

SERENDIPITY

Serendipity: "The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way"



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Long ago we were once intrigued and quickly captured by the silver market, but not as collectors, rather, as investors, as we loved silver as a precious metal, and we believed in it. It resonated with us as a safe investment, as good sound money, and as wealth insurance for unforeseeable times like we are now experiencing. Back then we wanted to make sure that the silver we bought was the highest quality and the best brand name out there for ultimate resale, so we looked to the known household names and started stacking Engelhard and Johnson Matthey bars of all sizes, shapes and varieties. After all, they were just silver bars, and essentially trading at the 'then' spot price, which was somewhere between \$8-12/oz. After months and years of stacking, coddling and restacking the bars, we came to notice that many of the older vintage bars had serial numbers, and curiosity immediately caused us to start logging these serial numbers based on weight class, really for no reason at the time, it just somehow seemed like the right thing to do. After a few years of logging several thousand serial numbers, it became clear that serial number runs and ranges 'suggested' strong patterns that determined mintage date ranges and mintage production. Since we were amateur coin collectors prior to this, we were all too familiar with mintages relative to values, and quickly we started assembling our information in a chronological and progressive manner. One thing led to another, and before too long it became clear that our "Silver as an Investment" strategy was about to also become a "Silver as a Collectible" strategy. It was really the furthest thing from our minds at the onset, but we continued down our path until the epiphany hit that collectible bullion was actually a legitimate and demonstrably accountable hobby or 'market' if you will.

In 2014 we launched the www.AllEngelhard.com website, and over the years of updates, additions and refinements, our collector market continued to grow worldwide. Values of vintage low mintage bullion bars accelerated upwards, and the 'brand name bullion bars' that we originally purchased as investments turned out to be great investments indeed, and quite serendipitous at that!



So here we are in the midst of our new COVID19 world. Money printing at the Treasury is literally OFF THE CHARTS, with unemployment surpassing the Great Depression, personal bankruptcies escalating, and trillions now becoming an everyday word. With the World Currency devaluation approaching dangerous territory, Silver and Gold prices for common¹ bullion are still artificially low and held in check (MANIPULATED!) as led by JP Morgan, the COMEX and a handful of co-conspirators, and purposefully overlooked by the CFTC (Again our thanks go to Ted Butler for unmasking this Phenomenon). As infuriating as it is to witness this diabolical process, we have to step aside and tell ourselves that we, too, can continue to play their game, and reap the rewards just as they will. What's that saying, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Just recognizing that you can buy something today at an artificially low price, knowing it will be exponentially higher at some point in the near future is reason to STACK. You also have to realize that the sale won't last forever, in fact, the window will likely be closing for good this time. Our world is getting crazier by the day, and it's only a matter of time before your barber or hairdresser starts telling clients to buy silver and gold. By then, of course, it will be GAME OVER. But there's still a wink of time to lock in and enjoy the coming serendipity!

**Serendipitously,
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DIRTY LAUNDRY

KICK 'EM WHEN THEY'RE UP... KICK 'EM WHEN THEY'RE DOWN

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No one can deny that we enjoy a very exciting and fulfilling hobby in collecting and trading silver bullion. Rarely is there a dull moment, always new and welcoming inventory hitting the market, serious banter between stodgy poker faced traders like us, and a new and continuous breed of high caliber collectors entering the auction rings, and oh what fun spirited dialogue we all share! Bragging about the bars that we won, and the bars that just slipped away! If we had only bid \$5 higher... All harmless fun, really. That's the good part. But the universe always seems to have its counterbalances, and even with all the clean fun and upstanding reputations in our small but growing world, we are constantly reminded that with good comes bad, an unfair imbalance of dirty shirts out there, most of them worn by the wrinkled commodities traders and their bosses at JP Morgan. Shirts that will, in our opinion, NEVER come clean, EVER.

According to our friend and mentor Ted Butler, JP Morgan has never lost a bet on silver, and never had a bad trading day for that matter. But their hierarchy and disciples would have it no other way, where **'we** the innocent people' lose, yes, because they love **dirty laundry**. *Dirty little secrets. Dirty little lies. They have their dirty little fingers in everybody's pie. They love to cut you down to size. They love dirty laundry.* In fact, it's pretty much permanent press these days. But if you understand their playbook, they are aggressively and diabolically buying and hoarding the majority of the **world's** above ground available silver, to the tune of 600+ million ounces to date. Right or wrong (clearly wrong in this case), they have a purpose and a plan. We know we can't beat them, or *kick 'em when they're up*, or even *kick 'em when they're down*, and we certainly don't want to join them, but we **can** follow their game plan and buy physical silver along with them. Don't think too much into it. *You don't really need to find out what's going on. You don't really want to know just how far it's gone. Just leave well enough alone. Eat your dirty laundry.* Honestly, all that really matters right now is that the shiny stuff is on sale and it is still available to anyone smart who wants it.

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¹ Today, but maybe not tomorrow (thinking serendipitously here!)