

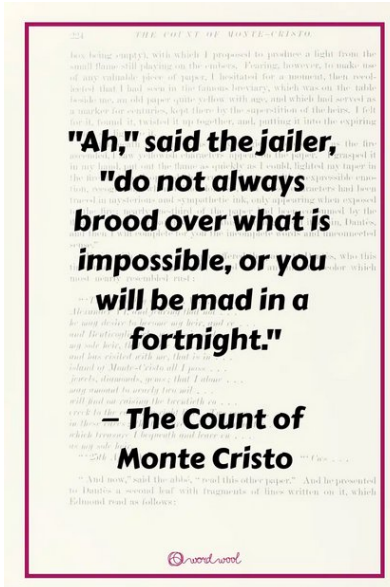


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After so many maverick meetups around the world it might look like it's hard to gain new insights and make new connections, and here is yet here is another powerful event packed with insights and fascinating (old and new) friends ... Did we find the cure to the world's problems? No, not even close.

If you're wondering: "Why should I join a mavericks event?", *the answer is: to meet and connect with wonderful, smart people, in the company of which, even if just for a few days, you'll feel sane among normal people.*

This time, the man who made this event possible is **Mads Palsvig** — a remarkable individual that decided early on that he was to be regarded as, and remembered as, a good man not just a kind man. For those who know Mads personally, they know he's a proud father, a very warmhearted and kind gentleman, but can be ruthlessly direct when it comes to family, freedom and truth. It was a pleasure and an honor to support Mads in making this event possible.

The other key individual and the reason why the event was hosted in Varna in particular and not somewhere else is **Radoslav Ivanov** – a young, passionate and proud Bulgarian, leading the fight for resistance down in Varna. And most recently, a Maverick member. More soon.

I (Denisa) did my best to summarize below the two days of sharing, discussing and exploring Varna surroundings together. It's not all, because some things just cannot be said in a boardroom or on camera. Those who attended these events before, know that a lot of the sharing happens outside the board room.

That said, the presentations were insightful in their own right.

This time we gathered a small group of mavericks and their close friends to discuss and debate two of the single most pressing and unresolved concerns mavericks often have: The best forms of liquidity in times of crises and strategic outposts in Eastern Europe. And while this title might not say much, the presentations offer some angles and solutions that are worth considering.

Below is a short summary of each presentation and the link to the replay — for those speakers who agreed to share with the broader audience. I hope you will find them useful.

But first a little story...

I spent a while in Greece lately. Because we (my husband and I) tend to live in small, remote villages, after a while, people come to know us well.

One day (right before the event in Varna), we were going to the beach for the sunset walk and met a local Bulgarian who lived and worked in this village for more than 25 years. He speaks Greek, Romanian and Bulgarian very well and since our Greek and Bulgarian are yet to improve, we spoke in Romanian language.

“Hi Dimitri, how are you?”

He greets us and introduces us to his wife.

It was such a lovely day, that seemed like late spring rather than winter time. We tell him how blessed he is to be working in such a paradise-like place. He says:

“You know, I sometimes really want to go back to my home in Bulgaria. I grew up here (in Greece) but it doesn’t feel as home. But then again Bulgaria isn’t home either...When I am there I miss to be here... But here it is impossible to have my own home and in Bulgaria we have one. So I would like to return to my home there... But for now kids are in school in Athens and I have to provide for them... Difficult to do any changes now...”

We look surprised because he grew up in this village since the age of 7 and we would have expected he integrated well and thus saw this place as his home. I would have also thought that this particular place offered a better lifestyle and standard of living than the average village in Bulgaria.

Intrigued as to his desire to go back to Bulgaria we discussed more about how Bulgaria is now better economically and he sounded quite optimistic. Then I ask:

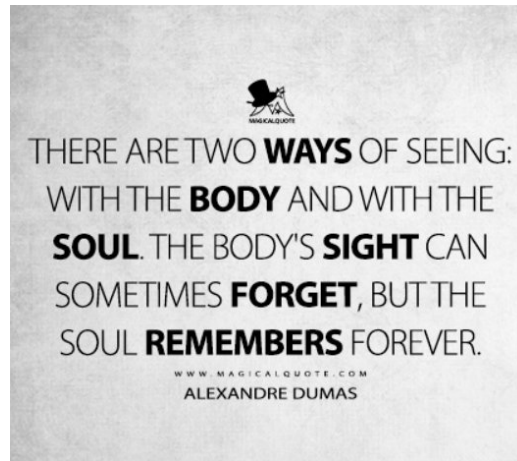
“Have you heard of this new party Velichie? Some friends told us that they are fighting corruption and making Bulgaria a better place to live. What do you think of it?”

