

## **The Root Problem**

### **Chapter Five**

#### **THE SHADOW**

“Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?” The Shadow knows. The Shadow had a 17 year run on radio and in print from 1930 and is apropos of this chapter.

The shadow behind most of our manifested problems is the International Banking Cartel. Many of the key banks and families heavily involved in the cartel were exposed in the chapter on Manifestations. They and their agents, mostly behind the scenes, are the primary cause, directly and indirectly, of all the ills that are and emanate from the following areas. In no particular order, they are:

- Federal Reserve
- Monetary & Fiscal Policy
- Fiat Currency (money without backing)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution
- Personal Income tax
- Internal Revenue Service
- Military-Industrial Complex
- National Debt

The above items are a contributing cause to governmental wrong-doing and they will all be discussed in the next few chapters.

#### **How Does All This Play?**

To give you an idea of how some of these items relate, consider that it is our fiat currency which allows the government to print money willy-nilly, literally out of thin air. That ability feeds the war machine, the Military-Industrial complex and it simply facilitates profligate spending in general. Our government wants money, we print it, give it to the Federal Reserve to distribute it so that they can charge us interest on it. Cute little game isn't it? And it goes on from there. Folks, the Federal Reserve is a privately owned corporation; a “*for-profit*” corporation that is required by law to put the profitability of its owners, the International Banking Cartel, before anything else and, are you ready for this one, *it is tax-exempt* as well.

#### **Money & Debt**

When we need, or more properly want, money, we print it. The willy-nilly printing of money erodes the value of the dollar. This erosion is otherwise known as inflation. In general, the U.S. sets inflation targets that are meant to maintain a steady inflation of 2% to 3%. This is an interesting fact that prompts the question why? The simple answer is that it is part of the credit game that is really being used to devalue the currency. At the risk of repeating myself, money is created out of thin air. This magic

All this debt that has been created has been quietly dealt with until recently. Now that the disgraces on capital hill are finally in over their heads, they have to point the finger at We the People because it has nothing to do with them, “it is the entitlement programs that have caused the debt problems.” The reason this huge debt is a problem is because there is not enough money to pay the interest on the debt and run the government at the same time. Not for much longer anyway. I’ll bet you didn’t know that the personal income tax collected by the IRS on behalf of the Treasury goes to the Fed to pay the interest on the national debt. Where then does the money to run the government come from? It comes from constitutionally approved sources. The personal income tax is not constitutional and you will learn all about that in the chapter on The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Why is all this craziness happening? Because we have permitted corporations, financial service corporations in particular, to ruin our economy because we have permitted the Federal Reserve to control our economy; because we have permitted Congress to betray our trust and invade our trust (social security that is).

### **Fiscal Policy & Monetary Policy**

Do you think that all the strange twists our economy has taken over the years, the booms and the busts, have been accidental or just coincidental? The economists will tell you that it is a normal thing for a capitalist economy and perhaps they are right. But it is not normal to have an economy that is based on debt and controlled by the banks. Folks, consider that we have both a fiscal policy and a monetary policy. Fiscal policy is the use of government expenditure and revenue collection (taxation) to influence and manipulate the economy. Monetary policy attempts to stabilize the economy by controlling interest rates and the money supply. Fiscal policy is the purview of the government. Monetary policy is controlled by the Fed and *the Fed is not controlled by the government*. The reality is quite the opposite. These policies impact on the following economic variables:

- Aggregate demand and the level of economic activity;
- The pattern of resource allocation;
- The distribution of income.

It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out where these variables stood in mid 2011. Economic activity: there is none. Resource allocation: what resources? Income distribution: no jobs, no income.

### **Bankers & Central Banks**

And while all this and so much more is going on everything continues to get worse. Folks, bankers love debt because it gives them control. They love war because it creates massive amounts of debt. That massive amount of debt is so important to them in terms of control that they plot behind the scenes to foment war. They have not only been behind every major war but they have financed both sides. Why? Because they want to control the world. And no, I’m not crazy.

Are you aware that every western nation has a fiat currency controlled by a central bank like our Federal Reserve? Are you aware that these central banks have a central bank? The name of the world’s central bank, the central banker’s central bank, is the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel, Switzerland.

The BIS is the most obscure arm of the Bretton-Woods International Financial architecture but its role is central. John Maynard Keynes wanted it closed down as it was used to launder money for the Nazis in World War II. Run by an inner elite representing the world's major central banks, a part of the International Banking Cartel, it controls most of the transferable money in the world. It uses that money to draw national governments into debt for the IMF, the International Monetary Fund. And just who or what is the IMF? To answer that fully, you will have to read the chapters on the Federal Reserve Banking System and Fiat Currency. In the meantime, let us look at the Bretton-Woods system.

**Bretton-Woods**

The Bretton-Woods system of monetary management established the rules for commercial and financial relations among the world's major industrial states. The Bretton-Woods Agreements were signed by the various national representatives in July, 1944 and represented the first example of a fully negotiated world monetary order intended to govern monetary relations among independent nation-states. It took the cartel a long, long time to get to that point. They are very persistent.

Setting up a system of rules, institutions, and procedures to regulate the international monetary system, the planners at Bretton-Woods established the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), which today is part of the World Bank Group. These organizations became operational in 1945 after a sufficient number of countries had ratified the agreement.

