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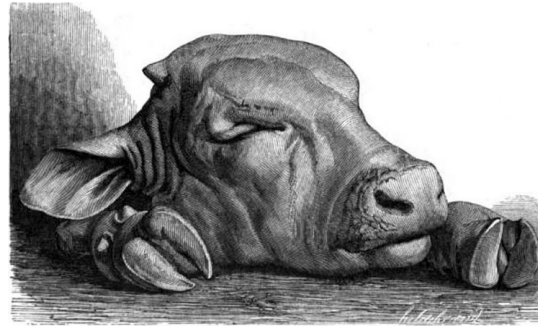
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ESSAY | Palpitating The Awful Offal

by Henry Nicolle

Grubbing around in the guts of complicated things, seeking omens that may define our future, is a lot like panning for fine gold. You're on your knees a lot and you get your hands dirty. It's not a successful business for inexperienced amateurs and the professionals know that it's a waste of time for the small results. The pros aren't interested because there's no easy payday. That's why they pay for politics and invest in professional politicians.

The awful offal of my rambling is both the result and residue of professional politicking. I have my hands full of America's over-heated political and social guts and the lumps of cancer and crap they contain slither and squirm about at my touch. (If you are the common American, my allusion has no meaning for you will never consider fixing your bacon bits, hot wings or prime rib from their walking, breathing and rummaging origins. I can assure you that your imagination alone, without any tactile and aromatic experience, is insufficient for my meaning.)

Power rises from people, armies and money. The more one has access to these and the more of these one has, the more powerful one can be. The joker in the deck is as Henry Kissinger once prattled, "...the appearance is more important than the reality." If we believe that we have power, we act with vigor. If we believe we have little personal influence, we may posture, but in the end we accept the truth, submit or die.

What if the people whom we believe have great power (it is true that they do and they are ruthless in their exercise of power) are at this moment of time, in great trepidation to exercise power although their ambitions cannot be achieved unless great power is used and thereby great displacements of population must be imposed? We're talking about social and economic, as well as physical displacement now. What if, the "Powers That Be" (powerful as they may be) understand that the house of political, economic and social cards they have constructed over centuries can no longer stand and will fall in their current "lifetime"? What could they do, presuming the power to do as they pleased was within their grasp, to create a transition from collapse to new era of growth of their Invisible Empire?

They are the Rulers, not the Governors. The Rulers create the policies, the Governors impose the policies. The People indirectly submit to the Rulers through their direct but intermediate submission to the Governors. The Rulers are but one or two handfuls. The Governors are myriad. The People in their multitudes are frangible for the ambitions of Rulers and Governors.

The Rulers harvest the lives and fruit of the People through the exercise of power by the Governors. The leverage of power is extreme. Five or ten people can direct and reap the energies of a billion humans. All else that passes in the transfer of life and wealth from the People to the Rulers is the simple "cost of doing business". In my hypothetical crisis, the Rulers' cost of doing business is so extreme and the potential for broken leverage is so probable that they and the governors believe that the People must be provoked into demanding their own overt political and social slavery.

Human society will exist as long as there are humans. Civilizations in some form will co-exist with society. Our humanity exists today in a social form which has exceeded in central organization all preceding civilizations of existing recorded history. History, as we can know it, predicts future human experience. History records that all civilizations, regardless of how powerful, eventually fall. Civilizations fall for reasons more small than large. Excesses of indifference, convenience, complaisance, greed, ambition and power lead the list, in generally the proper order of significance. The fall begins within the People and ends in the offices and institutions.

Most of our global society is socialized and semi-civilized. We can disregard that portion of humanity. They are mostly more free than any first, second or third world "civilized" society can imagine.

Power and Wealth are imagined and manipulated mostly in the urbanized societies. Our Rulers have succeeded in establishing of a centrally governed civilization for the purposes of social and economic activities. The political establishments and habits which exist under the social and economic controls are interesting, even dangerous at times, but they do not control Ruling policies.

Now, the Rulers have a quandary. They control the power necessary to transition from an imminent collapse, but they fear that their transition will trigger sufficient collateral effects to destroy the entire existing centralized meme.

Sacrifice is on the agenda. Heed the omens. Defend your Rights, NOW!

