

**Excerpt from the book, *Winter is Coming* by Jim Goulding**

**Chapter 13 - The Euro**

In an essay I wrote, titled "Inventions Cycles and Generational Theory", I present a little bit different scenario about the Winter era. It involves the Euro currency.[1]

The Euro currency can bring the United States and the almighty U.S. Dollar to it's knee's, overnight; with that, the U.S. economy. All that it would take is a conversion of the U.S. Dollar to the Euro for oil payments by a few countries like Russia and Saudi Arabia, or the European Union itself. What about China?

Let's take a quick look at what some countries have been up to in regards to the Euro currency.

China: They switched a portion of their reserves in Euros in 2002. They won't risk completely switching to the Euro because of the trade gap they enjoy with the U.S. However, America is committing moronic Foreign policy errors lately, and one of the reasons China switched, some of their reserves into Euros, was due to 'suspicion of American "hegemony"'. [2]

Venezuela: If you'd like to know when the U.S. and Hugo Chavez are arguing, look for Chavez to threaten to 'switch to the Euro' as he did in June of 2003. [3]

Russia: "One of five countries still targeted by the U.S. Government nuclear arsenal—and as reported recently in the Wall Street Journal, Russia's planning to cut its dollar foreign reserves to 50% from the previous 70%. Russia has also announced plans with Germany to open a euro denominated oil futures market." [4]

A question begs to be answered, Has a country with major oil reserves switched from the Dollar to the Euro for payment of oil yet? Yes.

Iraq: They switched in late 2000. [5] Instead of launching into a diatribe on the Iraq issue, I'll just encourage you to read more about this subject on the Internet.

Iran: They began talking about switching in late 2002.[6] This was after the U.S. began speaking about Iran's nuclear program.

Other countries around the globe know that the Euro is the only weapon they have left against a U.S. Government that's out of control.

Of all the countries I've written about so far, it must be stated that they pale in comparison to the Saudis. If they switched, kiss the modern world goodbye.

Saudi Arabia, began talking about the switch, again, in April 2002.[7] The Saudis, hold between \$750 billion and \$1.2 trillion in U.S. assets outside the U.S., in U.S. dollar denominations.[8] They hold \$1 trillion in U.S. denominated assets, inside the U.S. banking system.[9]

The Saudis can move the American economy at will. They removed over \$200 billion in August, 2002, from the U.S. banking system[10], in retaliation for the \$1 trillion lawsuit filed by some of the 9/11 victims families. The consequence? The U.S. dollar fell below 100 for the first time since late 1999. That's after the dollar, already plunged from 120, in January, 2002.[11]

What's your reaction after reading about the possible Euro switch? Maybe you don't understand currency movements. Even though I'm a trader, I've always struggled with the currency concept. Currency screws with my head. So don't believe that this is rocket science. It's not. The only thing you have to know is that if the Saudis switch, we are toast. (Again, I encourage you to read about this issue. See my footnotes or the back of this book for further reading suggestions.)

Lastly, regarding the Saudis, I wanted to mention the House of Saud. Just in case you think that there's no way this could happen, I really want to encourage you to read up on the current condition of the House of Saud. Do an advanced *Google* search on "House of Saud". Limit your search to ".gov., or, .edu.", and see what you find.

Basically, the House of Saud is the royal Saudi family. The Royal family is waiting for King Fahd to die. King Fahd, 'suffered a near fatal stroke, in 1995.'[12] When he dies, all hell is going to break loose. The Euro switch will be number one on the agenda. If you'd like to know one of the ways we may enter *Winter*, watch the House of Saud.

What about countries switching for dollar-denominated trade instead of oil?

North Korea: “CNN reported last year that, in light of political tensions with the United States, North Korea ended dollar-denominated trade on Dec. 1, 2002.”<sup>[13]</sup> This is not a big blow to us, it’s just an example of the power of the Euro currency. A currency that will very likely have a role in the *Millennial Crisis*.

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