

Misinformation
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The Time for Fear Has Passed



Armageddon, previously scheduled for this time, has been cancelled.

I'm getting quite a few requests to watch a recent video by Alex Retrov and Krystal Alexander-Hille. Some of the points made are that 2011 is the important year, the date of Dec. 21, 2012 was given out by the Illuminati to lull us to sleep about the real date of late September 2011, major catastrophes will occur, Elenin will severely impact us, etc.

I won't be posting it.

Folks, none of these allegations are true. I'm not sure why lightworkers like Retrov or Alexander-Hille want to instil such fear in us, but there are no grounds for fear.

SaLuSa discussed cabal attacks and Earth changes in today's message (Aug. 17, 2011) and said:

"Our allies are gaining more confidence in confronting those who are against Ascension and would stop its progress. The power is now with them and their demands for an end to covert actions [like earthquakes and tsunamis] are soon to bear fruit. The issue may have to be forced through, and they are fully prepared for all situations. Our allies are now to be found in every country, and it is an organisation that now wields immense power.

"You may have noted that you have not been beset with catastrophes of a physical nature, in spite of the ancient prophecies for this period of time. We

have been able to control such issues, but certain Earth changes will have to take place as part of the cleansing. Whatever happens know that we are working behind the scenes to keep damage and death to a minimum, and we will do all we can to warn you in advance of any major event....

“Dear Ones, the restless Earth and the restless population are feeling the changing energies, and they are unsettling. However, they will settle down as the lower energies are gradually transmuted, and you will find that you draw the calming higher energies to yourselves. You will effectively lift yourselves out of the lower ones, and there is no reason why they should ever again be attracted by you.”

Matthew Ward, in his latest message of Aug. 11, 2011, said:

“No mysterious Planet X or any other celestial body is going to collide with Earth or come close enough to have any effect, and the photon belt is so far distant from your planet that its meanderings are inconsequential.

“The Illuminati’s long-time suppression of free energy developments will end within months and so will their use of HAARP to the detriment of humankind and the planet.”

There will for sure be localized events and there will also be some loss of life, those people transitioning who have it in their soul contracts to do so. I know that sounds like a neat, self-serving way to escape all accountability for the deaths that do occur, but I think it’s actually a true statement, however self-serving it may sound to some.

Yes, there will also be deaths from the struggle for freedom happening on the planet.

But there are no grounds for fearing a planet-wide catastrophe. I’ve written a large number of articles on the subject which I’ll list in Footnote 1.

What needs to happen which has not yet happened so far is that we, as lightworkers, need to take a stand on our fear. We need to decide the question for ourselves once

and for all that, for our own good and for the good of all on the planet. We have to set fear aside and no longer enroll ourselves in the video-of-the-moment in which some individual, for whatever reasons, tells us that catastrophe awaits us.

Surely we've been given enough evidence and enough reassurances that we can forego the need for our sources to repeat themselves on matters such as comet collisions, massive earthquakes, tsunamis, etc. Yes, catastrophes have happened in the past. Most of them have been caused by the cabal, but the cabal is now being defeated. It's ability to mount HAARP and other weather-control attacks will soon end, as Matthew said.

It's time for us to turn our backs on fear and find within us the heart of courage that allows us to demonstrate to the rest of society what faith in the Divine Plan for Ascension looks like. We are the leaders, the role models, the exemplars, if you will, for Ascension on Earth. We're the people others will look to. So we need now to realize that fear is a state of mind that can only exist because we allow it to and that the time for fear has now passed. From every conceivable standpoint.

Next month a new video will come out and the following month another. Will you watch it? Or will you get that your courage is needed and is vital to the calming of the masses of society. Our job has begun. It's the job we came here for.

Footnotes

(1) See, for instance:

- [Ready-Reference Guide: There's No Need to Fear](#)
- [Examples of Disinformation Sites – Part 3 – “Allies of Humanity”](#)
- [More on the “Allies of Humanity” – 1/2](#)
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- [Extinction-Level Events and Other Fear \(Not\) Scenarios](#)
- [On Armageddon or Ascension](#)
- [Niburu No Nemesis; Elenin No ELE](#)
- [Out of the Heart of Chaos and Trouble](#)
- [Surf's Up! But No 1,000-Foot Tsunami for the Planet](#)
- [How to Minimize Our Fears and Maximize our Ease Around This Time of Chaos – Part 1/2](#)
- [How to Minimize Our Fears and Maximize our Ease Around This Time of Chaos – Part 2/2](#)
- [There Will be No Catastrophe for the World – Part 1](#)
- [There Will be No Catastrophe for the World – Part 2](#)
- [There Will be No Catastrophe for the World – Part 3](#)
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- [Should We “Leave the United States Now”?](#)
- [No War is Going to Happen](#)
- [Rumors Fly ... But No Need to Worry](#)
- [More on Military Mobilization](#)
- [Planetary Evacuation is Not Going to Happen](#)
- [Global Warming and Other Earth Changes – Part 1/4](#)
- [Global Warming and Other Earth Changes – Part 2/4](#)
- [Global Warming and Other Earth Changes – Part 3/4](#)
- [Global Warming and Other Earth Changes – Part 4/4](#)
- [Will Water Become Scarce?](#)
- [Will the Armageddon of Biblical Prophecy Happen? – Part 1/3](#)
- [Will the Armageddon of Biblical Prophecy Happen? – Part 2/3](#)
- [Will the Armageddon of Biblical Prophecy Happen? – Part 3/3](#)
- [What Are the Chances of a Nuclear War with China?](#)
- [No Armageddon for the World](#)

There'll Be No Flood and No "Noah's Ark"



Greg Giles has posted a message which predicts "a period in your near future where again your planet will receive rising water levels which again will result in the flooding of some of the populated areas of your world." He continues:

"We do not wish to alarm and we certainly do not wish to frighten. What we wish to do is inform you. This is one of the main reasons we are here. A great deal of our mission concerns sharing information with you that we feel will assist you greatly on your personal, as well as collective journey, as a team of family, friends and neighbors, and you all are each other's neighbors no matter how far your home is from one of your brothers or sisters.

"We would like to begin to roll out portions of our plan that will enable millions of your people who choose to trust us and who choose to work with us and who choose to temporarily remove themselves from these areas we consider areas that will receive these rising water levels.

"There will be plenty of time and plenty of room for everyone to board our arks that we will supply you, just as we supplied Noah and the others that followed his lead and trusted that relocating temporarily from their homesteads was the most prudent way to proceed on their journey. We are not asking anything of you that was not asked of Noah and his family, his friends and his followers. What we asked of them back thousands of years of your time ago is what we shall ask of you at this time of your present day.

“We ask you to remain calm, to remain always poised, to remain centered and balanced, to remain within the vibration of love, of peace, of hope, of charity, of mercy, of kindness, of sharing, of forgiveness, and bestow upon your brothers and bestow upon your sisters these wonderful and beautiful and warm aspects of the vibration of love.” (1)

I dearly do not wish to criticize another lightworker, but I can't avoid saying, to prevent people from going into a fear reaction, that I'm not aware that anything of this sort will happen and I am aware of many statements from credible sources in the Company of Heaven that say it will not.

Let me offer you some of those statements.

SaLuSa: “It is true that the Earth must be cleansed and that physical changes will take place, but they will not be of the scale to destroy large areas. We monitor such changes and we use our technologies to lessen the impact upon you. If you are disturbed by recent happenings, bear in mind that the dark Ones have been behind most occurrences. We can only fully engage them when we are able to work openly with you, and can put a complete stop to their activities.” (2)

SaLuSa: “We of the Galactic Federation are closely monitoring activity on Earth, as Mother Earth needs to pursue her own cleansing program. She is very much like you in the sense that she also has to shed that which cannot go through to the higher dimensions. However do not focus on the worse scenario, as you may otherwise be instrumental in bringing it about. All changes will occur with as little harm to you as possible, and we can warn you of where the most danger exists. We will be working behind the scenes to lessen the impact of them where permissible. There are minor changes occurring on the Earth's surface all of the time, and these are quite natural and usually present little danger.” (3)

Matthew Ward: “Material purported to be a message from a high light being actually may have been written in government or corporate offices to further their agenda by sprinkling lies amidst familiar spiritual data. In other instances, some

receivers, or channels, are unaware that they are reaching base entities that claim to be a well known, respected light source, and they give *dis*information that their receivers pass on. Some messages—such as mammoth changes in seas and landmasses will require your evacuation by ETs and when you return to the planet, you’ll have to live underground—are pure nonsense.” (4)

Matthew: “There will be other events with serious impact upon populations. But none, or their sum, will cause billions of deaths nor will entire coastlines be drastically altered by mammoth earthquakes, volcanic eruptions or flooding. As a reminder, the ET technology that is alleviating the impact of these happenings by leveling out their effects is not reducing the degree of negativity released.” (5)

We here at the 2012 Scenario have tried to be as supportive of Greg’s work as we possibly can be, but the posting of messages such as this one promises to excite too much fear and chaos on the planet, needlessly.

