

SILVER USERS & GREED

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On April 30, 2018, a significant figure in the Silver Users Association died; the founder of James Avery Craftsman and it has been boasted about him as to his Christianity. How does that fit with verses condemning stealing? Industrial users have been **FILCHING** silver from miners, mining shareholders and taxpayers since 1947 when the Silver Users Emergency Committee, founded in 1944, renamed itself the Silver Users Association <https://www.jckonline.com/editorial-article/james-avery-dies/> James Avery Craftsman now has 80 retail outlets in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Georgia and Tennessee with 3,500 [employees](#) including designers and fabricators and the line is featured in over 200 Dillard's stores in 28 states plus a mail order catalog and online sales business. Avery had four wives and in 1987 the Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio [commissioned](#) him to design four sterling objects used by Pope John Paul II while officiating in San Antonio. Speaking of Catholics and silver! John F. Kennedy was the first

Catholic, or if you prefer, the first Roman Catholic President, and of course the Episcopalians did away with him in fall 1963 as he made the mistake of wanting to boost silver money. But if you hold 1964 Kennedy halves as coin silver, eventually you could capitalize better by marketing these coins---to Catholics! Yes, really!

There was the joke that a Pope came to speak in Philadelphia, and the Catholics there built a large wooden platform to speak from. After returning to Rome, an idea flashed someone's mind. It was suggested, why not cut up the wood, form it into crucifixes (they prefer this word over crosses) and sell to the faithful for \$50 apiece, we could reel in several million this way! As the wood began to dwindle, one of the organizers, looking glum said, "well this party is almost over, sigh!" Another organizer interjected, "No, it's not! There are some condemned frame houses over there; let's get to it!" The only analogy here is when the party ends for the metals price riggers. I can do a Catholic joke; I was raised in that church.

I haven't investigated Avery Craftsman's sterling silver fabrication markup over what miners have been getting for their essential metal, but you may

be certain it's nothing short of enormous. Silver users like Avery Craftsman have never had to live with official Federal nor with unofficial COMEX silver price capping. The SUA is now calling itself the Precious Metals Association of North America. James Avery Craftsman's offerings include an "alphabet pendant" in .925 sterling silver (actual length 1.0625 inches); it's unlikely to be thicker than a dime and these borderline con men shamelessly want a steep price of \$95 for these fleecing ripoff trinkets--- <https://www.jamesavery.com/products/vintage-alphabet-pendant> --- I scaled the image very close to actual size! ---



Don't forget it's also taxable, whereas you can now buy bullion and coin without tax. Buying from Avery Craftsman is like tossing cash out of your window as you drive. The overbloated price arrogance of these people is textbook! In December 2010 I released "Get 4x Spot for Your [Silver](#)," which result can only be achieved by fabricating and selling sterling silver jewelry. The

Avery crowd is marking up silver far more than 4x. No I haven't done it but may consider a future prospect. But we may see a world in which jewelry falls in importance due to the pressing concerns of basic survival. Silver will always be good for solar power.



According to <https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/James-Avery> as of 2012 his business was earning \$156 million per annum! However that might be the revenue figure. Feeding off silver mining companies hanging on by their fingernails with COMEX price ceilings! You can see why when tiny

lightweight silver objects like this are priced like the Jesse James gang holding you up at gunpoint.

<http://www.silverusersassociation.org/index.php> --

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Whenever the price of silver breaks significantly higher you can watch for news stories and reporter interviews with James Avery Craftsman and more so, Tiffany & Company, screeching like ripped off con men about the "savage" and "grossly unfair" raw material silver cost increase. Yet for many years these looting interests ripoff miners and their shareholders, taxpayers via raiding of former Treasury Department silver***, and end user jewelry BUYERS. Now how much you wanna guess a consumer of Avery Craftsman sterling silver jewelry trinkets gets when they go to sell something to a pawn broker or jeweler like the piddling knick-knack imaged above? They will

offer “melt only” price as they mustn’t buy dumb like consumers! How much silver is contained in that dinky little charm they’re pricing at \$95? One and a half silver dimes worth, at most? I wrote about Silver Users Association jewelry member price gouging in “The \$150 Cufflinks” back in July 2005 <http://nosilvernationalization.org/49.pdf>

Tiffany sez miner’s silver’s worth zero;
But theirs is worth a hell of a lot!
They act like they’re Emperor Nero!
Forty times mark-up over spot!
Pay miners one stale tater-tot!



The Tiffany "esquire" appears to be saying, "Our inferiors will never receive consideration from us!"

