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Go Phillies! I've never liked the Yankees.

The label, Yankee, taken from the Yankee Doodle Dandy song, was an insult as slung by its young aristocratic English inventors. The caricature, a, "yankee doodle dandy," derided the "uppity" behavior of our revolutionary founding fathers. We are slandered as self abusers with pretensions to their "high" society. But we embraced the appellation and rubbed their noses in it when we won the war. That's the upside of language distortion when used consciously. Unconsciously, when we're programmed using mass media, abuse of the truth and the language that conveys it has no upside.

Democracy means the People rule, whether directly or through democratically elected representatives, as in our Republic. Capitalism means money and those who have the most of it rule. Freedom under Capitalism means the freedom of parasites to have the majority of the community work to make a few elites and their upper level minions rich, while the rest of US, the real people, grow deeper in debt, public and private. Conservatives have managed to equate Capitalism with freedom and Democracy. That equation is virtually schizophrenic. It was accomplished through mind control by corporate media advertisers. We've been programmed with self destructive beliefs about our economy and culture. We've come to believe, by the means of the conservative machine, that government is bad if it works for the people and only good when it supports an economic system that concentrates wealth. We don't see that the "New World Order" is dysfunctional for most of US and a threat to our survival.

Another abuse of language, which has collected many victims, is the equation of carbon emissions with the whole of global warming. While the stored sunlight in hydrocarbons does emit CO<sub>2</sub> as it pumps energy [heat] into the atmosphere, it's the heat not the CO<sub>2</sub> that causes the warming. Sure the CO<sub>2</sub> retards the dissipation of the heat into space but it's the burning of saved sunlight from millions and billions of years ago that's busting the budget and causing the Planet to overheat. We're convinced by the flawed equation that the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will solve the warming problem. We're consoled and diverted from the real solution we must embrace if we're to save our lives, by the swindle of Cap and Trade. Cap and Trade simply allows US to pretend we're reducing atmospheric blanket effect, when in reality it will simply allow the rich to keep on polluting for profit, while further concentrating wealth into the bargain.

If we are to remain cool enough to live, we may use only the energy that comes from the Sun in real time. That includes wind. Gravitational [tides] is also real time input to our mostly closed system. Until that's possible we must use as little energy from stored sources - including hydrocarbons, nukes and geothermal - as possible, in order to conserve Life. To stop the warming, we must stop adding heat to our system. In the long run it can only handle the energy that comes to US each day from the heavens.

These and many other abuses of truth and language add to the threat to the survival of the Human Race eternally posed by the rich parasites who rule US. We've embraced this false definition of freedom and democracy that's been imposed on US by the programming apparatus we know as corporate media. We've unconsciously internalized the false belief that capitalism, and the distortion of free markets that it's produced, equate with freedom and democracy. We've let them lie to US about environmental degradation, motivated by profit, that threatens most of Life on Earth.

They've made US slaves and we're too stupid to know it. More foolish than most are the bourgeois sellouts [for a few dollars more] and traitors to Humanity who say: "I've got mine. To hell with you!" That latter group was less obviously evil when 50% or more of US were included and the rest had growing opportunity. The beginning of the end was in 1968. Today the residue of the middle classes are self deluded fools who will be deposed with their rich masters in the coming "adjustment."

It can't come soon enough for me. I noted the hubris of the petty bourgeoisie and was disgusted by it by the time I was a freshman in high school. Brought up in a working class household, I was never afflicted with the spell cast by the upper classes (those "above" me in the tower of greed) as most of my peers seemed to be – under the spell and deluded to believe themselves above me that is. By the time I graduated most of my classmates had succumbed to the program, though it wasn't nearly so strong in evil and vicious efficiency as it is today. The dark side was more remote. While my conviction about the threat posed to our world by the rich has only grown stronger, I imagine that at least half of the youths I knew in the early '60s are more completely oblivious to the truth than ever. I hope the remainder are at least beginning to awaken from the general delusion.

But it's the association of Yankee with corruption of language and the programming of We the American People to self destruction that causes me to say: "Go Phillies go!" and offers another reason to hate the Yankees.