

# THE GEMINI/GOODWILL FESTIVAL

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Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Matthew 5:9

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Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed.<sup>1</sup>

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Greetings Everyone!

As I stated in the mail-out of the Wesak letter, I was recently in the United States for a couple of weeks, my voyage commencing during the full moon at Wesak. I landed at RDU just after the moment of the full moon, and I could already sense there were big changes afoot. As it turns out, I was not to be disappointed in that observation. My trip turned out to be more like a pilgrimage than a vacation, as there were many *imprevisti* (unexpected events, hitches) along the way. And as it turns out, the US has a collective personality in the sign of Gemini, so it is appropriate to have a bit of a look at what is going on in and for the US in this letter. In all, this letter will be partly a report on what I experienced in this, my latest trip to the US, as well as a look at the Goodwill Festival, the astrology of Gemini and topical events. We have a full plate for this month. We will get to all that presently. Comments from my trip will be scattered here throughout.

As to news from home here in Italy, I returned home to find there had been quite a bit of restiveness in Italy, especially here in the north. There was a large factory fire in Bolzano the day I arrived, at a factory that produced charging columns for electric cars. It was a very large blaze and had the entire city shut down due to toxic fumes, the plumes from which could be seen for miles around. The astrology in recent days has indicated the restive nature of events and the possibility of disasters and even violence. But not all has been darkness. At the same time we have seen one of the largest solar storms in recent memory, which caused aurorae to be projected as far south as the Dolomites, the mountain range close to where we live. My sister sent pictures on her side of the pond from North Dakota, where she was helping a family member move, showing the green cast to the sky at night caused by the solar storms. Many people have reported seeing the unusual occurrence. We are approaching a solar maximum next year, which I mentioned past letters ([‘A sunny disposition’](#) and

'[The Post-Wesak blues](#)', for example). [Tracking extremes in sunspot activity](#) often shows periods of more intense human activity of all sorts, along with major conflicts.

I also arrived home in time to see the last part of the [Eurovision Song Contest](#). It was a bit of culture shock arriving from North Carolina. As you may know, the winning act was a Swiss non-binary singer name of [Nemo](#) (That is 'omen' spelled backwards, in case you want to know, which may have some symbolism in the latter part of this letter, speaking of omens). Don't let anyone tell you that the Eurovision song contest is a-political. It is actually quite political and has its double standards. Russia has been excluded since 2022, while Israel was permitted this year after being found to be committing 'probable' genocide. And [the rankings were jiggled due to outside influence, a.k.a. Israeli lobbyists](#). In the final vote, Israel came in fifth, whereas in fact they should have been 12<sup>th</sup>. And many people believed Israel should not have been invited at all. Also of interest is that recordings of live concerts can be edited in order to cancel out 'unwanted noise', like booing. There is software that can eliminate it.

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But like we see with the world conflicts, smart phones tell a very different story. The Israeli act was jeered and booed during the tests and the actual performance. And in 2022 the Ukrainian act was the victor, which was hardly a surprise. But as for Italy, the second-place act went to Baby Lasagna, so Italy won somewhat in name (the act was actually Croatian) while Italy came in seventh out of the field of 36, with [Angelina Mango](#). It wasn't a great result, but it wasn't terrible, either. But the main focus of this letter is on Gemini and how current events reflect that sign going forward. So, we may as well get right into the sign, while the focus on the United States will come more in the next letter. The one thing I will say about the US this time, which will have relevance in a bit here, is how expensive everything had become, even since last year. With this introduction done, we move on to Gemini.

**Gemini:** As in the Wesak letter, we will not be focusing nearly as much on the sign this time, but instead upon the Gemini Festival – the Goodwill Festival – especially as this year precedes the 2025 festivals, so much 'in the news' these days in the Western esoteric community. As such, Gemini is the main symbol of duality in the zodiac.<sup>2</sup> The symbol for the sign is the twins, also called 'the quarrelling brothers'. And there is quite a bit of quarrelling going on these days. Gemini brings together all diverse factors into a unity when it is functioning at its highest. At its lowest, the Gemini devolves into special interests, disconnected trivia (in which the Gemini type can delight), infighting and shallow discourse. At a world level, though, this is where the sign becomes quite important, for it is a call to discourse between groups and nations for the spiritual advancement of humanity. Discourse – calm, non-combative, inclusive and with a mind toward understanding – is what is most lacking these days. We seem to be talking *at* people instead of *with* them. There is only one humanity, after all, albeit with billions of individuals expressing ourselves.

Gemini is ruled at the three levels – orthodox, esoteric and hierarchical, resp. – by Mercury, Venus and the Earth.<sup>3</sup> The mercury rulership is the planet that governs the Geminian tendency toward interrelation, discourse and conflict resolution. At a more spiritual level the Venus expression integrates diverse factors into a coherent whole and brings the higher mind into interplay in a cohesive fashion:

"This sign is sometimes called the "constellation of the resolution of duality into a fluid synthesis." Governing as it does all the pairs of opposites in the zodiac, it preserves the magnetic interplay between them, keeping them fluid in their relations, in order eventually to facilitate their transmutation into unity, for the two must finally become the One. It should be remembered that—from the angle of the final development of the twelve zodiacal potencies—the twelve opposites must become the blended six, and this is brought about by the *fusion in consciousness* of the polar opposites. Pause and consider this phrasing."<sup>4</sup>

Also,

“It is the constellation Gemini and its inherent second ray influence which control every one of the pairs of opposites in the Great Wheel. Gemini, therefore, forms with each of the pairs of opposites in the Zodiac a third factor, powerfully influencing the other two constellations...”<sup>5</sup>

As to what is imparted to us at the full moon when the sun is in Gemini, the full moon of Gemini, normally taking place in June, but this year in May, is called ‘The Festival of Humanity’.<sup>6</sup> The day of the full moon, P3