His face instantly changed. He says:

“Oh, do you know them? Best to stay away from them because they are the mafia. It is very dangerous, many of their people recently got arrested. I saw it on TV.”

I shared the above story just to point out how powerful is a narrative presented on TV for the average person.

Dumas's words seem appropriate...



Luckily, if you're reading this, you're probably not watching TV and if you did, you'd probably think "meh... I am not sure who's the real mafia here".

Back to Velichie — I cannot as much as confirm or in-firm whatever is portrayed on the mainstream media — mainly because I watch none of it.

However, if we're calling "mafia" those who build long lasting open-air museums, celebrating culture, folklore, history, encouraging beautiful craftsmanship, preserving the old wisdom of plants power and their sound... supporting communities against disruptive windmills and unmasking government corruption... — then we could certainly use more of that kind of "mafia" everywhere. [This introduction video](#) that Radoslav's team did, compiles multiple cuts of some of the art craft and open-air museum that we saw during the second day of our gathering.

What is interesting to learn is the backstory of why this party was forced into politics in the first place. Being accused for building an open air museum that celebrates Bulgarian culture with private funds, fighting a large EU-funded windmill project and then being constrained to access any bank loans to finish a real estate project in the region, are just some of the reasons.

But it is best to listen to Radoslav's story below.

As a disclaimer, neither myself nor Mavericks are endorsing any political party anywhere. In fact, as a declared AnCap myself, I remain skeptical to any party or person wanting to "change a country for the better". And as an Eastern European, I was taught this usually means the opposite.

This story isn't about politics — rather, it is a story about resistance to political bullying, censorship and despotism. It is a story that shows to what length a bunch of people had to go to secure their personal safety and continue their original real estate business.

More below.

Day 1 – Eastern Europe, Financial Abundance and Reality Check

Since the event took place in Varna, Bulgaria, we kicked off the day by understanding the local politics, opportunities, taxes and the current geopolitical position of Bulgaria.

Mads Palsvig, introduced the day and how he first met Radoslav and learned about his cause.

Theme #1: Bulgaria — A Hidden Gem in Eastern Europe

Radoslav is a bright, passionate and very kind young man who is the most optimistic person I ever met – when it comes to changing political corruption.

He presented the story of how building an open air museum, led to a fight for survival and ultimately entering the political scene as a means to protect themselves.

It is a fascinating story of damasking corruption at the deepest levels of the government institutions which turned into a fight for freedom and even a fight for personal security.

It all started from a real estate project which aimed to transform a depopulated crumbling village – Neofit Rilski — into a historical-themed real estate project. In the middle of it is a historical park that brings Bulgaria's history to live from ancient time till today, and around it, a residential project with Byzantine-style houses.

The project had a successful start but was about to be shut down by the corrupt systems who favored a windmill project as opposed to a historical one. And that's how the fight for justice started, culminating with the man behind the project – Ivelyn Mihailov, running for elections. Entering the political scene was seen necessary not just to secure the project's completion but also for personal safety. Right now, the live camera remains their most important "weapon". Radoslav goes through all the story in the replay linked below.

Also in the video below, Radoslav introduced several people:

1. An **ex-intelligence Bulgarian brigade general**, who talked about his perspective on local politics, recent adoption of EURO currency, pitfalls to avoid when investing in Bulgaria. Bottom line is that trusted connections and local contacts are paramount if you're planning to invest or do business in Bulgaria. The bright side is that there's a lot of opportunities that very few if anyone know about.
2. **A Bulgarian tax lawyer** who dissected the tax situation in BG.
3. An early supporter of the real estate project — **Dr. Patrick Vickers** who joined on zoom. Dr Patrick is a an American medical practitioner and he knows a thing or two about fighting censorship and corruption. That's because he has been the main face of the

highly censored [Gerson therapy](#), usually used for advanced stages of cancer but also other illnesses.

4. Finally, **Ivelyn Mihailov** the main businessman who started the Open Park Museum real estate project and later the Velichie party (in 2023), joined on zoom to say a few words about Bulgaria.