James Avery Craftsman has a You Tube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

***See "The Silver Raiders," September 2003,
15,908 words on Treasury silver "auctions"
(giveaways at token prices) to the Silver Users
Association, conducted by the U.S. General
Services Administration

<http://nosilvernationalization.org/24.pdf>

According to [Bloomberg](#), Chris Avery is a director
of Cullen-Frost Bankers with \$31.5 [billion](#) assets.
He is the President of the Fredericksburg Hospital
Authority board of directors. He serves as
Chairman of Hill Country Memorial Hospital in
Fredericksburg---



Is Chris the sort of guy who'd recommend people to dump silver and reinvest the proceeds into a pay phone route? That is, if there were still any of those? Does Chris have his eyes on the Shafter Silver Mine in West Texas, owned by Aurcana Corporation and still shuttered due to the perpetual price cap? Would he have convict labor work the mine so as to lower his cost still more?

"Regarding the collapse of the silver market, Mr. Lunt is among the optimists---"We couldn't have hoped for anything better. We now have the raw material at a price level somewhere near the cost of what it really takes to get it out of the ground. But the possibility that the market may again skyrocket worries me more than anything."

The above appeared in the Wall Street Journal, March 31, 1980, page 16. Mr. Denham Lunt Jr. of Lunt Silversmiths was, guess what, a member of the Silver Users Association. What would that jackass know about silver mining costs, like Chris Avery, other than biting the hands that fed him? Miners are supposed to get silver from ore, make a few cents an ounce profit, then the fabricators are supposed to get 40 x markups over their cost, selling sterling silver jewelry to sucker consumers? There was an embargo on Rhodesian silver imports that was lifted in 1972; undoubtedly due to lobbying by the industrial users. Since renamed Zimbabwe, there is still silver production there, albeit far down the list of producing countries. In February 2004 I advocated that silver miners start offering some of their output as sterling jewelry and tableware directly to consumers in "Silver Wars and Silver Surprises" and the idea went over like a lead balloon. However, why not? Don't Pan American Silver and First Majestic Silver sell silver rounds to investors? What is the objection to selling silver at much higher rates?

<http://nosilvernationalization.org/29.pdf>

"SILVER USERS DEMAND THAT THE PRICE OF SILVER BE FIXED AT 71 CENTS AN OUNCE FOR ALL TIME"---New York Times, April 20, 1946, page 22. How 'bout that one, Chris!

The Commercial & Financial Chronicle, New York, September 17, 1942, page 994, in a feature titled, "Silver Users To Seek Release Of Metal," we read--
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"Establishment of the Silver Users Emergency Committee by 19 industrial groups was recently announced for the purpose of urging Congress "to bring silver out of Government hoarding vaults and into productive use."

The Silver Users Association started under the name Silver Users Emergency Committee. It now wears the mask of Precious Metals Association of North America; still having thorough disdain for any use of silver as money.

Phillip D. [Green](#) who chairs Cullen Frost is on the Federal Reserve Board's Advisory Council. Central bankers and silver users colluding again. Another [director](#) represents the large financial holding company in the globalist World Affairs Council of San Antonio. Two CF directors are associated with

the giant King Ranch, [connected](#) in business to Rockefellers (Pilgrims Society) and the silver using Du Ponts (Pilgrims Society).



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Someone should bark at this Chris Avery and quote the editing slip-up in the New York Times, December 23, 1933, page 2, to him--- "Silver helped to save the nation's credit in the critical period of the Civil War." However C.A. more likely would prefer this excerpt from that same news item be revived and applied to the present and future---

A black and white photograph of a newspaper clipping. The text is bold and reads: "With silver bringing 64½ cents an ounce, it was predicted enough mining properties would resume operations virtually to end the unemployment problem so far as the mining camps are concerned." The clipping is set against a dark background.

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Actually silver was priced at 64.64 cents the ounce to miners while as of August 9, 1934 by Executive Order 6814, based on the Silver Purchase Act of June 1934, holders of silver bullion were paid

50.01 cents the ounce and required to surrender it to the Treasury Department. Certainly not everyone did; how much was held back is unknown but would make an interesting inquiry but with facts hard to establish; however, 113,031,000 ounces were surrendered under FDR's tyrannical forfeiture order as I first released to the community as of June 2009 <http://nosilvernationalization.org/96.pdf> Be advised this is a 312 page document and not really for casual readers. That the U.S. Government ever officially set the price of silver was as classic an example of Fascism as anything ever in Italy under Mussolini.

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