The Dutch Are Awake. Are We?

"Who's there?" That challenge by a guard at Elsinore Castle is the first line in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

"Who's there?" is a question that pervades the play. We in the audience ask each of the play's main characters—the ghost of Hamlet's father; the ghost's murderer, Claudius; Hamlet's mother Gertrude, now married to her husband's killer; the tormented Hamlet himself—"Who's there? Who are you? What do you want?"

When we leave off reading or watching the play, we return to a land as troubled as Hamlet's Denmark. We don't need to rehash all the problems of the last few years, but suffice it to say, our country is undergoing a deep crisis of faith in its institutions and leaders. A system that only three years ago functioned reasonably well now lies prostate and gasping for breath. Just one anecdotal example came from newlyweds my sister knows. They had planned to take a 10-day honeymoon in Europe. Because of the systemic failures now common with our airlines, the couple spent the first three days of their trip in a D.C. airport.

The machinery is broken. People want to know why and who's responsible, and because of this, more and more of us are asking, "Who's there? What do you want?"

James Corbett answers those questions in his article, "We're All Dutch Farmers Now," by pointing a finger at a loose cabal of Western governments, global organizations, and a handful of the world's richest and most powerful people. This group is all racing to trample human rights and control humanity itself under the pretense of the so-called climate change crisis. Corbett begins with an analysis of the revolt by Dutch farmers against a government intent on putting them out of business, then takes a deep look at the behind-the-scenes actors in this

bleak drama.

"Whether we know it or not, we are at war," Corbett writes. "And, whether we know it or not, that war is a battle between the overwhelming majority of the human population and the few at the top who seek to control (and simultaneously reduce) that population."

Particularly strange about these assaults on our freedoms and our energy supply is the general absence of China from these discussions and dictates. That nation is the world's number one polluter and continues to build coal-fired power plants at a prodigious rate, yet the powers-that-be aim their weapons of coercion at the Netherlands. In terms of "climate change," it's like swatting a gnat in hopes of killing an elephant.

For the last hundred years, ideologues—communists, fascists, and fanatics of all hues—have dreamed of a utopia. To achieve that heaven on earth, they sought to clear aside those who impeded them as if they were trash. "To make an omelet you have to break a few eggs," they crowed, failing to mention that those few eggs involved the murder and incarceration of tens of millions of people. The Soviet gulags, the Nazi death camps, China's cultural revolution, the massacres in places like Cambodia and Rwanda: these and more were bloody attempts to eradicate those deemed evil or unworthy of life.

In the interests of saving the planet, ideologues and technocrats now seek to control all humanity, Corbett tells us. They have begun by attacking the wealth and enterprise of the West. This wrecking crew is more ambitious than their predecessors, as they apparently hope to turn the entire planet into a giant concentration camp.

Yet a revolt and a reckoning are possibly taking place. Farmers throughout Europe are joining their Dutch comrades in protesting government actions to erase family farms. Corbett writes:

A great awakening is happening. The barriers between people are coming down as the realization dawns that this is a global agenda and the injustices we see being inflicted on those halfway around the world will be coming for us soon enough. Many are now realizing a line has been drawn and the time to stand up has arrived.

We are all Dutch farmers now.

We may lack the precise answer as to "Who's there?" but we can definitely ascertain "What's there?" namely, a global cabal seeking to bring us under their control.

It's time we acted, in whatever ways we can, to preserve our liberties and our way of life.

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