Eagles come in all shapes and sizes, but you will recognize them chiefly by their attitudes.” – E. F. Schumacher

Each year as we celebrate the holiday season, we pick three outstanding guests of the Solari Report, who offered intelligence that remains essential for the road ahead. This year, we did not want to choose from our Wrap Ups or regular guests inasmuch as many of our subscribers focus on them already.

After much discussion with the Solari team, here are the 2016 editor picks:

- **Don Coxe, What’s Next? Commodities & Negative Interest Rates:**
  Investment advisor Don Coxe absolutely nailed it when he said that pension and retirement liabilities would be the loaded gun pointed at the next administration. You need to understand these national and municipal budget issues, which will reoccur throughout the developed world in 2017.

- **David Talbot, The Devils Chessboard:** Salon.com founder David Talbot
made a powerful contribution to our understanding of the real US governance system by authoring the best book of all on the Kennedy assassination. The hubris of the current fake news hysteria makes more sense after we learn about the mind-blowing things the CIA and the upper echelon of the US establishment have gotten away with for some time.

- **Jason Bawden-Smith, Protecting Against EMF Radiation**: Bawden-Smith believes that EMF radiation poses more risks to our health and intelligence than tobacco and asbestos do. However, as a technology lover, he offers lots of sensible solutions for protecting ourselves from this kind of environmental pollution.

Don Coxe, David Talbot and Jason Bawden-Smith – like the scores of other talented guests who join us on the Solari Report – are wonderful reminders that the world is filled with extraordinary people who make it their mission to create a happier and healthier world for us. Listen and be inspired!

No Money & Markets this week or next – I will be squirreled away in the Montana winter wonderland working on our Annual Wrap Up and celebrating Christmas. The last two Money & Markets have been jammed packed and we have done two specials on the changes underway: The Trump Transition and Can We Make America Great Again? These are filled with excellent insights on what is going on.

If you have questions for Ask Catherine, just post them at Comments.

If you want a amazing comedy that informs the economic challenges the developed world is struggling with, try one of my favorite movies that we reviewed in Let’s Go to the Movies in past years, Other People’s Money. It is about getting from “either-or” to “and-and-and.”

Please check out our HolidayGreetings, including our Prayer Book for 2017 and Give the Gift which offers our Solari Report subscribers the opportunity to give a 3-month subscription to the person of their choice.

On behalf of the entire Solari Team, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Catherine Austin Fitts

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“Our circumstances are far too dire for the luxury of realism.” – Caroline Casey

by Catherine Austin Fitts

Where are your risks and opportunities in the changes underway in the United States? Can America really be great again?

To ask these questions, we need to first consider the American oligarchy and the members of the establishment who set the policies that impact our finances and time. I divide them into three groups – Titanic Turners, Scaredy Cats, and Pigs:

- Titanic Turners have the intention, energy, experience, resources and courage to try to turn the Titanic in time.
- Scaredy Cats prefer to “cut and run” – they are the first to sail off in their well endowed lifeboats.
- Pigs wake up each morning saying, “What about me?” They are eager to strip natural resources and other assets, and are encouraging invasive digital technology, more regulations, "piratizations," constitutional conventions, and state secession to help them do so. They fund various noble groups to front for them and to create obstacles for the Titanic Turners.

If you look at the nominees proposed during the Trump Transition or, in fact, look at municipal, civi, and business officers in your local area, our leaders can be grouped and understood in this way. For that matter, so can all of us.

The role of independent media should be to help generate ideas and intelligence that:

- Improve the power and performance of the Titanic Tuners,
- Make it attractive for the Pigs and Scaredy Cats to follow or even become Titanic Turners, and
- Make life exceptionally painful for the Pigs until they do.
We also need to support the general population to take responsibility to help turn the Titanic and reject the Pigs, each in our own lives and local areas.

Jon encouraged me is to describe the basic concepts of how we can do this. How do we assess who are Titanic Turners and whether or not they are acting with integrity and competence as public servants? Jon wanted me to review the basic concepts and definitions to help me explain what it means when the cost of capital starts to rise as well as why I believe there is a significant economic opportunity to rebuild America if we can turn the ship.

Small business and entrepreneurs must play a role making this happen – otherwise change will not succeed. Given trends in technology and automation, small and middle-sized business has the capacity to create the most jobs and middle class income. Jon and I discuss the nuts and bolts of what we need to do to make change happen and give examples to make sure that these concepts are understandable without a financial background.

Join us for a deep discussion for how to understand and assess the risks and opportunities underway.

Listen here.

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**Holiday Greetings from Solari!**

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Dear Friends, Clients & Subscribers:

What a year 2016 has been. We are glad the holidays have arrived. Some merriment, celebration and feasting are in order!

Catherine is in the Montana winter wonderland and the Solari Report team is spread across the country and around the world – from California to Texas and Tennessee, from Florida to the Netherlands. Our allies and subscribers, of course, are everywhere, so that is where our seasons greetings and prayers are headed.

For our Christmas Card this year, here are some of my favorite scriptures and prayers in the form of (36) prayers and devotionals – one for each day of the month as well as Christmas, New Years Eve, New Years and your birthday.

For our Christmas 2016 Donation this year, we are making a significant donation to our Dr. Joseph P. Farrell Virtual Pipe Organ Crowdfund. If you're looking for a great idea, we highly recommend our choice for a Christmas 2016 donation (see the video and right-hand column link).
On behalf of the entire team at Solari, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~ Catherine Austin Fitts

See more here!

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**Highlights from Last Week - Solari Food Series: A Culinary History of Christmas**

“Heaped up on the floor, to form a kind of throne, were turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brawn, great joints of meat, sucking-pigs, long wreaths of sausages, mince-pies, plum-puddings, barrels of oysters, red-hot chestnuts, cherry-cheeked apples, juicy oranges, luscious pears, immense twelfth-cakes, and seething bowls of punch, that made the chamber dim with their delicious steam.” ~ Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

Christmas is my favorite time of year.

This past year was so worrisome serious that I wanted to celebrate the holiday season with something joyful and delicious. So I invited Harry Blazer to regale us with stories of his favorite holiday food traditions. I can’t tell you which ones Harry has chosen for this coming Thursday night – he insisted that it be a surprise! I will share mine too.

The Food Series is quickly becoming one of the most exciting parts of our archive – if you have not had a chance to listen, I highly recommend these insightful interviews to you. The theme for our 2016 Annual Wrap Up is the global agricultural harvest and what it means to investors. We typically don’t think about food in connection with financial markets – however, food is a critical part of the economy and grows in importance.

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