

About Rob Kirby

Rob Kirby is scared. He's trying to get a big book published on the "gold suppression movement" - one he's written because "Our way of life is in jeopardy and I fear for my daughter's [and everyone else's kids for that matter] future. It does not seem quite as bright as I once thought."

Rob will freely admit that he was once on the other side - a fellow working for major financial houses in Canada and quite content to label those who believed that large international players were manipulating the markets as "paranoid." Now he's in the same position.

Writes Rob:

"I have a completed manuscript of 70,000 words. It chronicles how I was moved from the camp of being a 'disbeliever' to that of 'ardent gold bug.' I then go on to chronicle the history [the whos, whys and hows] of the gold price suppression movement.

"Having spent my adult working life in financial markets, I was no stranger to the precious metals markets - or so I thought. It wasn't until I started working in the retail investment industry at Bank of Nova Scotia [a bullion Bank] that I really started learning about precious metals and gold in particular. I've worked in and have intimate knowledge of foreign exchange markets, Eurodollar markets, interest rate derivatives [FRA's and swaps], Government bond markets [both U.S. and Canada]. I know my markets but it was not until I got involved in the retail trade that I had intimate contact with the gold market. What I learned quickly about the gold market was that nothing made sense.

"I am a veteran of many markets but couldn't make heads or tails of what I was seeing. People who told me the gold market was rigged, I initially thought they were paranoid. Early on, I dismissed empirical observations and findings as merely coincidence but my curiosity was aroused. I started doing my own research - all Internet based. I started conversing on a regular basis with luminaries in the gold world. I've now met a great many of them. I started writing essays articulating my findings and have become a featured essayist at Lemetropolecafe.com, Financialsense.com and Safehaven.com. The essays I have written tell the story of my losing my naivete, becoming a writer and a conspiracy against gold. I have compiled and stitched them together with a lot of original, as yet unpublished material to create a quilt work that is comprehensible by lay people."

Rob was born in 1960 in Halifax, Nova Scotia and moved to Toronto, Ontario with his parents when 11. He received his post secondary education at York University [Economics] in Toronto. When he finished his degree, he went to work in the financial district [Bay St.] in Toronto. He worked on an institutional trading desk for most of the 1980s and right up until 1996. He also worked for 11 years at Prebon Yamane, an international inter-dealer broker of foreign exchange and interest rate products. He spent an additional year at another money/bond broker called Freedom Bond Brokers [which has subsequently been bought out by Cantor Fitzgerald], then spent two years at Garban Inc., another inter dealer bond brokerage in Toronto - and left the industry in 1996.

He started writing in 1997, and was involved in a number of entrepreneurial pursuits from marketing Buffalo meat to a part time stint in the giftware business. In 2002, he went to work for Investor's Group, the largest Mutual Fund Company in Canada. He worked there up until

September '04 when he resigned to write about the markets - and his book - from a "gold bug's" point of view.

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