[Here is the replay to all of the above](#). It is a long video but we created chapters for each speaker to navigate it easier.

For anyone interested in learning more about this real estate project, or if you're keen to support their cause either by buying a house or loaning them funds (at a very attractive interest), [here's a linked presentation](#) with more details.

For any questions, contact Radoslav directly.

Theme #2: Liquidity & Financial Abundance

Creating Wealth & Abundance in a Totalitarian World

Mads Palsvig had a powerful speech.

He talked about his vision for an Abundant Financial Future and most importantly, about his view on how the world has reached this point of deep corruption. He didn't merely talk about the corruption of truth, but about the corruption of intelligence, corruption of wealth and the corruption of spirit.

Mads delivered a couple of powerful messages which make his speech a must listen.

We are now living during a secular turning point. These times are when the deep state is at its zenith of power and where the most sociopaths carved their paths among the highest levels of the power structures. And what do sociopaths do? Gain power at the expense of nice people. This is why Mads says that ***we seem to have many nice men but few good men***. If we're about to defeat evil, we will need a lot more good men who have the courage to speak the truth no matter how uncomfortable it may be. Because in Mads's words, ***evil will only win if good people do nothing***.

The journey of pursuing freedom can often be an intoxicating journey. Once started, it takes a life of its own, because no matter how much hatred and opposition one gets, it gives a sense of worth and pride that is unmatched by anything else.

We now reached another secular turning points and the best way of recognizing it is when nice people are afraid to point out what's the evident truth... Or question that which is not self-evident truth. How do we get here? Mads offers a powerful analogy.

As always, money are the first corrupted. But while the world may look poorer than ever, the reality is that the world is more abundant than ever.

Mads's proposal for an abundant future is simple: zero income and property tax, minimum government size and therefore limited spending on useless things. How will the government fund its –now reduced- administrative duties? By imposing a flat 1% tax on each digital money transfer. In Mads's words, "this way, the large, multinational corporations will be forced to pay taxes for the first time in their lifetimes".

Mads's speech is short and powerful... and worth listening to.

[Here is the link to his speech replay.](#)

Best Liquidity and Private Bank Accounts During a Crisis

Pavol Luptak came up next. Pavol is a young fellow maverick and the very embodiment of a perpetual nomad. After a few hours chatting with Pavol, it becomes clear that he is an absolute gold mine when it comes to liquidity hacks, bank accounts, tricks to use and send money around the world, residencies, travel options and a LOT more.

His presentation focused on solutions to survive on crypto as a digital nomad, which is packed with a LOT of solutions and platforms to consider for smooth banking while maintaining privacy.

His presentation is a must-listen for anyone interested in alternative liquidity options.

[Here](#) is the link to his presentation file and [here the link to his entire talk replay.](#)

For anyone interested in contracting his services, Pavol has a company called [Liberation Travel](#), through which he helped many people obtain residency in multiple locations, open bank accounts and get ahead of crypto and nomad traveling. He built a network of perks and discounts available for his clients which I find valuable.

Next presentation was mine - **Denisa** - on: **Building an Antifragile Business Legacy.**

Almost 70% of the employees aren't hired by large corporations, rather they work for small and medium (SME) businesses. If more of these SME businesses would survive the turbulent periods of a financial crisis, a lot of people lives could be better as a result, because more people will keep their job. Idealistic? Yes, but a noble aspiration nonetheless. Since business consulting is what I do for a living, why not use it for something inspiring?

Speaking to a room full of bright minds, I might have went into a tad too many tangents, but I summarized here the key points.

We're about to transition to what's probably going to be the worst crisis in our lifetime. Many focus on preserving individual wealth and there are a ton of valuable strategies to do just that... There's little contribution I can make there.

But very few people are focusing on preserving business wealth across centuries, and that's what I talked about.

Research indicates that the rate of failure among businesses is very high right now. During a severe crisis it will become a lot worse. While not all entrepreneurs care much for their business to survive and thrive for decades and centuries, some do. Some business owners view their business as their lifetime of work and their employees as their family. These people want to see the business succeed during and after their lifetime yet only a tiny fraction of them have a plan to withstand a secular turning point such as the one ahead of us.

What I proposed in my presentation is a simple strategy to secure businesses during both good times and bad times, and especially during secular turning points.

