

What Rough Beast, Its Hour Come Round At Last

A Brief and Informal Memo about Current and Imminent Events

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There must be grave concern for what is proceeding in our world. The images that come to my mind right now are severe. Events proceed now in some seemingly unstoppable manner. Like an huge avalanche or lava flow in slow motion, with no possible barriers between the massive flow and small village in its path, where people still work in their gardens and shops, where children still study in school and play in their yards. Like a great behemoth of a machine moving along, something bigger than the largest open-pit mining excavator ever built, something worse than any alien monster appearing in a B-class sci-fi film. A behemoth of a machine, mindless, without feelings, without even any operator, pushing our whole world in front of it like a bulldozer pushes massive mounds of earth and, yes, some trees and even small fragile houses and children's playgrounds, all toward the edge of a cliff beyond which there is only – The Abyss.

This past week, a well-known figure on American politics, John Bolton, has been appointed a President Trump's new national security advisor. Yes, this is an ominous sign in itself, but there are many more pieces of an intricate "machine" positioning themselves into the proper alignment for what can only be a monstrously cataclysmic outcome, if things do not seriously and massively change to prevent that "machine" from continuing its motion.

Before I had the brief but unforgettable experience of being in the same room as John Bolton and briefly exchanging words - which was over 20 years ago and before his emplacement within the "Vulcan" power circle that boasted, among its most vocal members, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard "Dick" Cheney, Condoleeza Rice, and Donald Rumsfeld – I had the experience of meeting others very much like him. Predecessors, dopplegangers and clone-types. These included openly outspoken "first strike" advocates who wanted to attack the Soviet Union and kill not millions of people but scores of millions and turn Russia and the other CCCP republics into wastelands of glass and cinder. These included members of the U.S. Congress during the Reagan administrations. These included C-level executives and middle-management persons at Martin-Marietta Corporation (now "Lockheed Martin"), SAIC (now "Leidos") and some others, mostly career-static persons at companies that were principally in the business of being military-defense-intel contractors. These included persons with influence and power over corporations and government agencies and departments.

To me, it seemed that many of these persons shared a common disease, a disorder that can be understood through what amounts to a set of "mantras," as a "religious" (epistemically-binding) belief system. Regardless of whether it was openly stated or not, it can be expressed in something like the following, which I term "Satan's Minions' Creed":

Satan's Minions' Creed

- We are so fearful of Life Itself that we must create and live within a delusion of ego and self.
- Thus, we must create an atmosphere of being superior, being masters, being dominators in control of everything in our worlds.
- The way to do this is to sacrifice ourselves utterly to greed, avarice, gluttony and all the sins.
- We need to take, to hoard, to seize, to possess as our own, as much as possible, and to reduce others to being slaves, serfs, and submissives in the vilest manners.
- We need to create a value system such that our actions are seen as values, as upstanding goals, deserving of merit, praise and desire by others to follow us.
- We call this capital growth, profit, corporate responsibility, and patriotism.
- To accomplish our ends, we need to create fear and anxiety in the minds of others.
- To do this most effectively and efficiently, we need to have an Enemy whom we can lead people to fear, revile and hate.
- We need to cultivate a climate of fear about an aggressive Enemy.
- We need to show ourselves as defenders of the Right, the Just, the Free, as protectors of Liberty, Democracy, and Free Enterprise.
- We need to sustain conflict and low-grade war, and other forms of social anxiety and stress, on a massive and planet-wide scale, in a manner such that people everywhere will see no way out, no place to which to escape.
- We need to be seen by the world as a superpower, as the one and only superpower, and we need to create relationships with those we abuse that are like what is called the Stockholm Syndrome.

Yes, in my view, what has been going on in our world, and what has been conducted over many years and with increasing intensification over the past 25 years, by the American ruling-regime, is - on a social, economic, and political scale – very similar to the behavior of psychopaths who do things like imprison, enslave, and abuse, in all manner and form, victims and in particular children.

When I met such people, I felt something like revulsion, much stronger than distaste or displeasure. John Bolton, whom I met in the context of something to do with international medical and healthcare technologies, information exchanges, and State Dept. (USAID) activities in support of such (most of which were really a monstrous sham all driven by political objectives that I would term “nefarious” and “malicious” at best), struck me as being a person filled with vitriol and poison, a person who could not be

trusted, a person who would (not “could” but “would”) be quite dangerous if he were ever to be in a serious position of power and influence.

Well, he reached such positions, he never disappeared, and he is back, openly, front and center, and with potent capability to initiate War on an Unprecedented and Irrevocable Scale.