It may be said that Greg is not really speaking of an actual Noah’s Ark but the use of such an unfortunate reference and picture (1) gives those who wish to criticize the 2012 movement an easy means of discrediting it and (2) will probably raise specters for many of a major, catastrophic global flood and incite a tremendous amount of anxiety and concern.

I have to say that I question the wisdom of the alleged Galactic-Federation sources who’d use such an image and invite such a discussion. It certainly would not be a move I’d expect from SaLuSa, Matthew, the Arcturian Group, etc.

I don’t think they’d risk planting such unfortunate thoughts in the minds of people. In fact they’ve been careful to avoid such images and discussions and I appreciate the sensitive and circumspect way they present issues to us so as not to arouse fear when no fear needs to be aroused.

Speaking as chief editor, and not necessarily for all the other editors on the site, I have to say with deep regret that I’ve asked that Greg’s channeled messages not be posted

to the site until Greg lets go of this line of discussion. It has received no resonant response from any other credible galactic source and promises to produce unfortunate results.

I apologize to readers who don't agree with this decision. It's one that we as editors have been discussing off and on since this line of discussion began some months ago though the final decision has been mine alone.

My apologies to Greg as well, against whom I have nothing personal. You can read his messages yourself at his site: <http://www.ascensionearth2012.org>

Footnotes

(1) Greg Giles, Message from the Galactic Federation of Light 6/18/12 'The Ark of Noah & 2012', 19 June 2012, at <http://lightworkers.org/channeling/161787/message-galactic-federation-light-61812-ark-noah-2012>

(2) SaLuSa, July 4, 2011, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(3) SaLuSa, Oct. 18, 2010.

(4) Matthew's Message, Feb. 13, 2011, at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmmessage.htm>

(5) Matthew's Message, Jan. 17, 2005.

Propaganda Techniques to Sway Viewers

It's interesting and synchronistic that Wanderer of the Skies implicitly recognizes this propagandizing in today's message (July 6, 2011):

“Your media continues to divert your attention away from the very wonderful and sometimes troubling news around your globe that interconnects with our messages of Disclosure and Ascension. It becomes more apparent to those who are beginning to awaken. It will not last forever, and you will find as time draws close to Disclosure that more attention will be focused on pertinent issues, much to everyone's surprise. That will be one among many signposts that Disclosure is occurring.”

I don't watch Fox News so I can't say whether Dr. Cynthia Boaz's points are accurate or not as applied to Fox. However I do observe these techniques used on other channels, such as CNN and, on occasion, on such BBC programs as Hard Talk. The tendency to interrupt speakers trivializes supposed news analyses, something Piers Morgan does often for instance.

Most news analysts, even Anderson Cooper, take a definite slant on news, which they justify as “getting to the bottom of things.” Nancy Grace is a prime example of the snarly, aggressive news analyst. Any scrap of objectivity died long ago. And the underfunding of news has led to the substitution of talking heads for field and international coverage.

So perhaps substitute “news programs” for “Fox News” since many of the same criticisms of “reporting” could be made of other channels too and hear this as a discussion of the level to which news in general has fallen since the late 1990s.

Thanks to Richard.

14 Propaganda Techniques Fox “News” Uses to Brainwash Americans

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<http://www.truth-out.org/node/3753#comment-242538929>



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There is nothing more sacred to the maintenance of democracy than a free press. Access to comprehensive, accurate and quality information is essential to the manifestation of Socratic citizenship – the society characterized by a civically engaged, well-informed and socially invested populace. Thus, to the degree that access to quality information is willfully or unintentionally obstructed, democracy itself is degraded.

It is ironic that in the era of 24-hour cable news networks and “reality” programming, the news-to-fluff ratio and overall veracity of information has declined precipitously. Take the fact Americans now spend on average about 50 hours a week using various forms of media, while at the same time cultural literacy levels hover just above the gutter. Not only does mainstream media now tolerate gross misrepresentations of fact and history by public figures (highlighted most recently by Sarah Palin’s ludicrous depiction of Paul Revere’s ride), but many media actually legitimize these displays. Pause for a moment and ask yourself what it means that the world’s largest, most profitable and most

popular news channel passes off as fact every whim, impulse and outrageously incompetent analysis of its so-called reporters.

