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Good Day to you. A comment today about society and government and the new paradigm of acceptable, even predictable lying. I've garnered this narrative from the words of Charles Hugh Smith who wrote on the subject of entrenched lying just last month. He says, when we can no longer tell the truth because the truth will bring the whole rotten system down in a heap of broken promises then we've reached the perfection of failure. When it gets serious and systemic the essential basis for people to deceive is the equivalent of drowning morally. In other words, the status quo's secular core driver is that **there is no alternative to lying**, because the truth will destroy the structure. This core of deceit means that hiding the truth is the norm in dysfunctional relationships, communities, government and nations. When the truth cannot be told because it threatens the power structure of the status quo, then that status quo has failed.

Lies and misrepresentation, are all manifestations of fatal weakness. The mendacity and cover-ups declare we can no longer fix our real problems and rather than let this truth out, we mask it behind phony reassurances. **Truth is power while lies are weakness**. All we get now is deception at all levels of government and from this Godless society. Statistics that are designed to mislead support counterfeit reassurances that the system is stable and permanent. **The truth is powerful** because it is the core dynamic of solving problems. Lies and false reassurances are fatal because they doom any sincere efforts to fix what's broken before the system reaches the point of no return. Honest accounts of hugely successful corporations that implode share one key trait because in every case, managers were pressured to hide the truth from top management, which then hid the truth from investors and clients just like Volkswagen did. This is the key dynamic in failed oligarchies as well, because if telling the truth gets you sent to Siberia, then nobody with any instinct for self-preservation will tell the truth. If obscuring the truth saves one's job, then that's what people do. That this dooms the organization is secondary to immediate self-preservation through a **distorted sense** of loyalty to the community, government or nation only furthers lying as the "solution" to unsavoury problems. If Daddies a drunk, then hide the bottle. A local government of entrenched double standards...then maintain the facade of transparency. If company products are failing then put some lipstick on the pig. If the statistical truth doesn't support the party's happy story then distort the stats until they do. Pathological liars and cheats rely on self-preservation and misplaced loyalty to mask their own failure and corruption and so a culture of lying is created and even incentivized.

Obscuring the truth is the ultimate short-term expediency. Now when it's serious, they say we have to lie but we'll start telling the truth later, after everything's stabilized. However un-truth insures nothing can ever be truly stabilized, so there will never be a point at which the system is strong enough and stable enough to survive the truth. We are now an empire of liars because the status quo politically, socially and economically depends on misrepresentation for its very survival. Any truth that escapes the prison of lies endangers the entire rotten edifice. **In an empire of indulgence leaders say what people want to hear**. This wins the support of the masses, who would rather hear false reassurances that require no sacrifice, no difficult trade-offs, no hard choices, no discipline. The empire of un-truth is simply failing and prohibits any real solutions. **Truth is power**, but we can no longer tolerate the truth because it frightens us. Our weakness is systemic and terminal.

These are dark but truthful words from Charles Hugh Smith but take heart because 2000 years ago the Galilean said in John 8, "**Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free**". The words are even more relevant today than way back then and in stark contrast to this new age of deceit which is at the direct cost to our families, our nation and our humanity.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley