

*Economic Crisis...Or Mismanaged Spiritual Investments?*  
**A Psychic Perspective on the Economy & Politics, Channeled through Matthew Engel**  
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I had some difficulty coordinating with Spirit in writing this month's article. Perhaps because Mercury is Retrograde. Perhaps I was concerned about sounding preachy or coming across to you - my readers - as if I were missing the issues. Perhaps I was too involved in my own stuff over the last few weeks to connect with Spirit as deeply as I need to in order to Channel something useful. Since I wrote an article in September about Global Changes, I also didn't want to be redundant, but each time I've asked for Guidance, Spirit has come through with a loud and clear statement that I must write about the Economic and Political crisis in the U.S. at present. "People want to know more, Matthew," Spirit said. "They need to know more. You've only just begun to channel the Higher Truth about current and coming events on your planet." I've made great changes in my life and taken some significant risks when prompted by Spirit to do so. Why should a monthly article be written (or not) under a different set of rules? The majority of this article is Channeled (as noted) and I was prompted to include some additional background as a reference point. Although the following two paragraphs may sound a bit negative, they are only setting the backdrop for insight and guidance that follows.

**Spirit:** *"The citizens of your country fear that their economic stability is coming apart at the seams. This is true. Yet it is also a misnomer. Reports that the economic market hasn't seen such a terrible downfall since the stock market crash of 1929 are rampant in your media. This may be true. But please do take a moment and look back at history. For history does tend to repeat itself through cause as well as effect."*

What caused the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression? Many people made investments that were unsecured and uninsured. People with money looked for quick ways of making more money – lots of it and quickly. New technologies were being developed, cities were growing and everyone wanted a bigger piece of the pie. Federal regulations for banking, finance, and investing were minimal to none. Essentially, greed and oversight of the longer-term risks for every day folks took over. More recently mortgage companies that offered jumbo loans at historically low variable rates clearly failed their customers – as did the federal government when it failed to regulate these loans. People who've invested large percentages of their retirement funds in the stock market failed to listen to age-old economic advice to *diversify their portfolios*. Companies that invested their employees' financial future in the stock market did so irresponsibly and the federal government did not regulate these larger scale investments. Upper level managers of large banks that have closed their doors have made off with millions of dollars and the federal government has done nothing but attempt to bail out the investors thus allowing management to get richer while every day citizens pay taxes on the bail out plan. Clearly, there is a problem beneath the problem. In the meantime, the United States has been spending approximately \$85 million (or is it billion?) per day for years to finance a war that the overwhelming majority of citizens (according to even the most conservative polls) clearly state that they do not want. Why does the president have so much power? And how can anyone gripe over taxes when public schools are under-funded, public service workers underpaid, and unemployment rising?

**Many readers already know all of this. But why is it happening?**

In my classes, workshops, and individual sessions, I continue to talk about the fact that our planet is being prompted to evolve at a more rapid-fire rate than ever before.

**But Why?**

**Spirit:** *“Simply put... Greed, hate, bitterness, lack of concern for the earth and our neighbors, rampant fear, judgment, living under false and superficial pretenses, and disconnect from Source (God) would at the rate they are operating lead to total destruction of the planet and every living being in a historically short period of time and life as we know it on this planet will come to an end...unless something changes.*

*We offer this statement not as a threat of doom, but rather as a way of reflecting the view of planetary energy from above.*

*A basic premise for change and healing requires that all negativity be purged out (mirrored) so that human beings can see the problems for what they really are in order to respond accordingly. With this said, Dear Ones, you have many choices when faced with fear, potential harm, and destruction: An increase in fear-based responses, anger, bitterness, hopelessness, and judgment are but one set of choices. Love, living authentically, getting in touch with what’s really important, reprioritizing, advocating peacefully for change, making safe & healthy choices in your individual lives, connecting with others who share your viewpoints to meditate and visualize a positive outcome – healing and transformation of any negative feelings and behaviors – are another set of choices. **In order to heal, you must also dissolve fear.***

*“But how can we do away with fear?” you ask. “Isn’t fear a natural response to threat of destruction?” In order to answer that question, we must first define - or perhaps redefine - destruction.*

*Contrary to your human belief structure, financial and emotional hardship, loss of material security, dis-ease, and even physical death is not destruction. Every living being consists of energy. It is imperative that we remind you humans of this fact. Everything that ever has lived and everything that ever will live exists in the present. Time does not exist on the “other side.” The world is not linear but multi-dimensional. In other words, hardship does not equate to destruction. Hardship is just that – hardship - and it always presents an opportunity for growth – healing – if it is utilized in such a way.*

*In the wake of the current economic crisis, many people will lose some of their monetary savings. Others will regain their footing as the market ebbs and flows. Over the next 20 years, the social security system will be revised and retired persons in need will become somewhat more supported by government. Social security payments will be based on a structure of financial need rather than earnings during working years and greater efforts will be made in government to secure this system.*

*For those people losing money in the present, we would like you to know that there is a great desire on the other side for you to be creative and to think outside of the box in terms of how you generate income. Contrary to popular belief, retirement no longer has to mean that people stop working altogether. However, this work can become more heart-felt and creative. We would encourage many of you retirees to consider some of the interests or hobbies that you have always had. Look at what inspires you and explore opportunities for earning a little extra money by doing what you really love in your ‘golden’ years. When you live and create from your heart, work no longer feels like work. It boosts energy rather than draining it. Last month, this Channel wrote about the impending evolutionary shift to a more heart-centered society. This “economic crisis” presents an opportunity to grow and expand from loss, transforming it into something more positive.*

*Other people who lose financial grounding will be prompted to reevaluate what is really important in their lives and how closely they identify with their material possessions and the*

*images associated with them. There is a difference between financial security and excessive materialism. Make no mistake, that we in Spirit hold no judgments against the experience of enjoying material goods. However, there is a fine line between enjoying these things verses over-identifying with them. Threat of war, new diseases, and natural disasters due to global warming will further prompt many people to reconsider the Bigger Picture.*

***In supporting this shift and growth, we have no intention of creating wide spread poverty. Such a scenario will not happen.*** However, when stripped of some of the perceived layers of material protection, there becomes an increased tendency to look to Spirit – God – for support and Guidance...to deepen this connection, one's capacity for faith, humility, and a redefining of oneself in a different Light.

*In closure, we wish to impress upon you that you are and always have been connected to the Light. You come from the Light and it shines through you and of you. When feeling doubtful or afraid, simply look to your inner Light, to God, and to each other and you will remember some of the truths that you may have forgotten in the face of human hardship. Human beings have been blessed with free will, the capacity to reason, to use creativity, imagination, and ingenuity. By allowing faith to blend with these innate resources, you will always feel supported and you will continue to find whatever solutions are needed. In the process, you will inevitably replace your thoughts of fear with thoughts of peace, love, fulfillment, and a newly defined state of prosperity. You are always supported and there is tremendous effort coming from Spirit to support you in healing your planet while transcending the individual and collective energy into a greater state of brilliance.”*

*~ With Love From Collective Divine – as Channeled through Matthew*

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