you are in a minority. When you add up all the people who believe in God, a Creator, or a higher being not of this earth, then 73.6% of Canada's population believe that our rights do not come from THE STATE. You won't see this on the average marketing report. The takeaway is this; Canada is still a predominantly Christian culture even though the legacy media and the 'woke' are trying to convince you otherwise.

Do not allow them to silence you.

Globally, Christians are a phenomenon. This takes us to the subject of gold and why it is so important to so many people. My professional life in the precious metals business has introduced me to some of the most incredible people on the planet. Kind. Smart. Honest. Humble. Strong. Wise. It is my honour to serve them and I absolutely love being around and speaking to them. They are amazing people.

What is it about gold that they are drawn to? I have been pondering this for many years. One thing that I have gleaned from the thousands of people I have connected with is this: they want gold for either philosophical or for theological reasons; usually, it is both. I have become pretty good at determining in which category they belong. In fact, when asking them about that distinction, they usually 'spill the beans', as if they had been waiting for someone to ask. Once they begin, they have a great deal to say.

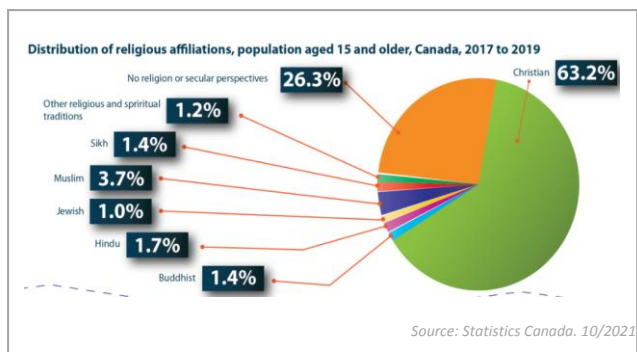
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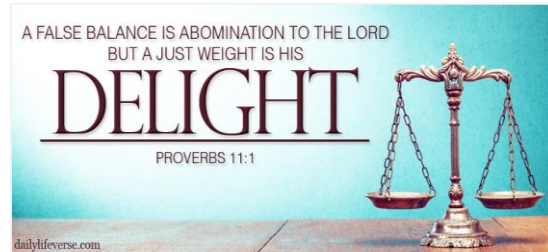
not having any connection with religion:

- *We live in an increasingly secular society, in which religion has less and less influence on our daily lives.*
- *Secular education*
- *A secular state*



The Allure of Gold

What is this thing we call gold? Is it a philosophical and theological asset or just a secular element in portfolio design offering non-correlation to modern investment products? Does it provide for an esoteric discussion or outline a pragmatic solution? Why do so many people with such strong philosophical and theological views hold this asset in such high esteem? Why do others disparage it with such venom? What does any of this have to do with Christmas? Isn't Christmas about celebrating Christ's birth and a reminder to take stock of what is most important in life? We would be wise to remember that there are over 450 references to gold, and over 200 to silver, to be found within biblical texts.



Christianity is often romanticized, and so it should be. It is a wonderful story of hope, sacrifice, eternal grace, and love. However, it also has some very powerful and practical applications. It is both a romantic story and a pragmatic guide for us – especially as it relates to understanding the material world that we live in.

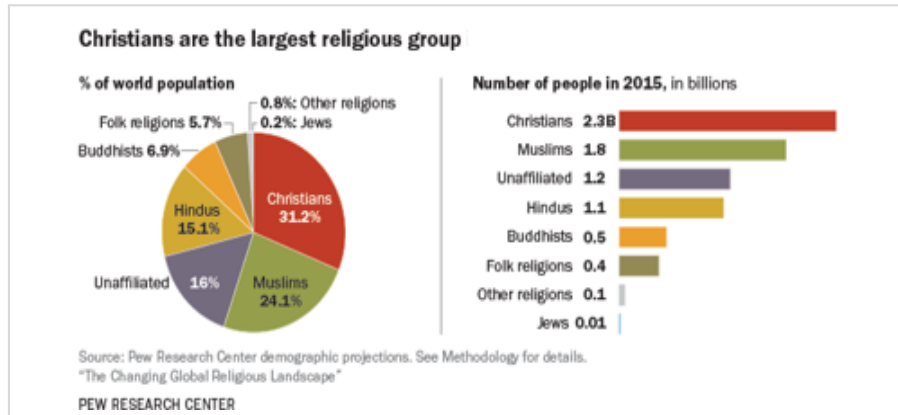
If Christmas was an emotion, then it would be one of joy and hope for humanity through love for our fellow man and the blessings bestowed on us by our Creator. It is also a time to reflect on what it means to be a Christian and what Christ did for us, not just in his sacrificial death, but by his teaching which he embodied so magnificently while he was here on this earth. He left us some very important lessons about money, banking, the money powers, and institutions designed to deceptively extract as much of our blessings as can be done, while offering no lasting value in return.

Increasingly, and especially in the world of finance, it is almost considered a form of secular heresy to even raise the subject of Christianity or Christian values. Christians are not permitted, in polite society, to openly discuss deeply held beliefs and values. They are expected to couch their statements, offer apologies, or qualifiers like *“I am not religious, but...”*. This apparent disdain for Christian values is often employed when selecting investments for a portfolio.

Marketing of financial products to other faiths, and pseudo-faiths, is done boldly and in plain sight. Portfolios are often mandated to divest of, or include certain types of investments for ‘moral’ reasons. This is often just cultural ‘virtue signaling’, mirroring the latest secular trend. For those with deeply held Christian views, it has become a challenge to know where, when, or how, to address the subject outside of a church. The general doctrine seems to be, “Thou shalt keep thy religion to thyself.”

I often wonder what would happen if the 63% of Canadians who openly declared their faith on the last census were to stop behaving as if being a Christian was something to be ashamed of. What power and strength would we demonstrate to the secular minorities if we would simply stand our ground? This is still a democracy, is it not? The balance between fact and feelings is a common theme in society and the fact remains that Christianity remains the dominant global faith.

Christians are not just the majority in Canada. We are the largest faith in the world. Our society has been busy attempting to turn secularist views into a dogmatic religion that cannot be criticized. The secularists don't want you to know the power you hold.



What values makes Christianity different?

Honesty? Trust? Courage? Self-Sacrifice? No, these values are universal. What makes Christendom unique is Christ himself. Rather, it is the teachings he offered us through action and sacrifice. He gave us a way to behave. He gave us a way to think. He gave us a way to be free. He gave us His love. He gave us the opportunity to have a relationship with our Creator. He also gave us something that even most Christians do not recognize. He gave us a way to understand THE STATE, and especially, gave us a warning on the dangers of private central banking!

When Christ said *"Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's. Everything else belongs to God."*, he was not saying bow to THE STATE, nor challenging the idea of taxation. He was recognizing property rights. He rightly pointed out that there are some things that do not belong to THE STATE. They cannot have a lien against them because they were not created by THE STATE. The American Declaration of Independence uses the word 'un-a-lien-able' to define these inherent rights bestowed upon us.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Private central banking is nothing new. Looked through the right lens, we can see that central banking was part of society in Christ's time too. The story of Christ whipping the money changers and driving them out of the temple is one we all know by heart. When we do, we can see how the money changers (i.e., the central bankers of their time) were no different than the ones we have now and were just as pernicious. It was the only record of Christ using physical force to right a wrong. If force was the only

solution for The Son of Man to end their operations, then we should all take heed as to what will likely be necessary to remove that parasitical class from our society. Thankfully, force does not always mean violence.



What Happened at the Temple on That Fateful Day?

Christ challenged the legitimacy of the money powers of his time. It was a guaranteed way to get their attention. It was the catalyst needed for him to fulfill his mission here on earth. Drawing the ire of the money powers by publicly threatening their system was, and remains to this day, a guaranteed way to get the attention of the population... and those who control the money.

The Pilgrimage

In Christ's time, the faithful would travel to the temple on a pilgrimage to pay what was called a 'Temple Tax'. It was to sacrifice an animal to please God. For those travelling from afar, it was impractical to lead animals over great distances since there would not have been enough food or water to make the journey. In those days, Roman coinage was the money of the realm until Jerusalem was reached. Throughout Judea, Roman coinage competed with Jewish Kosher coinage – and it was forbidden to buy sacrificial animals using unclean (i.e., Roman) money. The money changers had ensured that Kosher coinage was nearly impossible to find outside of the temple. They had secured control over the money supply. Is it starting to sound familiar to you?

Upon arriving at the temple, these money changers would exchange Roman coins for 'clean' Kosher coins at an exorbitant exchange rate. This was the first real exposure that these faithful travelers had with central banking. Anyone who has travelled outside of their country understands foreign exchange (FX)

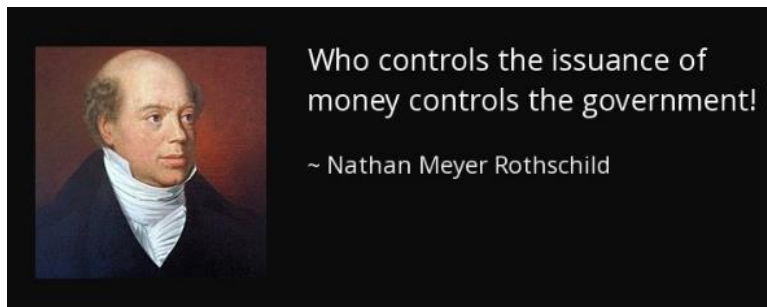
fees. Many financial institutions rake in billions of dollars annually through this type of skimming, er, ‘types of services’ – including central banks.

The faithful would then take their Kosher coinage to the merchants selling the sacrificial animals. These merchants, like modern day investment product manufacturers, had a monopoly over the sale of goods within the temple walls. No ‘product’ could be sold without the approval of the priests (not unlike modern day ‘securities regulators’). The premiums on the sacrificial animals were substantially higher than would be found outside of the temple market, even though the ‘product’ was identical. There was no alternative market for those humbly seeking God’s blessings. The faithful and obedient were preyed upon by those in control of a market system designed to enrich the few at the expense of the many.