The key problem during a crisis is that real capital is scarce. With fiat currency currencies imploding due to (more) government intervention, the critical question becomes: **liquidity into what?**

The solution I propose is **a corporate treasury of hard and liquid assets, acquired gradually, stashed (not sold), and conservatively leveraged (e.g. 5-to-1)** when liquidity is needed. The emphasis on corporate is the key because it involves a separate legal entity that has only one purpose – to hold and to offer liquid capital to the business when needed.

I also touched on what I thought the future financial system will look like. There is good evidence that we will have a gold-backed digital system (at least at first), likely resembling a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) but anchored by physical gold. This is feasible through the tokenization of gold, a process already adopted by several companies, including Tether, and even governments like Bhutan.

As a gold bug and sound money advocate, I cheer for a gold standard, but if we're talking about a token backed by gold, the following problem arises: in the digital realm, gold loses its primary advantage of zero counterparty risk. While a gold-backed digital currency (i.e. a token) can enable instant global settlements, the actual exchange of physical gold isn't instant and it must be based on trusted counterparties (often owned/controlled by governments). History showed far too many times where this leads to: a failure to redeem your gold and the value of the government issued money going to zero.

For individuals with substantial wealth held in the form of directly owned tangible assets like physical gold or real estate, this will not pose a significant problem because the percentage of their wealth "trapped" in the digital system is insignificant. In other words, an individual, is expected to use a small portion of his wealth to trade for goods and services on a daily basis. The majority of his savings and wealth can thus be easily parked outside the system in directly owned physical assets.

However, for many businesses, which often find most of their wealth tied up in inventory and transactional relationships, they will have a much higher vulnerability to being tied to a digital transactional system that's only backed by the might and trust of their governments (until it isn't...)

When governments fail to deliver on their promise; when this new digital-based system will be crashed – and it will, if history is any guide – these businesses will be the first to fail.

When building a secular business strategy, one must account for these black swan events. The best way to secure during such times is by starting with a corporate treasury of hard and liquid assets, in a proportion that best hedges the underlying business. The asset acquisition should be done gradually, while the assets are stashed (not sold), and conservatively leveraged when needed. There's more to be done to build a secular business legacy, but this is a vital starting point.

[Here is the link to the presentation replay.](#)

If you or anyone else you know is interested in building a business legacy that withstands the test of time please reach out. I'd be delighted to help. [In addition, please see here an introduction to my other services and background.](#)

Theme #3: Anchored in Reality: Awareness and Preparedness

How TV and Film Co-create Our Reality

We then listened to **Agathe** a bright young actress, producer and the proud daughter of Mads Palsvig. She had a really powerful speech but per her preference, the replay isn't available.

She is offering a more optimistic side to the movie industry and her own existence and personal ethics offer a reason for hope for the future of movie production.

Her main message is that storytelling, movies and characters can shape reality in a more powerful way than we can comprehend. Luckily, it works both ways: to create misery or to create hope and beauty. In her experience, there is reason for hope.

The Map and the Terrain - How to Stay Aware & Prepared

Lars Johansson came up next. **Lars** is a fascinating individual to say the least.

He was part of the banking system and has a profound understanding of how it operates.

Since he formed a rock band with David Webb (the 2nd band he founded), he can explain very plainly just how easy [The Great Taking](#) can happen. As easy as one phone call.

Lars's talk is so rich in content, topics and ideas that it could have easily spanned two days, yet he had to condense it into just forty-five minutes.

Attempting to summarize it here would understate its depth, so it is best to hear it first-hand.

I cannot think of any core theme that he left un-turned in his presentation... And he proposed tangible solutions for each and every one.

His presentation is a absolute must listen from start to end. Most may be aware of each broad topic but no doubt you will find some interesting aspects and references that are worth listening to.

[Here is the link to his presentation replay.](#)

When Values Collide...

Next up came **Ivor Cummins** who briefly talked about his latest thinking and inner struggle as one of the few good men left, committed to tell the truth as he sees it. Many of the people who are out there on the trenches and speaking uncensored about what they see, will certainly relate with Ivor's thoughts.

[Listen to Ivor here.](#)

It is an essential reminder, that, in the words of **Andrew Ford (co-founder of Mavericks Project)** *"we've been born at this place and time to make a difference"*.

Unless we manage to stick to our core values and do not compromise them, we might miss the chance to come out of this secular turning point not just alive but with these core values left unscathed.

