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“Over time, whoever controls the money system controls the nation”

Stephen Zarlenga, Director

An “Unusual” Donation Request or Challenge, and Call to Action!

Dear Friend of the American Monetary Institute,

The Season has called for us to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving (we did!), and now a Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays! What’s unusual is that we acknowledge an unpleasant reality:

There is much for most of us, as Americans, to be thankful for, living as we do a reasonably secure, peaceful existence, amidst a world drawn too much into violence, war and financial turmoil; even though so many serious problems of the World have undeniably resulted disproportionately from ill-considered actions taken by our own American leadership.

So...I’ll challenge you with two questions:

First question:

Have YOU (we) really done enough to merit and deserve this peaceful and normally comfortable existence? Seriously, could the World be in such bad shape if Americans didn’t let it happen through our “choice” of leadership? Have you as a citizen tried enough to influence our nation towards reasonable policies toward other nations and to our own people?

I’m not questioning whether you deserve your financial situation – in all likelihood in the U.S. you’ve worked plenty hard for your living standard and whatever degree of financial security you’ve reached. Congratulations.

My question is a more indirect and difficult one. Meaning what?

Have you taken *meaningful* actions to move our country to greater justice, therefore greater peace, abroad and at home?

Sure, you could say, “What an unfair/even absurd question!” How can any one person be expected to have the time, inclination, and power, to move us toward a more just society?

Sure, you could point out the difficulties of:

- * Knowing what to do? Accurately understanding the society changing issues and how to effectively alter them to promote desirable fairness and justice.
- * Sorting out the many false media and demoralizing Internet sources, more likely designed to confuse and mislead, than to assist understanding.
- * Remaining optimistic amidst the disarray of our primary governing institutions including the Congress, Judiciary and media.

And that would be a fair enough response to my question. But before you “opt out” to maybe pursue pleasure and personal security (your alternative) I’ll try to answer:

First the fact that you are on this list, and have read this far indicates a strong commitment to justice; and improving society for ourselves and posterity. It’s in your psychological make-up.

Second, unless you’re able to hide away behind a high enough gated enclave; and hire “professionals” to insulate you from inevitable infrastructure and other failures, you’ll eventually be affected by society’s inability to extend reasonable levels of justice to all. It comes back at us like a law of nature - both from inside and outside our society - “what *goes* around *does come* around!”

Third, while your concealed carry permit (if you even have one) might save you in a particular situation, can it protect your children, grandchildren and loved ones? Maintaining a fair and just culture carries huge benefits for all.

Friends we are facing an unnecessary and massive “system failure” of our society, because some powerful elements want to keep their corrupt privileges, at the expense of the whole. That has to stop. We are the ones who have to end that.

In 2016 the American Monetary Institute celebrates its 20th anniversary.

We have devoted ourselves to:

1) First, to understanding the main reason for so much trouble in our society that causes injustice at home and empire building warfare abroad. We have identified that first cause down to one sentence: Society’s main troubles stem from using debt issued by banks and loaned into circulation in place of government issued money spent into circulation. That’s known as “fractional reserve banking” and gives the banks the money power over western society.

2) Second, to figuring out the changes needed to remedy this problem, and helping Congressman Dennis Kucinich write a law to do that – the NEED Act (National Emergency Employment Defense Act, which he introduced into Congress in 2011.

That proposal is now “on the shelf” and can be re-introduced by any Congressman. It has gone through nearly 3 years of non-partisan Congressional Legislative Counsel and has been vetted as technically operational. That’s a big deal – you can see it described at <http://www.monetary.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/HR-2990.pdf>.

If you decide that you can rely on our monetary work, it enables us to offer you a direct road to understand the greatest problem facing our nation, ***and*** it’s solution; ***and*** it gives you a way to take meaningful action by helping the American Monetary Institute to get the NEED Act re-introduced into Congress; to make it better known and gain support for it by our fellow Americans.

To evaluate our efforts please examine the free materials at our website, especially the 32 page monetary reform brochure and the various papers. View the free podcasts there and do buy a copy of our ***Lost Science of Money*** book. I’ve also attached or enclosed the report on our achievements to date over the past 20 years, made possible by the donations some of you have made. Please look for what I call the “ring of truth” in our materials and come to your own conclusion about helping us.

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The American Monetary Institute has several pressing uses for the donations you make. That includes normal operating expenses: rent; utilities; phones; maintaining and improving our website; printing; etc. **We are in need of a much better contact system for staying in touch with our supporters – actual and potential. That’s expensive!** We’ve found that as computer companies new systems get more complex, instead of becoming easier to use (beware Windows 10!), we have to pay specialists to help us through those difficulties (shame on you Bill Gates)! We would like to help offset the expenses of some of our valued volunteers who have devoted many hours to assisting AMI’s mission. I’d also like to be able to help our people with some medical coverage (dream on!). Please help, folks.

And what's the "2nd challenging question" I promised?

It's much simpler: **Will you please make a donation to help the American Monetary Institute continue its work for monetary reform – for a reasonable and just money system?** That will benefit us individually and will benefit our nation and the world!

Please do donate - Your generosity does make a difference!

If the answer is yes, please click on the round red "Donate" button on our home page, or see below for how you can easily do that by mail.

But first, my sincere thanks for your attention, and consideration of this request, and Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays and a thoughtful Easter!

Sincerely,

Stephen Zarlenga, A.M.I. Director

Your donation of money could take several forms (mark any):

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