How did we get here? Take the enormous amount of misinformation that is taken for truth by Fox audiences: the belief that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and that he was in on 9/11, the belief that climate change isn't real and/or man-made, the belief that Barack Obama is Muslim and wasn't born in the United States, the insistence that all Arabs are Muslim and all Muslims are terrorists, the inexplicable perceptions that immigrants are both too lazy to work and are about to steal your job. All of these claims are demonstrably false, yet Fox News viewers will maintain their veracity with incredible zeal. Why? Is it simply that we have lost our respect for knowledge?

My curiosity about this question compelled me to sit down and document the most oft-used methods by which willful ignorance has been turned into dogma by Fox News and other propagandists disguised as media. The techniques I identify here also help to explain the simultaneously powerful identification the Fox media audience has with the network, as well as their ardent, reflexive defenses of it.

The good news is that the more conscious you are of these techniques, the less likely they are to work on you. The bad news is that those reading this article are probably the least in need in of it.

1. Panic Mongering. This goes one step beyond simple fear mongering. With panic mongering, there is never a break from the fear. The idea is to terrify and terrorize the audience during every waking moment. From Muslims to swine flu to recession to homosexuals to immigrants to the rapture itself, the belief over at Fox seems to be that if your fight-or-flight reflexes aren't activated, you aren't alive. This of course raises the question: why terrorize your own audience? Because it is the fastest way to bypasses the rational brain. In other words, when people are afraid, they don't think rationally. And when they can't think rationally, they'll believe anything.

2. Character Assassination/Ad Hominem. Fox does not like to waste time debating the idea. Instead, they prefer a quicker route to dispensing with their opponents: go after the person's credibility, motives, intelligence, character, or, if necessary, sanity. No category of character assassination is off the table and no offense is beneath them. Fox and like-minded media figures also use ad hominem attacks not just against individuals, but entire categories of people in an effort to discredit the ideas of every person who is seen to fall into that category, e.g. "liberals," "hippies," "progressives" etc. This form of argument – if it can be called that – leaves no room for genuine debate over ideas, so by definition, it is undemocratic. Not to mention just plain crass.

3. Projection/Flipping. This one is frustrating for the viewer who is trying to actually follow the argument. It involves taking whatever underhanded tactic you're using and then accusing your opponent of doing it to you first. We see this frequently in the immigration discussion, where anti-racists are accused of racism, or in the climate change debate, where those who argue for human causes of the phenomenon are accused of not having science or facts on their side. It's often called upon when the media host finds themselves on the ropes in the debate.

4. Rewriting History. This is another way of saying that propagandists make the facts fit their worldview. The Downing Street Memos on the Iraq war were a classic example of this on a massive scale, but it happens daily and over smaller issues as well. A recent case in point is Palin's mangling of the Paul Revere ride, which Fox reporters have bent over backward to validate. Why lie about the historical facts, even when they can be demonstrated to be false? Well, because dogmatic minds actually find it easier to reject reality than to update their viewpoints. They will literally rewrite history if it serves their interests. And they'll often speak with such authority that the casual viewer will be tempted to question what they knew as fact.

5. Scapegoating/Othering. This works best when people feel insecure or scared. It's technically a form of both fear mongering and diversion, but it is so pervasive that it deserves its own category. The simple idea is that if you can find a group to blame for

social or economic problems, you can then go on to a) justify violence/dehumanization of them, and b) subvert responsibility for any harm that may befall them as a result.

6. Conflating Violence With Power and Opposition to Violence With Weakness.

This is more of what I'd call a "meta-frame" (a deeply held belief) than a media technique, but it is manifested in the ways news is reported constantly. For example, terms like "show of strength" are often used to describe acts of repression, such as those by the Iranian regime against the protesters in the summer of 2009. There are several concerning consequences of this form of conflation. First, it has the potential to make people feel falsely emboldened by shows of force – it can turn wars into sporting events. Secondly, especially in the context of American politics, displays of violence – whether manifested in war or debates about the Second Amendment – are seen as noble and (in an especially surreal irony) moral. Violence become synonymous with power, patriotism and piety.

