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Not all rich people are assholes, but greed tends to corrupt a person, to make them do some horrible things. Most of them trusted that their wealth was supremely achieved and they were the rulers of the earth because of their ability to accumulate and to have money. None of them could imagine what was gunning for them and their possessions. Those that pretended to be rich behaved worse than those who really were rich. When the event occurred that changed the way we all lived, and food mattered more than possessions, and protecting the homestead mattered more than upward mobility, the rich didn't know what hit them nor how long the black eye would last.

It is easier to lump people into buckets of behavior. It rolls off the tongue to say Rich Fucker or Poor Bastard or to call someone a Prepper or Survivalist. When a terrible event occurs and we are all trying to fend for ourselves, there are natural gravitation factors that take place. Everyone tends to seek out and to associate

with rich fuckers, thinking they have all the answers and that they can survive the best. But under certain conditions only those with a very specific antidote of skills and resources can fight off the problems coming at them.

Just be very careful of who to trust when someone is trying to offer you help. Not everyone has the same intentions. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging. Those possessions you found comfort in last week may not seem so appealing to you tomorrow. When it comes down to it, we only need food, clothing and shelter to survive. Everything else is just noise. Oh sure, we need medical attention sometimes and we need neighbors to help raise a house or barn. But in the event of terrible disaster, it will be you against them. So, what are you planning to do if it were to occur? Are you someone who has the knowledge and ability to survive or are you a mindless sheep following the tail before you into slaughter?

Try to remember that everything is only temporary, the one thing in life that is constant is change. If there is a crash of anything, there is always recovery, it always comes back. The trick is not to panic and to think your way through the problems you are faced with. Try to make rational decisions always. If you think this is the end, and behave irrationally, you are just going to rush the inevitable. Try to look beyond the horizon and to steer clear of the obstacles that are thrown at you along your journey through life. There are going to be some doozies coming up and they are going to be harder to handle than you may think.

What you want or value is probably different than others around you value or want. The marketplace for art is highly subjective, as is the marketplace for stocks and for all things used and posted on Ebay. Some people think weapons and ammunition will be the most valuable items in an Apocalypse, others believe that gold and silver will be, and some believe that in order to survive well, small groups of diversely skilled and resourced

people will need to choose teams and band together to solve the problems the group will face. When the shit hits the fan, who are you more likely to trust and to choose to work with?

Preppers or Survivalists are preparing for a massive change in the economics of America. They are numerous at 70 million, they are disbursed across the entire USA, they are networked, many are of the grid and run Solar power systems, they communicate via short-wave radio, they run the majority of the America's 15,000 Pawn shops and they work almost every kind of industry and system you can think of. They think in terms of physical currency and in bartering or trading. They feel that if America were to suddenly experience a major catastrophic event such as a strong Electro Magnetic Pulse or EMP, that the society in America would quickly be thrust into an Agrarian Society where self-sufficient or collective production of food, shelter and clothing would be the only way to survive.

An EMP can occur naturally like by a Solar Flare, or it could be manmade like from detonating a nuclear weapon, or it could be an orchestrated event such as coupling a Marx Generator to a skywave radio antenna and detonating it spreading EMP waves across the entire

world. Now a Faraday Cage may prevent most of the damage from an EMP event. But imagine 100 million EMP events all at the same time at a certain frequency rendering the Faraday Cage completely ineffective. Nothing can be prepared for that kind of event.

After America were to recover from such an EMP event they believe that they, the Preppers, would be the established top of the food chain, the newly made one percent. They believe all the riches of America would flow to them because they are prepared to survive such an economic catastrophe, to capitalize upon the opportunity to achieve all the wealth and riches from all the rich fuckers and everyone else not prepared. All Preppers can make this a reality and become true with the flip of a simple switch, and Americans are totally oblivious to that threat, even though the American Government is completely aware of it and is feverously fighting to prevent it, thus in the end it just takes one little act to piss them off enough to flip that switch.

You think this is fiction? Read on my friend. It does not matter whether you want to believe or not.

There are three kinds of people in the world, those who are rich, those who are not and those that pretend to be otherwise. Some rich people pretend to be less than so to utilize deals the marketers make to entice spending upon their goods and services. Yes, rich people use coupons, Groupons and discount codes to spend less upon their purchases, just because it is possible to spend less than they need to. If there is a deal, they want it also along with the item or experience they are shopping for. The majority of the world is poor, as many as 40% of Americans are in poverty, just one paycheck away from homelessness. But everyone in America and most people throughout the world know what the symbol of Coach, Gucci, and Louis Vuitton looks like.

Coach sells \$800 million of handbags in America each year, about a million handbags in 2018.

Gucci is owned by Keurig and sells \$2 billion of handbags in America each year, about six million handbags in 2018.

Louis Vuitton sells \$15.5 billion of Fashion and Leather Goods a year, \$12.5 billion is sold just to Americans every year. That was about four million handbags in 2018. Approximately 25% of all *Speedy* and *Neverfull* bags are counterfeit so millions of fake handbags are circulating throughout the United States. Louis Vuitton sells exclusively through their own stores throughout the world because they had to do something different to combat the counterfeiting of their Fashion and Leather Goods.

