

Questions from the Everyday...

There are so many things these days that make me shake my head in disbelief. I just am unable to comprehend – no, not true – I do comprehend (in my opinion) why things are happening in the global overall – I mean to say I don't understand why it has to be this way. I don't understand why international corporations can not make a profit from doing things in a way that sustains the planet and its peoples.

I speak as an American. America is what I know.

I've traveled much in my country...my beautiful country...filled with diversity, talent, natural wonders, all manner of animal, vegetable and mineral, as is said.

I'll use the Editorial 'We' as I write, for we – all of us – have, at one time or another, sat down and watched as other everyday folks (the middle classes at all levels) keep taking it in the shorts...economic shots to the heart of what America is – at Heart.

Capitalism does not have to preclude human rights and dignity (you know, those constitutional things we all talk about a couple times a years and don't know about too much anymore – good thing, too, because those 'things' – rights – are being taken away...ever so slightly (or perhaps slight of hand would be more appropriate)...gradually...

For Security...Safety. Something no government is truly capable of giving us – especially in the last few years – which is precisely when the tempo for robbing freedoms and the rights attached thereto was increased.

Sooo...here are some questions:

1/Why do you think that we are the only country of the developed ones that is not requiring labeling of genetically modified 'stuff' in our foods?

2/Why do you think Monsanto and the government agencies charged with oversight of our health and wellbeing are not doing any other long term testing of the effect of genetically modified crops on humans – EXCEPT for us as human guinea pigs – yes, the testing is being done on us....?

3/Why does a bill that gives aid to African nations have a rider attached that pretty much says: If you don't accept our genetically modified foodstuffs and seeds, crops, etc., then we shall withdraw our aid to you? Once again – in the human guinea pig category – what kind of effect do you think GM crops and foods will have on the bodies of African men, women and children, already impacted by things like bad water, no food, drought, starvation, etc....?

4/Why do you think the US government is suing/threatening the EU/other countries, because they (as sovereign nations) are refusing GM foods, crops, seeds, etc.? In other instances, sanctions are threatened; aid withdrawal is threatened – even when deals have been struck previously.

5/Why do you think the government is against the International Criminal Court – and is threatening other countries who have signed to be part of it? (mostly everyone else has.) This is the court of international justice – something we've always wanted when bringing others to task...?

6/Why do you think the government just lowered all the pollution standards that were in place requiring those nuclear/power businesses to be responsible in regard to the very air we breathe? Most of our Clean Air Acts are being gutted as we speak...and these corporations can now spew more poison into our – and our children's – air.

7/Why do you think the government is opening up more and more park and wilderness land to development/developers?

8/Why do you think the government tests only 1 in 20,000 cows for Mad Cow Disease and other diseases that can be passed on to humans? Ireland and Japan test every single one. Most European countries test 1 in 3...hmmm.

9/Why do you think antibiotics, growth hormones (ah, Monsanto...) – and in many instances, things like cement dust (and other additives) are added to the cattle? All along the process, there are things done that carry through into the beef we eat and the milk we – and our children – drink. Is it necessary?

10/The last one – for now...Monsanto – the maker of the universally used RoundUp Pesticide – AND the owner of 91 percent of the world's Genetically Modified Crops – is pushing for more and more land to be used for GM use (corn, wheat, soybean – fed mostly to animals that we then eat - , rice). Now, if you're a farmer next to one of these fields and you don't use genetically modified crops (that are genetically done so that RoundUp is the only pesticide that can be used) – AND one day, when the wind blows, your field becomes contaminated by those GM crops of AgriBusiness – YOU – yes, you, can be sued (and Monsanto has done this already) for using Monsanto's Patented GM crop seeds and they will want you to pay them for it – and give up all your seeds (gee what do you, as an everyday farmer do next year?...)...?!

Ten questions –

Being a patriotic American means we have the right to agree, dissent, stand up for what we believe, in a peaceful – albeit at times impassioned – exchange of pros and cons – and always with the health and well-being of ALL OF US in mind.

The old saying, 'Think Globally, Act Locally' now – more than ever – is relevant. So is:

If you don't stand up for what you, at your highest version of Who You Are, believe in, then, you may as well sit down, silent, and wait others to have their way with you.

Con amistad y amor,

Nancy

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All are works in progress, as are all the paths of us everyday folks. Blessings!

Please open a dialogue, ask a question, make a reasoned comment....think...go within.