

Let's Schmooze

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"A house divided against itself, cannot stand"

The US Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln, voiced that thought about 160 years ago. The Founder of Christianity, Jesus of Nazareth, voiced the very same thought about two millennia ago. It's an ageless human truth, and there is both power and danger in it.

The power? A united house will endure.

The danger? A divided house will collapse.

Currently, we are there. Not only the United States of America, but globally, too.

Yes, global humanity is becoming increasingly divided between the rich and the poor ~ between the haves and the have-nots.

A few thousand wealthy humans together own more wealth than the rest of humanity, about six billion souls. Wow!

And, that dangerous wealth gap is increasing every year. It tends to fuel populism, usually well-intentioned ~ albeit often violent and misguided. Think of the historic French Revolution wherein many wealthy citizens lost their heads on the guillotine.

That was sad. All that chaos. All that bloodshed. It could have been avoided with some compassionate sharing on the part of the French "wealthies."

The wealthy need to remember that we come into the world with nothing, and we leave the world with nothing. While we're here, piling up wealth just for the sake of it is a fool's errand.

It's what we do with it that counts.

Sharing wealth will help shrink the wealth gap, and bring a divided humanity back together. If the wealth gap continues to grow, the divided house known as humanity will collapse, and through virulent warfare very possibly become extinct.

Why extinct? The dangers that face humanity today threaten the wealthy and poor alike. These dangers can only be overcome by a thoroughly united humanity. A divided humanity will be swallowed up and forgotten.

Let's avoid that fate. Let's start sharing with each other compassionately and generously.

Perhaps we should start by revising tax laws and salary compensation schedules, creating universal standards that will share the economic bounty much more widely.

What do you think?

~ 'til we meet again ~