People like Ivor need all the support they can get—because as one who challenges the mainstream and attempts to find the truth, he often takes a lot of hatred and personal risks...

One way to support him is becoming a paid subscriber and enjoy his engineering wisdom. He has a subscription-based channel where he talks a lot about solutions. Here is a long video on the [topic of values](#).

For those who don't know this, Ivor is a biochemical engineer by training, he also co-authored a book — **Eat Rich, Live Long** — on how to take control of your health, lose weight, prevent disease, and enjoy a long and healthy life. Details and purchase details are here <https://thefatemperor.com/>.

Theme #4: East Europe, Step-by-Step Takeover

Genocide in a Suit

Janis Palvins, a young Latvian businessman, who owns a water business and a food delivery company in Latvia is one who “dared” question that certain Covid measures were necessary and that the vaccine was safe in his own country.

He was banned, attacked, censored but he kept on.

Although he's not a producer by trade, he ended up producing multiple documentaries exposing the reality as he saw it. His latest documentary is the first one in English language and he introduced it to our Varna get-together.

Here is the replay of [the brief introduction](#) of himself and his documentary.

The full link to his documentary is here at [Genocide In a Suit](#).

It is a sobering documentary focusing on uncovering the devious mechanics on how independent thinking, humanity and good sense are slowly shoved away and before we know it, we live in an Orwellian world, afraid to speak up and which then turns into the worst kind of human genocide – one accepted and pushed by the people.

The most effective genocide is the one people have been taught to defend.

I hope you enjoy watching it.

Feel free to spread it as widely as possible.

After these thought-stimulating presentations, we had a long dinner to dissect it all over a nice meal.



Day 2 – Boots on the Ground

This day was packed.

Radoslav took us on a full day tour to explore Varna.

We met a group of young designers, artists, businessmen and saw a fantastic open air museum that takes the visitors from the ancient history of the Balkans until today.

We started the tour with a stop at a botanical garden containing ancient herbs and a documentation of their healing power. The guardians of the botanical garden took us on a sensory journey. First they offered us the handcrafted rose-coffee, then showed us the hidden music in every plant and finally, presented us how they turn the plants' beauty into an eternal copper-silver-golden jewelry.

Beautiful.. And tasty.



We then visited the infamous Historical Park, the reconstructed ancient temples with real massive marble, stone, and masterfully handcrafted wood. Ancient exhibitions from the history museum have been reconstructed and exhibited here, old books and manuscripts are also collected as well as a set of hand-crafted Orthodox Icons made at Mount Athos – to remind everyone of the country's proud Christian legacy.

After a Balkan lunch at the local restaurant, we went on a high-adrenaline jeep tour to visit surroundings, including some of the exhibition houses built in Byzantine style.

The quality of materials and handcrafted work put into this is remarkable. My photography skills aren't as great as Makayla's but below is a sample of the work we saw.



We then visited the old saline lake which is has now dried out and a city is built instead. And viewed a nearby rock-monastery where monks used to isolate themselves for long-fasting.



[Here is a short video cut](#) done by Rado's team that sums up in a few minutes all the nice adventures and sight-seeing we did during the second day here.

Finally we closed the tour with a Bulgarian wine tasting and a discussion of the investment opportunity in the Historical Park and adjacent Byzantine style villages. [Here is the link to the presentation detailing more about the project and ways to invest or support them.](#)

If you're planning to ever visit or invest in the project that Radoslav presented, feel free to get in touch with Radoslav directly. Pay him a visit, see the villages, the buildings, the materials, talk to the locals. No doubt Radoslav will be delighted to be your guide.

The overall impression of myself and of the attendees was that Varna is a hidden gem unknown and unexplored by anyone but Romanians (that's right, more than 90% of tourists are Romanians, to my surprise).

In St Constantine & Helena, the city where we stayed, we found a beautiful, quiet, healing place thanks to its mineral salts and healing mud. People come here for relaxing, beauty, good food and nice surroundings. The Black Sea coast and beach is very nice during summer time.

If you come by there, make sure to try Ensana Aquahouse, a 5-star resort that is worth every penny — and come prepared for a magnificent, healing Spa (I wish I knew this before my trip).

That would be all for now.

If you missed this get-together don't worry, a lot more Mavericks meet-ups are scheduled next.