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*“L'Histoire Se Répète?”*

In managing grand systems, Western World advice is to “change nothing.” However, this advice is ignored by today’s entrepreneurs who engage in radical innovations and adoption of disruptive technologies to spin out wealth for their small systems.

The global economy is a grand system, and we see that evolution of the 21<sup>st</sup> century uncannily parallels that of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (history repeating).

Within the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we experienced a global economic and financial crisis akin to the deep downturn experienced by the global economy during the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century followed the 20<sup>th</sup> century pattern by swapping economic warfare (international trade) with an Asian enemy (China) for military warfare with a European enemy (Germany) one-hundred years early.

As we move deeper into the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we find ourselves recovering from a pandemic (Covid-19) much the same way the world recovered from the Great Influenza in the early 1920s.

This is all meaningful for Black Americans because one of the most significant economic and social events for us in the early 20<sup>th</sup>

century was the arrival of Marcus Garvey. Garvey’s Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) and its exploits set the tone for most later important developments for Black Americans in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Where and who is our Garvey and UNIA of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

One may be warranted in concluding that the arising of Black Lives Matter (BLM) represents our Garvey and UNIA experience for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Like Garvey’s UNIA, BLM achieved international recognition and operations quickly. Also, like Garvey and the UNIA, BLM, after just a few years, is now finding itself under pernicious attacks and disruptions from allegations of corruption and poor decision making. Will BLM see a demise similar to Garvey and his UNIA?

Maintenance of the *status quo* is favorable for those managing the global system, but it is an unfavorable outcome for Black America. Will we sleepwalk with the rest of the world through a further runup in financial markets during this third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century only to see a major financial crash and great depression during the fourth decade; a major world military war during the fifth decade; a global after-world-war recovery during the sixth decade; a second major Civil Rights movement with enticing concessions during the seventh decade; a roll back of those concessions and an intensification of efforts

to obliterate Black America during the eighth and ninth decades; and the onset of another round of disruptive technological innovations during the final decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

If we are wise, we will not stand by idly to see world history repeat. Rather we should plan our own disruptive strategies that move us and the world to higher levels in all dimen-

sions. If we are to survive and flourish, which is our karmic and effort-based reward, then we cannot countenance a grand system in which *l'histoire se répète*.

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