Following are the institutions of the Bretton-Woods system:

<b>Founded</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>www Address</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>HQ</b>
1944	IMF (International Monetary Fund)	<a href="http://www.imf.org">http://www.imf.org</a>	Specialized agency of the UN	Washington, DC
1944	IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development)	<a href="http://www.worldbank.org">http://www.worldbank.org</a>	World Bank Group (Specialized agency of the UN)	Washington, DC
1956	IFC (International Finance Corporation)	<a href="http://www.ifc.org">http://www.ifc.org</a>	World Bank Group	Washington, DC
1960	IDA (International Development Association)	<a href="http://www.worldbank.org/ida">http://www.worldbank.org/ida</a>	World Bank Group	Washington, DC

1966	ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes)	<a href="http://icsid.worldbank.org/ICSID/Index.jsp">http://icsid.worldbank.org/ICSID/Index.jsp</a>	World Bank Group	Washington, DC
1988	MIGA (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency)	<a href="http://www.miga.org">http://www.miga.org</a>	World Bank Group	Washington, DC
30/10/47	GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). Basis for creation of the World Trade Organization (WTO ) in 1995.	<a href="http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/06-gatt_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/06-gatt_e.htm</a> <a href="http://wto.org">http://wto.org</a>	GATT is a treaty. The WTO is not a United Nations agency.	Geneva (for the WTO)

In addition to the above, there are:

### **Regional Development Banks**

The regional development banks consist of several regional institutions that have functions similar to the World Bank group's activities, but with particular focus on a specific region. Shareholders usually consist of the regional countries plus the major donor countries. The best-known of these regional banks cover regions that roughly correspond to United Nations regional groupings, including the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank; the African Development Bank; and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

### **Bilateral Development Banks and Agencies**

Bilateral development banks are financial institutions set up by individual countries to finance development projects in developing countries and emerging markets. Examples include:

- The Netherlands Development Finance Company FMO, Headquarters in The Hague; one of the largest bilateral development banks worldwide.
- The DEG German Investment Corporation or Deutsche Investitions - und Entwicklungsgesellschaft, a Development Bank.
- the Agence Française de Développement, Caisse des depots

### **Other Regional Financial Institutions**

Several regional groupings of countries have established international financial institutions to finance various projects or activities in areas of mutual interest. The largest and most important of these is

the European Investment Bank. The most important of these as far as the Banking Cartel is concerned is the BIS (Bank of International Settlements).

Folks, the Bretton-Woods Agreement died when the U.S. currency went fiat in 1971 and yet the global structure has remained intact. You can read about the history of the Bretton Woods Agreements in the chapter on Fiat Currency. You will get a better sense of the big picture in the chapter on the Federal Reserve Banking System. What you have just gotten a taste of is the breadth and depth of the International Banking Cartel. It is real. It is a conspiracy. And they are out to control the world.

If this Reclamation Manifesto accomplishes nothing else, which would be unfortunate, it must serve to stop the IBC in its tracks. That is, of course, if you give a damn about your freedom and your sovereignty. And it is your sovereignty that the IBC and its lackeys are out to compromise (see the chapter on Sovereignty & Separation of Power).

### **About the Cartel**

I direct your attention now to Appendix III which is the Table of Contents of a book by Antony C. Sutton called “Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler.” The Table of Contents contains links to each chapter and sub-sections thereof that can be viewed on the internet, courtesy of “reformed-theology.org.” This book, based on the chapters that I have read, is an absolute eye-opener. The interplay of corporate, banking, and political interests sets the stage and gives credence to the on-going conspiracy of the banking cartel that has actually existed since before the creation of the United States of America.

*The Money Masters* ([www.themoneymasters.com](http://www.themoneymasters.com)) explains the history behind the current great recession and world depression and the bankers’ goal of world economic control by a very small coterie of private bankers, over and above all governments.

### **The Smoking Gun**

The Central bankers’ Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in 1988 in the “Basel I” regulations imposed an 8% capital reserve standard on member central banks. This almost immediately threw Japan into a 15 year economic depression. In 2004 Basel II imposed “mark to the market” capital valuation standards that required international banks to revalue their reserves according to changing market valuations (such as falling home or stock prices). The U.S. implemented those standards in November, 2007. In December 2007 the U.S. stock market collapsed and credit began drying up as banks withheld loans to comply with the 8% capital requirement as collateral valuations began to drop. The snowball effect of tightening credit, which reduces economic activity and values further, which resulted in further tightening of credit, etc., has produced a worldwide recession/depression which is worsening as I write.

Those capital standards have *not* been relaxed despite the crushing effects on the world economy, and what the credit contraction it requires has caused. Why? Because:

“The purpose of this financial crisis is to take down the U.S. dollar as the stable datum of planetary finance and, in the midst of the resulting confusion, put in its place a Global Monetary

Authority [GMA - run directly by international bankers freed of any government control] - a planetary financial control organization"-- Bruce Wiseman

"The powers of financial capitalism had a far-reaching plan, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole... Their secret is that they have annexed from governments, monarchies, and republics the power to create the world's money..." -- Prof. Carroll Quigley renowned, late Georgetown macro-historian (mentioned by former President Clinton in his first nomination acceptance speech), author of *Tragedy and Hope*.

"He [Carroll Quigley] was one of the last great macro-historians who traced the development of civilization...with an awesome capability." – Dr. Peter F. Krogh, Dean of the School of Foreign Service (Georgetown)

A more detailed, smartly presented, and easily understood version of the smoking gun can be found in Appendix IV - The Financial Crisis. This is an article that appeared in the Canada Free Press on March 19, 2009 that was written by Bruce Wiseman.

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Folks, this chapter has given you some insight into the nature of the conspiracy that has operated behind the scenes and in the shadows for a long, long time. This conspiracy in all probability was the cornerstone of the next chapter of this Manifesto, Chapter 6, which deals with the ratification and *disappearance* of The Original 13<sup>th</sup> Article of Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. And the disappearance of that Amendment can in all probability be ascribed to the depth and the breadth of the banking cartel conspiracy.