7. Bullying. This is a favorite technique of several Fox commentators. That it continues to be employed demonstrates that it seems to have some efficacy. Bullying and yelling works best on people who come to the conversation with a lack of confidence, either in themselves or their grasp of the subject being discussed. The bully exploits this lack of confidence by berating the guest into submission or compliance. Often, less self-possessed people will feel shame and anxiety when being berated and the quickest way to end the immediate discomfort is to cede authority to the bully. The bully is then able to interpret that as a "win."

8. Confusion. As with the preceding technique, this one works best on an audience that is less confident and self-possessed. The idea is to deliberately confuse the argument, but insist that the logic is airtight and imply that anyone who disagrees is either too dumb or too fanatical to follow along. Less independent minds will interpret the confusion technique as a form of sophisticated thinking, thereby giving the user's claims veracity in the viewer's mind.

9. Populism. This is especially popular in election years. The speaker identifies themselves as one of “the people” and the target of their ire as an enemy of the people. The opponent is always “elitist” or a “bureaucrat” or a “government insider” or some other category that is not the people. The idea is to make the opponent harder to relate to and harder to empathize with. It often goes hand in hand with scapegoating. A common logical fallacy with populism bias when used by the right is that accused “elitists” are almost always liberals – a category of political actors who, by definition, advocate for non-elite groups.

10. Invoking the Christian God. This is similar to othering and populism. With morality politics, the idea is to declare yourself and your allies as patriots, Christians and “real Americans” (those are inseparable categories in this line of thinking) and anyone who challenges them as not. Basically, God loves Fox and Republicans and America. And hates taxes and anyone who doesn’t love those other three things. Because the speaker has been benedicted by God to speak on behalf of all Americans, any challenge is perceived as immoral. It’s a cheap and easy technique used by all totalitarian entities from states to cults.

11. Saturation. There are three components to effective saturation: being repetitive, being ubiquitous and being consistent. The message must be repeated cover and over, it must be everywhere and it must be shared across commentators: e.g. “Saddam has WMD.” Veracity and hard data have no relationship to the efficacy of saturation. There is a psychological effect of being exposed to the same message over and over, regardless of whether it’s true or if it even makes sense, e.g., “Barack Obama wasn’t born in the United States.” If something is said enough times, by enough people, many will come to accept it as truth. Another example is Fox’s own slogan of “Fair and Balanced.”

12. Disparaging Education. There is an emerging and disturbing lack of reverence for education and intellectualism in many mainstream media discourses. In fact, in some circles (e.g. Fox), higher education is often disparaged as elitist. Having a university credential is perceived by these folks as not a sign of credibility, but of a lack of it. In

fact, among some commentators, evidence of intellectual prowess is treated snidely and as anti-American. Education and other evidence of being trained in critical thinking are direct threats to a hive-mind mentality, which is why they are so viscerally demeaned.

13. Guilt by Association. This is a favorite of Glenn Beck and Andrew Breitbart, both of whom have used it to decimate the careers and lives of many good people. Here's how it works: if your cousin's college roommate's uncle's ex-wife attended a dinner party back in 1984 with Gorbachev's niece's ex-boyfriend's sister, then you, by extension are a communist set on destroying America. Period.

14. Diversion. This is where, when on the ropes, the media commentator suddenly takes the debate in a weird but predictable direction to avoid accountability. This is the point in the discussion where most Fox anchors start comparing the opponent to Saul Alinsky or invoking ACORN or Media Matters, in a desperate attempt to win through guilt by association. Or they'll talk about wanting to focus on "moving forward," as though by analyzing the current state of things or God forbid, how we got to this state of things, you have no regard for the future. Any attempt to bring the discussion back to the issue at hand will likely be called deflection, an ironic use of the technique of projection/flipping.

In debating some of these tactics with colleagues and friends, I have also noticed that the Fox viewership seems to be marked by a sort of collective personality disorder whereby the viewer feels almost as though they've been let into a secret society. Something about their affiliation with the network makes them feel privileged and this affinity is likely what drives the viewers to defend the network so vehemently. They seem to identify with it at a core level, because it tells them they are special and privy to something the rest of us don't have. It's akin to the loyalty one feels by being let into a private club or a gang. That effect is also likely to make the propaganda more powerful, because it goes mostly unquestioned.