Americans bought \$12 billion dollars of handbags in 2018, almost all by women, about 75 million purses.

Most people are not rich, but many of them try very hard to appear as though they are, usually by wearing brands of clothing and items of fashion and leather goods that are expensive. 75 million handbags sold in America in 2018 were not all purchased solely by rich folks, there simply are not that many in America, but the majority of women in America want to produce the illusion that each and every one of them are among the

elitist class of rich people as stated by the handbag that they carry around with them.

Women are particularly persuaded by peer pressure to conform to the societal rivalry concerning their disposable income. They are the most influenced by marketing efforts to purchase or to accumulate luxury branded items. Either they make the purchase with their earnings or they recruit their loved ones to make the purchases upon their behalf. Either way, the purchases occur year after year, but the purchasers are seldom rich. The luxury brands are sold to the masses so that the masses can attempt to communicate with the world that they too are rich, when in fact they are not, perpetuating a lie told by billions of people.

Priorities in life become skewed when disposable income is limited. Most people who do not have much money desire to be included into the rich club, to attract friends who appear rich and to otherwise fake it until they make it. Mostly they want their offspring to be considered rich ready, to be thought of as requiring rich

attention, and to become married by people who will tend to their marketed needs. Women are particularly brand sensitive and will mostly dismiss a potential suitor based upon his ability or willingness to secure more luxury branded items for her. In this manner, American women have become extremely marketing sensitive and American men have become the enablers to their pretentious whims.

Marketing is the driver of the American economy, the sales of things and services is the bulk of how we generate a living, and that is all fueled by backers of the advertisements that entice us to spend. The marketing efforts portray the rich life as the good life, but that life is seldom good, rather it is a savage, cruel and vindictive battleground where the rich jockey for position among themselves for supreme wealth amassment. Marketing and advertisements are agenda based and allocated by rich people mostly to persuade people to act or respond in a certain manner.

Some spend their money upon films, movies about rich people, to show the path for, and to promote the attainment of wealth. Billionaires such as Tim Headington, invested their wealth into making and promoting movies such as “The Aviator”; a biopic depicting the early years of legendary director and aviator Howard Hughes' career from the late 1920's to the mid 1940's. Billionaire Jeff Skoll made, produced and promoted the Al Gore climate change documentary “An Inconvenient Truth”, and other documentaries such as “Food Inc” and “Waiting for Superman” where Skoll makes inferences as to the right and wrong way to do things with the environment, the food industry and within our public education system. The attempt was to persuade the general public to shift its focus and attention into the direction the billionaire chose to show the audience to look.

Nightly News on channel 2 aired on February 6, 2021

Reporter Tom Ballard announced “Today at a Wal-Mart in Choctaw, Oklahoma over three hundred police, SWAT units and other First Responders attempted to defend the town of twelve thousand from a group calling themselves the “Gorillaz” from overtaking the store. As many as thirty men have barricaded themselves inside the Wal-Mart store with approximately eighty shoppers inside. They have secured the weapons from the sporting goods section and are firing off upwards of twenty thousand rounds of small caliber ammunition secured from inside the store. Wal-Mart is one of the largest distributors at twenty percent of the small caliber ammunition sold to civilians in America.

The United States market for civilian guns and ammunition of 0.5 caliber and below is \$11 billion and is shot through 400 million small caliber guns owned by civilians every year. For comparison, American Law

enforcement has only one million firearms in their collective possession.

The global small ammunitions production of 15.4 billion rounds annually are consumed mostly by US citizens who purchase 10 billion of them annually spending \$1.5 billion on them. About 25 bullets per gun per year. However, the 3% of Americans which own half of the civilian gun total are stockpiling at least 2,000 rounds for each caliber of gun they own.

30% of American households have a small caliber gun, with an average of five guns per household however just 3% of American population own half the civilian guns in the US, and they are stocking around forty guns per household at eight million houses in the US.

Sources that know the Gorillaz stated they were all once employed at the local Soap Factory that suddenly closed its doors today after twelve years of running. The average male employee was making \$36,000 and the average female employee \$27,000. And now they have

nothing. Last month three of the clinics in town closed their doors due to budget cuts from the Federal Government. With no healthcare and no job, the Gorillaz had nothing left to lose and had taken a desperate measure to assimilate control over their destinies.

We have just learned that all eighty shoppers have been released and only the thirty members of the Gorillaz gang remain inside the Choctaw Wal-Mart in Oklahoma. It looks like a SWAT ARV is about to breach the doors.”

The Armored tactical Rescue Vehicle which resembles a bobcat with track motion with an eight-foot by eight-foot ballistic shield preventing small caliber rounds from penetrating it, protecting up to four SWAT members walking behind the shield. Once inside the Wal-Mart, the SWAT team launched stun grenades to immobilize the Gorillaz. Of the thirty perpetrators, ten refused to surrender and were shot and killed, twenty remaining members of the gang were rendered incapacitated, zip-tied and taken into jail.

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