“...will be the day pre-eminently on which the divine nature of man [humanity] will be recognized and his power to express goodwill and to establish right human relations (because of his divinity) will be stressed. On this festival we are told Christ has for nearly two thousand years represented humanity and has stood before the Hierarchy as the God-man, the leader of His people and "the Eldest in a great family of brothers". This will, therefore, be a festival of deep invocation and appeal; it will express a basic **aspiration towards fellowship and for human and spiritual unity**; it will represent the effect in the human consciousness of the work of the Buddha and of the Christ. It will be held at the time of the Full Moon of Gemini.”<sup>7</sup>

We note here the word ‘Christ’ means simply the World Teacher, no matter one’s faith or belief. Unfortunately the casual reader of Bailey’s works may be inclined to take such a passage as the one just quoted to mean it is a distinctly ‘Christian’ festival. The truth is otherwise, as the quote goes on to state. The essence of the meaning and work for this full moon is seen in the bolded text, above. Otherwise stated, the energy imparted at this full moon is one of goodwill toward *all* peoples, no matter their beliefs. In yet another way of stating the matter in the vernacular, “Love conquers all.” Love in this case is not a sentiment. It is the energy that raises all of humanity to realize each and every person’s divine essence.

“At the time of the Full Moon of June, and in preparation for the opportunity during the entire month of May, the point of focus for all servers must be the Christ and every effort must be directed to aiding His work as Representative for the people. He will endeavour to gather into Himself all that they have of appeal, prayer and demand—voiced or unvoiced—transmitting it in an act of spiritual intent to Shamballa.

A mobilising of the Forces of Light is going on upon the inner side of life. These Forces stand ready, but the word for action must come from the Christ, and He will give that word when the people give it to Him. **We are the conditioners of our own destiny. Neither the Christ nor the Hierarchy may, at this stage in human evolution, take any step vitally affecting humanity unless released into this activity by humanity itself.**”<sup>8</sup>

There is more which goes to explain why this is important:

“Let me extend this concept a little further by pointing out that the invocative cry of humanity and of the Hierarchy, jointly sounded at the time of the Full Moons of May and June and particularly at the Wesak Festival, will be effective if the "cold light" of the aspirants and disciples of the world and of all selfless servers, no matter who or where they may be found, is united with the "clear light" of the initiates and of those who can function freely as souls—the Members of the Hierarchy and, to a lesser degree, all accepted disciples. This combination is the one that is desired and required. These people are relatively few in number, when compared with the world's population, but because they are to be found focussed at "the deep centre" and are distinguished by the quality of fusion and at-one-ment, they can be enormously potent. I would, therefore, ask all of you (during the weeks prior to the Full Moon of May and that of June and for five days thereafter) to seek to "dwell ever at the centre," to endeavour to blend the cold light of your personalities with the clear light of your soul, so as to work effectively for the five weeks of the desired period.”<sup>9</sup>

Then, there is this, complementing the procedure just stated:

“The immediate task of the New Group of World Servers is to focus the massed longing, aspiration, desire and intent of humanity so as to bring about the needed synchronisation at the time of the Full Moon of May and of June this year, and throughout the intervening weeks from the receipt of this communication (as far as you are concerned)..”

This they must do through their own clear thinking on current matters, by the cultivation of a receptive spirit, based on a willingness to learn, a readiness to let old preconceptions go and fixed ideas to disappear under the impact of new truths and new inspiration, and based also on a determination at all costs to recognise truth and presented spiritual developments.”<sup>10</sup>

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The last sentence is essential, yet is rarely followed. There are a few ideas to parse here. Going to the penultimate quote above, what exactly is meant as the distinction between ‘cold light’ and ‘clear light’? ‘Cold light’ refers to a personal expression that is not swayed by personal sentiments in the face of any situation – cool, calm and collected. Nothing personal is allowed to deter one from the achievement of their service and spiritual goals. One sees matters ‘in the cold light of day’. It is a state of mind, one that can make one appear to be quite cold when it comes to personal relations, because such a person is not sentimental, yet their hearts remain ‘soft as butter’ when it comes to alleviating human suffering. At the level of personalities this is done through analysis of cause and effect, seeing matters as they are, rather than how one desires them to be. There is no prescription or proscription of outcomes. It is the mind of the sharp sword of discriminating wisdom. But when that mind is stilled and can ‘stand in the middle’ unperturbed by any external influence, then the clear light of intuition can dawn, which supersedes the cold light. Clear light begins with intuition, but it is much more and there are gradations of clear light, which one encounters in Vajrayana Buddhism. The clear light is experienced in the action of ‘ultimate bodhichitta’, a state indescribable in words, but ‘of the soul’ (higher Self), where everything is experienced as a unity, yet the individual conscious remains. When the two lights are blended, then one experiences the actions of an initiate in the worldly realms (our everyday life) – a clear channel for the divine, a ‘station of Light’ among the mass of humanity. This is the ‘Earth’ rulership of Gemini, wherein the blended lights of the personality and the soul illuminate every part of the world they touch. So, in terms of the work to be done at the times of the full moons of Wesak and Gemini, we have the following:

“I would ask you also to take those measures in your individual life and in your environment, wherever possible, which will help make the work to be done at the time of the Full Moon in May and in June successful...employing the power of the will as you can muster it and focus it at a point of tension. At the time of the Full Moon gather people together for an act of fusion and of cooperation, thus aiding humanity and throwing your small individual effort behind that of the Hierarchy.”<sup>11</sup>

And lastly:

“...there are spiritual realities for which it is worth dying if need be, and that war on evil can be waged without hate and with right purpose; secondly, plan at the same time for those practical measures which, after the war is over, will aid the period of reconstruction and help rehabilitate humanity, and lead to a saner, better, truer way of living.”

Therein lies our present impasse – deciding who are the ‘good guys’ and who are the ‘bad guys’, and even deciding if conflict is ever justified. There is a pervasive idea and sentiment among spiritual and esoteric groups that ‘war is never justified’. Absolutist sentiments aside, are we to stand aside as evil runs amok and causes the enslavement of whole peoples and nations? And what does it actually mean to ‘seal the door where evil dwells’, as stated in the Great Invocation? That is not done by sitting at home or in a church or gompas and praying. It means to actively rally people to action, to take a stand against evils, as much as we can ascertain them. The general public are harangued on a daily basis as to who is fighting for the good and who the evil culprits are. For America and Europe there is and has been a growing list of ‘Hitlers’ who must be defeated in order to ‘restore freedom and democracy’ to those lands and the wider world. We all know who those supposed ‘Hitlers’ are by now. Yet, do we really know if they are evil incarnate? Have we taken

the time to understand them, putting our emotions aside. There is a line from the Green Tara sadhana which fits the Gemini period every year quite well:

“How wonderful it would be if all sentient beings were to abide in equanimity, free of bias, attachment and anger. May they abide in this way. Guru Tara, please inspire me to be able to do so.”

There is an essential point to be made here:

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**Equanimity:** It has been noted there is a paralysis in certain groups that has been brought to the fore through the two main conflicts we have been witnessing over the past couple of years – in Ukraine and Israel. There is the feeling among members and especially the leadership of these groups that one must not take sides in any conflict. They believe this to be an exercise in equanimity. It is, in fact, a grave error and does no service to humanity. Equanimity in Buddhism and in general has a specific meaning. It means to be able to hold one’s consciousness in a point of ‘dynamic stillness’ between the pairs of opposites (soul and personality) and warring factions and thereby to form a channel between them so that peace and synthesis can eventuate. It also means, in the face of difficult situations such as our times are presenting, to be able to act within that frame of mind according to the need of the all parties involved, to invoke understanding between them, to provoke meaningful dialog. To not be ‘for’ or ‘against’ any side in a conflict does nothing to resolve conflicts. It is not equanimity. It does not promote equanimity. It is a passive state. But if we are to promote true equanimity as an act of will – the will-to-good – then it is beholden upon us to be open to all sides of a question and to be able to see all points of view, whether or not we agree with them. Then, if one side and/or the other are intractable, then a solution must be found that does the least harm to the intractable parties, while still preserving the essential goodness of all sides. This is something that is sorely lacking in our present world impasse. Yet, good *is* being done, should we choose to understand it, much as we are told it is otherwise. With these points in mind we move on to the full moon and our present events.

**The full moon** takes place on 23 May 2024 at 13:53 UTC (23:53 AEST). This lunation is quite reflective of the nature of this particular solar Festival. We see the Sun, Venus and Jupiter in a close stellium across the cusp of Taurus and Gemini. In addition, the stellium is sextile to Neptune, the latter in the last degree of Pisces. The stellium is also trine to Pluto. All the aforementioned planets form a triangle, with Neptune as the apex planet. It is a combination of factors that is invocative of the intuition. In fact the full moon axis forms a series of sextiles from Neptune to Pluto to the Moon, all showing a very constructive set of energies. In the last full moon, which had the full moon axis in a t-square with the apex Pluto, we had the effect of shaking out or shaking up the status quo in many areas, the notable points of which we will address shortly. The Wesak full moon was very highly charged, yet most illuminating, showing facts on the ground in many areas of life in the cold light of day.

In light of the shakeups and problem areas illuminated from the last full moon, this full moon shows the strong impetus toward reconstruction along sounder foundations. The degrees for the Sabian symbols reflect this idea as well. They are as follows:

- The garden of the Tuileries in Paris (3<sup>rd</sup> degree of Gemini)

As is common with Gemini there are two contrasting, yet related concepts conveyed by this symbol. Firstly, a garden must first be conceptualized, and done so in a manner that will be attractive to the public. Then it must be actualized, as in cultivated and planted, then tended. This is the first idea. After the garden has grown to be in its conceptualized state, then the tendency to keep it formally tended arises, causing an eventual crystallization as the garden becomes more familiar. People celebrate a beautiful garden. Many of the old established gardens have a ‘following’ and are ‘worshiped’ as places of quietude and reflection. They become formal. Dane Rudhyar attributes [the](#)

[worship of formalism](#) to this symbol, as well as the concretization of ideas. Contrasting but also completing the polarity with the solar symbol is the Sabian symbol for the lunar degree:

- Two men playing chess (3<sup>rd</sup> degree of Sagittarius)

Chess is a game of abstract strategy, the ultimate goal being to capture and depose the King. It is a European game, evolved around the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The rules were standardized by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. As such, it is a game that evolved in the European mind-set and all it represented, starting in the large drives toward colonialization by the European powers of the time – the Dutch, British, French and Portuguese. The game has often been used to describe the state of play in international relations. Putin fans like to talk of him playing 5-D chess while the West plays checkers. Geopolitics has been called the Great Game, and is fashioned after chess, the aim being always to depose the leadership of the opposing nation. And in recent times the US and UK especially have been in the business of ‘deposing kings’ in nations who did not agree with Anglo-American diktat. If one doesn’t think so, [there is a set of short videos called “Tales of the American Empire”](#) that may prove revealing. It is well researched, with reference material. That brings us to our current events, in which the US has been instrumental and heavily involved in one way or another.

**The New Reconstruction:** One of the main things to keep in mind with the full moon of Gemini every year is the energy of *reconstruction*.<sup>12</sup> The major full moons in terms of human spiritual advancement and service are those that take place when the Sun is in Aries, Taurus and Gemini. They deal with the energies of restoration, enlightenment and reconstruction, respectively. The full moon of Gemini this year sets a tone for the years immediately ahead, plain enough to see, given events over the past several years, and accelerated since 2015. The world order is being reconstructed according to international law, with nation after nation eschewing the American/Western ‘rules-based order’. Since the last full moon (Wesak), enlightenment is beginning to make its presence known, shown in the student protests for Gaza, in Western media reporting of the true situation in Ukraine actually beginning to reflect realities on the ground there instead of elitist fantasies, of a wider world turning against the ghastly IOF campaign in mandate Palestine and of the highly reactive reporting in the mainstream media *against* the emerging order. Events and their significance regarding the points here are accelerating, as we will see below.

**Current events:** The following have taken place since the last full moon, not in order:

- Since the last full moon the following major events against states and heads of state have been reported – an [assassination attempt against the Saudi Crown Prince \(May7, debunked\)](#), [warnings of a possible military coup in Turkey](#) (May 13), assassination attempt on Robert Fico (May 15, see below), [citizen arrested for threatening to assassinate the Serbian President Vucic](#) (May 16), King Salman of Saudi Arabia [hospitalized for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a month](#) (May 19), the helicopter crash that killed Raisi and three ministers (May 19, see below), [three Americans were arrested after a failed coup attempt in the Congo](#) (May 19).
- The pro-Palestine occupation protests, starting at Columbia University in New York and then spreading across Europe. This is one of the most important developments since October 7<sup>th</sup>, covered here in a bit. [They have been met by state suppression in the West, too.](#)
- The US House passed H.R. 6090, called the “[Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2023](#).” It was introduced on October 26<sup>th</sup> last year. It has caused uproar among freedom of speech advocates. There is more to it than meets to the eye. More on this in a bit.
- [There are large protests fomented by foreign powers in the nation of Georgia](#) against a bill that would require foreign entities (NGOs) to declare their funding. The bill was vetoed by the puppet president. These protests are pro-Western. The US and EU have been trying for years to use Georgia as a proxy against Russia. In contrast, [in Armenia there are large protests against the Western puppet government](#) there, [but we don’t hear about those.](#)
- [The helicopter carrying President Raisi of Iran along with their Foreign Minister crashed in heavy weather](#) in a forested area of Iran. State media has officially announced the death of



- all persons aboard the craft. The [black flag has been raised](#) over the [Razavi shrine](#) after the death of Raisi. It is a symbol of mourning. After the Soleimani assassination the red flag was raised – a call to war. The black flag honors the martyrs in wars, Gazans specifically this time. If the flag changes to red after the death of Raisi and his ministers, then we will know the downing of the craft was an assassination. There is little more to say here until investigations into the crash are concluded. At present there is too much emotion and rush to judgement across the media. [But Raisi's legacy will loom large](#). Under his leadership Iran entered the SCO, BRICS, strategic partnerships with Russia and China, began normalizing relations with neighboring Arab states, active Iranian presence in Africa and South America and the definitive move towards neutralizing sanctions instead of depending on the JCPOA.
- [The Turks suspended almost all trade with Israel](#) after public pressure on the Turkish government. That represents a loss of bilateral trade for Israel to the tune of over \$7 billion a year.
  - The Israelis began their invasion of Rafah, against better sense and advice. But they don't see any other way to proceed. A shared peace with the indigenous Palestinians would be a good idea, but it is not in the nature of the Zionists. They feel they have to dominate, to restore fear of the IOF in the local neighbourhood. So be it. The Resistance is prepared to deal with it, however that might manifest. We will have an extended look at that in a bit.
  - Putin was inaugurated for a 5<sup>th</sup> term as President of the Russian Federation. In [his inaugural speech](#) he [laid out the goals for the country for the next 6 – 12 years](#). The focus was on domestic policy. He has a PhD in economics ([which Western academics for some reason discount](#)) with one of the goals put forward in his speech being to become the 4<sup>th</sup> largest world economy in PPP measure by 2030. [Russia is already in 5<sup>th</sup> place](#), having surpassed Germany at that spot this year. It would then be behind India, the US and China, in that order. The main goals in his speech focussed on social, academic and environmental concerns, with little emphasis on foreign policy. There will be a bit more on his re-election here as well.
  - Putin and the PM Mishustin have reorganized the government, one aim of which is to root out corruption and the last vestiges of the liberal Western order in Russia. [There is a big purge ongoing now among the Russian General Staff](#). The new ministers have a younger look than past ministers, too. The big surprise that has everyone talking was Putin's moving of Shoigu (now ex-defence minister) to the position of head of the Security Council ([video, starting at 26:13](#)). It was a promotion. Shoigu wanted to retire a couple of years ago, but there is a war on, you know? His replacement is an economist, a very capable civilian technocrat. Since the conflict in Ukraine is one of attrition, it is economic in nature. The choice was logical. The new ministers have since been reviewed and approved.
  - The Russians have started [a large offensive in the Kharkov region of Ukraine, meant to draw in Ukrainian troops](#) in order to finally break the Ukrainian army. There is little resistance from the Ukrainian side and their casualties are very high, as no defensive lines have been constructed. Despite the billions of dollars and euros that have been pumped into the country, what we see now is a prime example of the corruption that exists in Ukraine. There will be more on the topic later. The Western powers now have grave fears about a Ukrainian collapse. Biden wants Ukraine to remain a fighting force until the election in November.
  - [India signed a contract with Iran to operate and develop the Chabahar Port for ten years. Washington was not amused](#). This was [a strategic decision for India](#), with both Iran and India being BRICS+ members now, and given troubles in the Red Sea and threats in the Strait of Hormuz. The port is on Iran's coast in the Indian Ocean at the Gulf of Oman. [The Chabahar port](#) will open into the [INSTC transport corridor](#), bypassing the Middle East and the Suez Canal. It will primarily service Central Asia.
  - [Whistleblower David McBride was sentenced to almost six years' prison](#) for helping to expose wrongdoing by the Australian Defense Forces while in Afghanistan. He is the first

whistleblower in recent memory to be jailed for exposing war crimes, in a story in the public interest. [It was a dark day for truth and justice in Australia](#).

- There was an assassination attempt on the Slovak PM, Robert Fico. He survived, but remains in serious condition. The Western European media showed their hand, focusing on Fico's 'authoritarian' rule (he is a Slovak nationalist), his opposition to sending arms to Ukraine and his rejection of the WHO Global Pandemic Accord. The attempt comes mere days after Fico publicly rejected the Accord. [Sky News](#), [The Independent](#), [RTE](#), [The Sun](#) and [other major news outlets](#) were quick to jump on his alleged 'pro-Russian' stance. He was immediately slapped with the 'Putin ally' label upon news of the attempted assassination. He is no ally of Putin, but [his views on the war in Ukraine are correct](#). Fico is pro-Slovakia. It is also worth noting there is a [strong Russophile sentiment](#) in Slovakia.
- The nations of Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali have created the [Alliance of Sahel States](#), a [mutual defence pact](#). It is akin to a 'Sahel NATO', but without NATO.
- Putin travelled to Beijing to meet with Xi Jinping. Russia heads the BRICS+ group this year and no doubt the two will be discussing the advancement of the group in their meeting as well as development and challenges to strategic interests. Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan will be high on the agenda. This was an important meeting, one that will eventuate in major policy changes as well as deepening economic ties between the two nations. There is more, later.

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We begin our investigations with this item, though, following on from the last bullet point, above:

- *The Economist*, the financial rag for millionaires and billionaires, just posted a very pessimistic forecast for the world economy (meaning Western economies). Speaking of omens, it was an ominous post. Oh dear. It appears the economic playground for the elites of the economic liberalists is about to be closed for rain. Have a gander at this nugget from them, starting with the lede, noting especially the bolded bits (added):

**[“The liberal international order is slowly coming apart - Its collapse could be sudden and irreversible.](#)**

For years the order that has governed the global economy since the second world war has been eroded. Today **it is close to collapse**. A worrying number of triggers could set off **a descent into anarchy, where might is right and war is once again the resort of great powers**. Even if it never comes to conflict, **the effect on the economy of a breakdown in norms could be fast and brutal...**”

Not only are the Russians getting ready to sweep across and conquer all of Europe (not), but now we are to expect a huge financial collapse that will send us all into chaos (we'll see). Perhaps another pandemic is in the works, too (bird flu, per chance?). What's a poor soul to do!? Well to start, most of us don't read *The Economist*, but the headline is certainly catchy. No, this piece is a warning to the financial elites that – yes indeed – the old neoliberal order is in deep trouble. Paying attention to the bolded text above, what are they saying in the article? The one truthful bit is that *the old order* is close to collapse. That doesn't mean everything is doom and gloom. It may be for the wealthy elites, but not necessarily for us. But the old order is far along in its decline. This much we know, and the signs are all self-evident for anyone paying attention. The rest of the bolded text is fearmongering, meant to 'rally the troops', like the Davos crowd.

The talk about the possibility of a 'descent into anarchy', that the collapse could be 'fast and brutal', with a 'breakdown of norms' (whose 'norms' is another question altogether), 'could be sudden and irreversible', and where 'might is right' are all meant to instil a sense of dread for anyone reading the piece, as well as a call to double down on existing systems and institutions, a call to 'circle the wagons', as it were. Well, as it turns out, there is comment across independent media that would applaud a collapse of the old order, though not a descent into anarchy. The fact is, the bolded text does not at all describe a *likely* scenario, much as a small minority of people or groups may try to foment such a thing. I doubt, for instance, that most of us will have [to learn to subsist on Hoover](#)



[stew](#), although [an increasing number of Americans](#) have to do just that. Provoking a huge crisis in the past has produced huge transfers of wealth and consolidation of power to the upper classes, much as we saw in the Great Depression, for instance. [Savvy people can also do well by seeing opportunity in what most people see as disaster.](#)

The above points being clear enough, the days where powerful nations will be able to plunder developing economies is fast coming to a close. And that has the financial elites very worried. Add it to the growing list that has Western elites of all stripes in a twist – multipolarity, BRICS+, the rising tide of semi-socialized economies (you know, the ones that grow society and a healthy middle class, raise people out of poverty, etc., etc.), the coming demise of Zionism, the end of Empire, and so on. But there is another reason the financial elites are worried, and it has to do with something that is soon to be publicly announced – ‘the Unit’.

**The Unit:** Our monetary system for the past few centuries has been centered around the imperial-oligarchic system that have been controlled by the banking cartels. Our present economic theories have evolved in order to support this type of arrangement. [A recent interview on The Duran with Alex Krainer](#) spells all this out, as well as giving the historical context for the background of what we are witnessing. Our social media and mainstream commentary in the West these days is notably devoid of historical context. It is a fundamental in Buddhist teaching, for instance, that there is no independent arising of events. This is just another way of saying that whatever events we see have their causes in the past and our present choices and reactions to that karma. For instance, October 7 in Palestine was brought about by events that happened at least over the past century. They did not happen because one day Hamas decided, “Hey, let’s go attack Israel.” It was not a terrorist attack. It was an act of armed resistance, but will save that for a later topic here.

For the past 500 years at least, the economic system that has governed the world by the West has relied on imperial conquests and colonialism, the end result being that whole populations for the large part have been kept just above the poverty line, while the elites have enjoyed their wealth. The interview cited in this topic is a must watch regarding our present economic system, why it is collapsing, and where the world might be headed. The days when Washington, New York and London call the financial shots, supported by militarism, are being challenged by the emerging multipolar order. The people who have been running and benefiting by the present imperial oligarchic system are watching this multipolar world emerge and they are increasingly in panic, attempting to save their control over events and economies. That brings us to the title of this topic, a concept currently being precipitated within the emerging blocs of economies, who have been watching the events of the past two years with great interest and concern, and as a result are seeking a way to work around it. Thus, we have the Unit. This was recently explained in an article by Pepe Escobar in [posted on the Sputnik News website](#). Here are the relevant bits:

“Welcome to [The Unit](#) [official site] – a concept that has already been discussed by the financial services and investments working group set up by the BRICS+ Business Council and has a serious shot at becoming official BRICS+ policy **as early as in 2025**. According to Alexey Subbotin, founder of Arkhangelsk Capital Management and one of the Unit conceptualizers, this is a new problem-solving system that addresses the key geoeconomic issue of these troubled times: a global crisis of trust.”

Further:

“The Global Majority has had enough of the centrally controlled monetary framework put in place 80 years ago in Bretton Woods and its endemic flaws: [chronic deficits fueling irresponsible military spending; speculative bubbles](#); politically motivated sanctions and secondary sanctions; abuse of settlement and payment infrastructure; protectionism; and the lack of fair arbitration. In contrast, the Unit proposes a reliable, quick and economically efficient solution for cross-border payments. The - transactional - Unit is a game-changer as a new form of international currency that can be issued in a de-centralized way, and then recognized and regulated at national levels.”

If you want to know why the old Western powers are so up in arms over BRICS expansion and monetary policy, as well as why they want to kneecap China, Russia and Iran, read the entire articles cited in this topic and then tie it back into the interview with Alex Krainer, above. Particularly concerned about the emerging multipolar order are the British, hence their great fears over a rising Russia and events in Palestine, the latter also highlighting their dependence on oil from West Asia for the British economy. It is worth noting at this point that the soul expressions of Moscow and China are both ruled by Taurus and the first ray, whereas the personality of the UK is also ruled by Taurus and the first ray. It is clear going forward that the UK must lose its old imperial memories and ambitions if they want to have any place of significance in the emerging multipolar order. [The Economist](#), cited above, is also a British publication, thus primarily addressing British financial and corporate elites. The solution to the present difficulties in international finance for the West lies in an old aphorism: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em! With Britain's 2<sup>nd</sup> ray soul expression as Gemini, a few words about what is going on in that nation are in order here, which will also apply bit by bit in the EU, starting with Rome's Taurean soul, maybe.

**A democratic revolution:** The British public since the days of the 'Iron Lady' has been steadily pushed back into what the British public experienced during the Victorian era – high poverty, dwindling social safety net, wide disparities in wealth, etc. The fact was recently noted in a recent [parliamentary question time by George Galloway, who cited poverty statistics](#), comparing them with the UK as a whole in distinction to his constituency in Rochdale. The leader of the Scottish national party went further, [excoriating the Tory leadership about their direction and questioning who they really served – their constituents or their donor class](#). Looking at the UK especially post Brexit, there has been [a noticeable decline in the living standards of the average British citizen](#). And as it stands, [the Labour Party is showing little difference in its policies of the Tory party](#). The UK, like the US has become a uni-party political system. However, cracks are beginning to show in that system in the UK, as the British public has become royally fed up with the policies of the present government. That includes the Labour Party, which no longer represents the interests of the working class but instead represents corporate and financial interests.

The first rumblings of a revolution in the UK are being heard. This revolution, though it is not to be an armed uprising. Rather, in keeping with the Gemini soul of Great Britain, it will be on more democratic principles. The recent election of Galloway to the constituency of Rochdale has shaken the establishment in the UK, [much like Jeremy Corbyn did](#) a few years back. And as it stands now, [Corbyn is considering standing as an independent](#) in his old Labour constituency. He is likely to win, too. His ouster from the Labour Party also ties in with the present conflict in mandate Palestine, as he was hounded out of the Party because of [his alleged anti-Semitism, a narrative that is patently false](#). The real reason he was hounded out of the Labour Party and replaced by Keir Starmer was because of his socialist leanings – something that could not be tolerated at all by the British establishment.

**Snap election:** [Rishi Sunak just announced](#) (make sure the volume is up) – drowned out by rain and [blown amplifiers – a snap general election on July 4<sup>th</sup>](#). Will it be a new Independence Day for the UK – from the US, from Israel, from 14 years of the Conservatives (Tories)? Why, for the love of all good things, was the announcement held on a small podium in the pouring rain, with not even an umbrella for Sunak, and with blaring protest music?? Is it an omen?? The whole circus was certainly 'suggestive' of what is to come on Independence Day for the UK. From what I have seen of other elections across our liberal democracies, it is probably best not to get one's hopes up, at least not this time, though. Experience shows that often people will vote for the devil they know rather than someone who is a relative unknown in hard times, such as what the UK is facing now. Still, Uranus is active with the UK at this election, so surprises are in order. We cannot go into all that here, except to say that Uranus can signal conditions that may seem disastrous at first, but which later turn out to be the very thing we needed.

Social media has been excoriating of Sunak and the Tories ([‘Thank you, Tories’](#) for example) with Sunak’s announcement. Even *The Guardian* got in on the act with their [‘Drowning Street’ roundup](#) of the headlines in the British (Murdoch) tabloid press. The big three parties in the UK in the coming election – Labour, the Tories and the Liberal Democrats – were [mocked as the ‘donkey derby’](#). But here is something to consider: Labour has been caught wrong-footed by the announcement, as in they have yet to field over a hundred candidates. There is more to this snap election than meets the eye. There is a strategy behind it, [other than Tory members wanting out](#). Pluto and Jupiter are also active there, with the oligarchy and a lot of old money behind these elections. Expect the media blitz for the Conservatives to be immediate, heavy (like the rain for the announcement) and vicious against the other parties. [Big Money in politics in our democracies generally wins elections](#). Watch what happens in the US, given its past record with elections, for instance. [There may be another reason Sunak called for early elections, but we will not go into it here](#). Suffice it to say, this will be an ‘interesting’ summer for the UK.

So, with [elections coming up in the UK](#), what are we looking at? [Galloway won his seat in Parliament by a landslide victory in the Rochdale by-election](#). Upon his victory he stated, “Keir Starmer and Rishi Sunak are two cheeks of the same backside and they both got well and truly spanked tonight here in Rochdale.” That was in February of this year. Galloway ran as the leader and founder of [The Worker’s Party](#). The Worker’s Party was founded “to defend the achievements of the USSR, China, Cuba etc” and is “unequivocally committed to class politics”. Those policies are another factor that galls the British establishment. The fact he won in a landslide was duly noted by the establishment in [its attempts to smear him](#). The Worker’s Party is [fielding up to 90 candidates](#) in the coming general election. The pendulum always swings in politics. With Galloway and his party gaining in momentum we see perhaps the start of the swing to a *true* left in British politics. The UK is one of the nations where the battle between capital and labor is to be decided. Galloway and his Party are a part of that, representing labor. Labour (the party) no longer represents the working class. Then, there is another revolution that is building, starting in the US, but across the West. But we start with a bit of astrology. I will tell you from my own experience, though – vote your conscience at any election. Voting for ‘the lesser of two evils’ or ‘voting strategically’ only plays into the system, because the mainstream candidates usually win, and they are always vetted by the ‘powers behind the throne’ beforehand. That, my friends, is *not* democracy.