We are now poised for global catastrophic war. More “poised” than ever before. Right n the edge of the Abyss.

I believe that people like John Bolton have wanted, do want, and are doing things now, to create a situation where they can feel that war can begin in a manner that will enable them to attain their dream of America the One and Only Global Superpower, without competition, without anyone to say, “No, you cannot” or “No, we will not.”

This is a recipe of madness that can end only in disaster and the fall from empire into ruin.

This is a path to Armageddon and yes, Wolfowitz and other members of the “Vulcan” circle, back in the early 2000’s, openly spoke about their responsibilities to do God’s will and work and to help usher in Armageddon. Really.

Madness Knows No Bounds. (Isn’t that part of the very nature of what it is to be totally mad?)

I do not know what the Future will bring.

At the bottom of this essay is, once again, the collage that I made back @ 2010 and which several readers have probably seen before in other communications from me. We are exactly where so many authors of apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic novels – works of fiction, at the time – saw our world standing, at the beginnings of their stories.

About some things I feel reasonably certain in these regards. Here is a short list.

If the USA launches nuclear weapons against Iran, North Korea, Russia, or anyone, then the USA brings down the gauntlet and the wrath of the World upon itself and the American people.

Russia is ready to defend herself. So is China. Russia will not attack the USA or anyone. Russia will not launch a first-strike. But even if Russia were able to shoot down every incoming American missile, think about the radioactive fallout that would likely result and how that will affect the world. American missiles not reaching their targets to destroy Russian cities and families, but creating fallout and dirty-bomb effects over --- western Europe, or over the Arctic. Remember Chernobyl and how far and how fast the fallout of radioisotopes from what was a *relatively small outburst* of radioactivity spread over much of the planet.

Major war, even without full-scale nuclear exchanges or attempts to do so, will bring about, nearly instantly, the collapse of the global economy. Let me repeat: The Collapse of the Global Economy. All of it.

Too many people like John Bolton and his mentors (e.g., Sheldon Adelson), at one end of the spectrum (not only with respect to chronological age but especially patterns of thinking, mindsets, locked-in paradigms and belief systems), and the “Millennial” types of people (especially in USA), hold the utterly mistaken and flawed views that a future war – with Russia, China, Iran, everyone for that matter) can be something like the way it had been with past wars – WW2, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Flights continued everywhere between the continents, container ships plied the oceans, and the massive electronic financial systems kept on crunching the numbers and adding up the profits.

It will not be like that at all. Not one bit like that at all.

Total Breakdown of the Global System. Except for some aspects of The War Machine.

But for America, it will end up being very much like the history and fate of Napoleon’s Grand Armée and its experience of invading and then trying to leave Russia, or like Hitler’s Sixth Army and its experience at Stalingrad. Even if no nuclear bombs fall directly on America, its experience will not be like it was for the USA back in WW2 and earlier WW1, where some families wept over lost sons, husbands and fathers, but no buildings were bombed, no cities incinerated.

People like John Bolton are traitors to everything – everything and everyone – that Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, and other founders of the American Republic stood for, fought for, died for.

People like John Bolton are truly Poison for the World.

But we must ask, “How did such people get to be where they are, and to be how they are, with all the power in their hands, and without the kind of mass-charismatic fervor lifting them up and carrying them through the streets, literally or figuratively, as one may think was the case with other war-hungry, war-craving regimes, like the National Socialist Party of Weimar Republic Germany, with the stocky moustached frustrated artist as its electrifying spokesman?”

We all – all – need to look steadfastly into the mirror in answering that question. And we all need to think about what it is that generates, in human culture, in the human Collective Psyche, that “Dark Force,” that “Sauron and Mordor,” that “Lucifer and Ahriman.”

My friends, there is something that does indeed now move its slow thighs, gazing blank and pitiless around it, indifferent to the indignant birds who fly about, slouching, crawling, poised to rear up and leap forward upon its prey...

The Second Coming

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi
Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
The darkness drops again; but now I know
That twenty centuries of stony sleep
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

William Butler Yeats (1919)

Note: [from wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Second_Coming_\(poem\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Second_Coming_(poem))]

A 2016 analysis by Factiva showed that lines from the poem were quoted more often in the first seven months of 2016 than in any of the preceding 30 years.[5] In the context of political turmoil after the Brexit referendum and Donald Trump's election, commentators repeatedly invoked its lines: "Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold." [6]

[5] Ballard, Ed (23 August 2016). "Terror, Brexit and U.S. Election Have Made 2016 the Year of Yeats". The Wall Street Journal.

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