In considering these tactics and their possible effects on American public discourse, it is important to note that historically, those who've genuinely accessed truth have never

berated those who did not. You don't get honored by history when you beat up your opponent: look at Martin Luther King Jr., Robert Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln. These men did not find the need to engage in othering, ad hominum attacks, guilt by association or bullying. This is because when a person has accessed a truth, they are not threatened by the opposing views of others. This reality reveals the righteous indignation of people like Glenn Beck, Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity as a symptom of untruth. These individuals are hostile and angry precisely because they don't feel confident in their own veracity. And in general, the more someone is losing their temper in a debate and the more intolerant they are of listening to others, the more you can be certain they do not know what they're talking about.

One final observation. Fox audiences, birthers and Tea Partiers often defend their arguments by pointing to the fact that a lot of people share the same perceptions. This is a reasonable point to the extent that Murdoch's News Corporation reaches a far larger audience than any other single media outlet. But, the fact that a lot of people believe something is not necessarily a sign that it's true; it's just a sign that it's been effectively marketed.

As honest, fair and truly intellectual debate degrades before the eyes of the global media audience, the quality of American democracy degrades along with it.

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We're All on the Same Side



The tomato doesn't argue with the broccoli

I've just been listening to Geoff West deliver the Cosmic Vision News over on Blogtalkradio.

http://www.blogtalkradio.com/inlight_radio/2012/05/18/cosmic-vision-news

And I was following his assessment of the current head-banging between Drake and Bill Brockbrader, which Cobra has also commented on. As I was doing so I was also considering some things that a new commentator, SaS, (1) was saying and what Geoff himself was saying and ... it hit me.

Holy smokes, we're becoming blessed with commentators. None of these is hobbled by the cabal. Add to them David Wilcock, Ben Fulford and others and you can see that the global scene is opening up and coming alive with people capable of taking an intelligent look at what's happening.

Not like all are right; not like all are wrong. But it sure is stimulating to hear what all of them think. Gives one something to bump up against and form one's own intelligent opinion.

We seem to get wrapped around the axle arguing with each other in a kind of black-and-white fashion. “I’m right and you’re wrong.” But what we miss is the role of the commentator to stimulate discussion. Not to get it right every time, because we each only have a piece of the puzzle, but to persuade the rest of us to think the matter through for ourselves.

I recall being taught that lesson years and years ago at an est Six Day Training. We had a war game and the workshop divided down into two teams. Individual combat was by rocks, scissors and paper. And each side had to choose a leader, but not democratically (no time for that).

Of course the opportunity available was to go for leadership and I was walking around at the back of the room considering on what basis I might do that. Up came ideas of personal aggrandizement and service to self. But none of them were powerful enough



to provide a basis for having me go for leadership. It needed to be a contribution to the group or I wasn’t interested.

Then suddenly I had an insight: “The function of a leader is to provide people with someone to come crashing up against and get the measure of themselves. No leader, no emergence.” A good leader was skilful in providing those opportunities and allowing people to emerge as a result of them.

Toshiro Mifune

The minute I saw that, I came rushing to the front, walking in that swish-swish karate style. When I reached the front, I shouted in my best Toshiro Mifune voice: “I am your leader. Sit down.” To my surprise, everyone did.

Immediately there was a game to play. Without a leader there had been no game. With a leader people had someone to bump up against to see who they were in the matter, what they were made of, what was there for them and not there for them.

And so here too, by Drake, Bill, Geoff, SaS, Cobra and everyone else coming forward and risking sharing their views, the rest of us are enabled to have a supermarket of commentary to listen to and find our own truth.

In the real supermarket, the tomato doesn't argue with the broccoli, saying, "You're wrong and I'm right." Similarly it's up to us to choose tomato or broccoli, as we see fit. It's healthy to have a range of food to choose from and a range of opinion. Rather than waste our time arguing among themselves as to who's right, I'd prefer us to work together where we can and get that we're all on the same side.

I realize that we've just emerged from a time when disinformation was rampant and a Sorcha Faal hid behind every bush. And SaLuSa keeps warning us that we may still be in the tag end of that era. But at some early date we should be emerging from that period.

And all that will be left are those who are possibly coming from ego. But even that should also subside as the energies rise. At some point we need to drop the edge we needed to have to fight the cabal.

And, yes, I do get it. I just finished taking a bite out of Cobra the other day myself. And Drake perhaps a week or two ago. So I'm talking to myself as well. Time to work co-operatively. The day of the self-serving bias is over.

Footnotes

(1) See for instance <http://jhaines6.wordpress.com/2012/05/18/op-ed-the-ever-increasing-ever-accelerating-change-that-has-become-apparent-to-all-of-us-by-sas-may-18-2012/>