**Thank the Lord!:** There is planetary combination that has been called the ‘Thank the Lord!’ combo, referring to the Jupiter/Uranus aspects or midpoints. Of that combination, it has been stated:

“It is often very difficult to assess the nature of Jupiter-Uranus constellations. They indicate, in most cases, inner tensions or strains which are then suddenly released. At one time, the author named this configuration the “Thank the Lord” position, because people having such a configuration have repeatedly exclaimed the words “Thank the Lord” after the release of the tension or strain from which they were suffering.”<sup>13</sup>

The particular combination we are concerned with here is the conjunction, which was exact on 20 April this year. It began to come into the 1° orb on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. The conjunction itself has the qualities of, “The urge for independence, the zealous representation of one-sided views, conflicts concerning one’s philosophy of life or one’s religion.”<sup>14</sup> In the mundane sphere it pertains to sudden advances in technology on the one hand and changes in public perception on the other hand. As such, it is a ‘turning point’ in crisis resolution relating to public perceptions and expectations. That last such conjunction we had was at 0° of Aries on 6 Jun 2010. The conjunctions exhibit a 14-yr synodic cycle. For any conjunction to fall on an Aries point (0° of cardinal signs – Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn) it represents the start of significant activities, ones that have the capability to change society. The 2010 conjunction saw the start in Tunisia of the Arab Spring uprisings, the dump of top secret files on the Afghanistan War by WikiLeaks (the [‘Afghan War Diary’](#)) as well as the Iraq War Logs, [we trapped antimatter for the first time](#) (expanding and bringing forward more

questions in physics and our material universe), functioning artificial cells were created for the first time and [Iranian scientists produced nuclear energy with lasers](#) for the first time. These were all breakthroughs. But even more important than that was the start of the ‘Great Awakening’ of the public due to austerity measures after the Great Recession, causing disapproval of government policy, the realization government was not working for the people, that the rich were quite happy while the general public struggled more and more, and so on. It was the rise in what was then called ‘alternative media’, known these days as ‘independent media. And it became clear to people who paid attention that the West’s wars abroad were not about high minded values, but instead about control of resources and profits. Now that is coming home to roost, hence our next topic.

**The student protests:** The student pro-Palestinian occupation protests of 2024 started on 17 April at Columbia University (New York City), signalled by the Jupiter/Uranus conjunction. People of a certain age will recall the name of that university: [It is the same one where the anti-war protests started against the Vietnam War](#). At the time of the present protests Jupiter had come within the one-degree orb of transiting Uranus, along with transiting Mars forming a sextile with both of them – a most energizing and fortuitous combination of factors. This was within the Wesak period, a week before the previous full moon. I arrived in the States a week later, so the public was already being ‘informed’ about the protests on the nightly news. [The reporting was, shall we say, less than accurate](#). But the reaction of the American public was telling – as in there was not a particular public discourse about them. The few comments I did hear when the subject came up, especially among older Americans, was that the students were wrong in their actions and that the protests should not be happening. There are reasons for that, and largely due to the conditioning about Israel to which the American public has been subjected for decades, along with a strong strain of Islamophobia and a general ignorance among the public – [deliberately fomented by any lack of context reported in the American media](#) – regarding the plight of the Palestinians. Then the establishment line is that Israel is our great ally in the region and the only ‘democracy’ in the Middle East/West Asia.

The truth about the student protests is as follows: They are nonviolent. They are expressing opposition to the genocide taking place in mandate Palestine and want a cessation of hostilities. There are many non-Zionist Jews within their membership. They freely dialogue with anyone on the reasons for their protests and regularly speak with the media. They have their spokes people and a well-organized campaign. They have experienced violence against them from pro-Israeli groups, notably at UCLA, with [dubious headlines in the media](#). [The counter-protesters were unrestrained by police](#). The pro-Palestinian students [have experienced brutality at the hands of the police, same as protesters did in 1968](#), with [two thousand having been arrested since the start the protests so far](#). The American media is complicit in portraying these protests in a negative light – unsurprising since the American media is strongly pro-Zionist. What the student protesters are *not* are so-called radical leftists, pro-Hamas, against the state of Israel, etc.

There are several things the American and Western publics in general need to know about these student protests. Firstly the protests started at Ivy League universities. The students are the children of the elites by large. [They have been described as](#), “...teachers. They are using those campuses for what they are truly supposed to be used for – education, refinement, upliftment, intellectual, cultural and moral excellence, for taking people out of ignorance and into understanding. No one is doing that on those campuses more than those young people today.” As such they represent the future leaders of their respective countries. They represent the peacemakers in their way, in their movement. And there are many other groups pushing for an end to Zionism, apartheid and genocide. They are teaching with non-violence what it means to stand against such evils. This has the powers that be in the nations where these protests are taking place concerned, shall we say. The demands of the students toward their universities are:

- To [divest from companies](#) complicit in perpetuating Israel’s relentless attacks in Gaza;



- To boycott Israeli institutions that profit from, or perpetuate, the [system of apartheid](#);
- and to terminate all investments, agreements, and cooperation with any [company involved in weapons research, manufacturing, or export](#), “the war machine”, as student banners name it.

The protests also run counter to the pro-Israeli narrative across the Western media, which has caused great concern within Israel – [hysteria in Israeli media](#). To the pro-Israeli Zionist elements within the US, the protests are an affront to the idea that Israel has a right to defend itself, even to exist, that Hamas somehow needs to be destroyed, and disregards the sentiments of the various peoples of the Islamic world. The US media in particular supports the idea that October 7<sup>th</sup> was an isolated event rather than what might be considered as a final stand for the Palestinian peoples against Zionism and the right of the Palestinian peoples to live freely in the land of mandate Palestine with equal rights and opportunities to the Jews. The media does this by constantly calling up October 7<sup>th</sup>, [rather than looking at any causes or asking any hard questions](#), like the Gaza blockade, the Abraham Accords, increasing land grabs in the West Bank by Israeli settlers, Israeli apartheid, and so forth. In other words, the student protests also oppose the Zionist apartheid state that exists in Israel.