Does that sound familiar?

Christ observed this at the temple. He was not pleased. He was deeply disturbed. He was angry. He asked one of the merchants (paraphrasing), *“How is business going?”* Remember, this was supposed to be a holy house of worship. The merchant’s response was one of ambivalence. The equivalent to the modern day ‘Meh’. As if it was just another day. Someone once told me that *“The opposite of love isn’t hate. It is apathy.”*

These merchant’s casual and indifferent attitude was completely devoid of any sense of wrong-doing or concern for the primary reason the temple was constructed in the first place – to honour God. The merchants had absolutely no concern for the well-being of the worshippers who had no choice but to accept their rules and their way of valuing money. Monetary policy has always been a function of those who control the money.



That was all it took for Christ to manifest his wrath over what was happening in his Father’s house. (His response was one of righteous anger. He overturned the tables of the money changers, whipping them and the merchants, while stating *“You have turned My Father’s house into a den of thieves and vipers, and I will rout you out!”* Our anger towards private central banking, and the profligate organizations it supports, whether private or public, is perfectly justified.

Modern day private central banking has control over the money supply, just as it did 2000 years ago. No tributes or taxes can be paid in any currency other than through the ‘clean’ (i.e., approved) currency they issue and control. They regularly extract fees from their currency through the process of debasement (i.e., inflation), interest payments, and ‘services’. This process is applied universally to individuals and governments, meaning that it affects us both personally and publicly.

Honesty in banking requires honesty in the money itself. There is no honesty in the current system and they will not be until we reintroduce it. Gold is not just a piece of metal. Arguments like it is ‘a barbarous relic’ of the past’, a ‘pet rock’, has ‘no intrinsic value’, or ‘you cannot eat it’, are all absurd ramblings from people who cannot see the bigger picture, and most likely, have no relationship with their Creator. These types of statements are promoted by the most dishonest to encourage willful ignorance of an inherently dishonest monetary system. Christians stand the best chance of restoring an honest system of money and banking by virtue of their greater global numbers. It is simple math. The tools to reject the current paradigm are right in front of us. We just need to pick them up.

History Repeats

There was a time in America where there was no central bank. This period also had no direct tax on a person’s labour. No income tax. The fruits of your labour were yours to keep. It is no coincidence that the income tax was introduced the following year after the re-establishment of a central bank in 1913 in the United States. That period, prior to the establishment of the Federal Reserve Act and the Income Tax Act, was the most productive and prosperous economic period in the country’s history. It was America’s most moral period. A beacon, shining for all the world to see, of what can happen when Christian principles are put into practice. That period in America had economic laws that served both the poor and the wealthy. It is a stark contrast to the godless monetary system that we are now subjected to. For those with eyes to see, we now live in the most elaborate form of slavery the world has ever known. Our liberties are now constantly attacked – both overtly and covertly – as a direct result of our complacency and excessive tolerance. This must stop. We must not tolerate this system anymore. We do not have to.

The U.S. President, Andrew Jackson (Held Office from c.1829-1837), knew this well. He refused to tolerate a private central bank. Jackson stood up to the money changers of his time and ‘killed the bank’.



“Gentlemen! I too have been a close observer of the doings of the Bank of the United States. I have had men watching you for a long time, and am convinced that you have used the funds of the bank to speculate in the breadstuffs of the country.

When you won, you divided the profits among you, and when you lost, you charged it to the Bank. You tell me that if I take the deposits from the bank and annul its charter I shall ruin ten thousand families. That may be true, gentlemen, but that is your sin!

Should I let you go on, you will ruin fifty thousand families, and that would be my sin! You are a den of vipers and thieves. I have determined to rout you out, and by the Eternal, *(bringing his fist down on the table)* I will rout you out.”

From the original minutes of the Philadelphia bankers meeting with President Jackson February 1834, from Andrew Jackson and the Bank of the United States (1928) by Stan V. Henkels

It is time for a return to Christian values.

It is time for an open return to strength, tempered only by love. From King Solomon's wisdom to Christ's teachings, the lessons left for us remain as true today as they were in the past. All that evil needs to survive is for good men to do nothing and the greatest trick the devil played is convincing the world he does not exist. You already know this.

Let this Christmas be more than just a celebration of the miracle that is Christ's birth and sacrifice, but a strong reminder of what he showed us. We can be strong in love. Let it bring a sense of hope that we can cast out the thieves and vipers and restore what Christ wants for all of us to focus on most: love for our Creator and our neighbour. *"On these two commandments, hang all the law and the prophets."* – The Greatest Commandment.

We must believe that *"Evil cannot defeat evil. Only love can."* – Nicholas II, Tsar of Russia

For, love is the most powerful force in the universe.

Merry Christmas, my brothers, and sisters. May God bless each and every one of you.

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