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There are a couple of videos recommended for giving some background as to why The US and UK so wholeheartedly support Zionism and the Israeli state. ([HERE for the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 minutes](#) and [HERE](#)). The 2<sup>nd</sup> video mentions two films – [Tantura](#) and [Europa: The last Battle](#). The 2<sup>nd</sup> one is revisionist, while the first one is a documentary. The speaker in the 2<sup>nd</sup> video is young, and what I can say at the moment is to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of films (10 videos) with salt handy, if you decide to watch them. That said, the root of the problem we are currently facing in Palestine is the heavy indoctrination of Israelis, Americans and the European public around Zionism. That is the message from the two women in the videos. [Zionism itself began in Europe](#) as an attempt to rid Europe of Jewish influence on the one hand, and by Jews as a means to escape increasing ostracism and violence.

There was [a group of primarily Jewish billionaires who ‘lobbied’ \(pressured\) New York mayor to quell the protests](#) (all of them cited in the article are from Jewish backgrounds. I checked.) and disperse the students. It didn’t work. One interesting aspect of reporting on that group of billionaires is that the media refused to comment on the fact that these businessmen were all Jewish. By the same token, many of the student protestors are also Jewish, which points to a fact: The protestors are against the genocide and Zionism, whereas the businessmen are big donors to the universities and political figures in New York and nationally. They are also Zionists. Their ultimate aim is to stifle any debate that throws Israel as the culprit in the atrocities being committed by them in Israel, to conflate anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism. And in that they have also pressured the US House to pass Resolution 6090.

**Resolution 6090:** As an American by birth, I see the [passage of the House Bill 6090 an affront to every American, an infringement on free speech](#) and the right to assemble and protest, its only purpose being to protect the Zionist state of Israel. It is an insult to and travesty of the Constitution, the basic laws of the land in the United States. But more than that, if by some chance – a quite likely chance – it becomes law in the US, [its main purpose will more than likely be used to silence dissent and protect the donor class that so richly rewards members of Congress](#) and a long list of Presidents. And the three main contenders at present for the presidency – Trump, Biden and RFK, Jr – are all staunch Zionists, along with [tens-of-millions of evangelical American Christians, also Zionists. Conflating Zionism with anti-Semitism is a lie](#), as well as displaying willful ignorance on the part of the lawmakers. It is also an affront to non-Zionist Jews, who are now being targeted for a rising tide of anti-Semitism, even though the majority of Western Jews are not Semites themselves. No good will come of this bill. Above all, though, the passage of that bill shows the growing desperation of the Zionist lobbying groups and their supporters in the US and abroad, who see their soft power and influence evaporating in the face of the Gaza genocide and the student protests. The world outside the West applauds the pro-Palestinian protesters and sees that the shine of the City on



the Hill gone, replaced by the ugly and rusting shell of Washington's vaunted values of 'freedom' and 'democracy' that are paraded out at every possible turn on the campaign trail. Where does Israel stand at present, then?

**Palestine update:** [The Israel-US game plan for Gaza is staring us in the face](#). Despite what we hear from the US media, there is no serious plan for a permanent ceasefire or for proper humanitarian aid to enter Gaza, nor will there be relief for the Palestinians there. The plan is to 'relocate' them and destroy Gaza. Their plan is likely to succeed, too, if matters continue as they are. Hamas had planned for a conflict lasting for one year. Now we are at 7 months. But Hamas shows no credible signs of weakening or of giving up. A recent presentation by John Mearsheimer at the CIS conference in Australia laid out the situation for Israel, and it looks pretty bad. [Israel is in deep trouble](#). It is increasingly isolated on the world stage. It only exists now because of US support. The financial situation is grim. Hezbollah is sitting on 150,000 missiles which so far it has barely touched. The Houthis are beginning to strike targets in Israel, and not just out at sea. Hamas is still quite viable. None of Israel's war aims have been achieved, nor are they ever likely to be. Its reputation is in ruins. They no longer have escalation dominance. They are surrounded by nations that would like to see the Zionist state gone. And there is no solution to the crisis on the horizon. Normalization of Israel with its neighbors is off the table, probably for good.

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Further, [there are two 'Israels' existing within the borders of mandate Palestine](#), along with the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza:

“There is an elephant in the Israeli room – and no, it's not occupation, though that is its main cause. The elephant in the room is Israel gradually but inexorably being divided into the State of Israel – a high-tech, secular, outward-looking, imperfect but liberal state – and the Kingdom of Judea, a Jewish-supremacist, ultranationalist theocracy with messianic, antidemocratic tendencies that encourage isolation.”

One is a European-style liberal set (Ashkenazi) in the business centers of Tel Aviv and Haifa, as [recently recounted by Alastair Crooke](#), completely divorced from what is happening in the West Bank. They feel as though they are the 51<sup>st</sup> state of America. The 'other Israel' is the Mizrahi sect that sees themselves in Biblical terms, very right-wing, seeing themselves as the rightful restorers of the Israeli state. They are not at all liberal. [Both sectors are at war with each other](#). Israel can in no way be called a liberal democracy. But the interesting thing is that the Israeli division has its reflection in the US – Democrat/Ashkenazi, Republican/Mizrahi. It is a loose association, to be sure, but it is food for thought. Then, overlaid with the Israeli divide is a plurality of Israelis who see the present situation there existentially and October 7<sup>th</sup> as the beginning of a new holocaust. They largely believe Hamas wants to kill them all (which is untrue), as well as seeing the student protests as an effort to remove their legitimacy. It is what they believe and to them it is entirely legitimate, which makes dialog impossible because they refuse to speak to any other view. The same is true on the other side of the divide. This we have the 'quarreling brothers' of Gemini in action, at present unable to come to terms with their respective world views.

Then to top it all off there is the Western pressure on Israel, telling the Israelis all they have to do is to have a ceasefire, have normalization with the Arab states, return to the old status quo and everything will be hunky-dory. The Western thinking on this crisis is preposterous. It is Saudi law, for instance, that there will be no normalization with Israel until the two-state solution is imposed. No Israeli believes or wants that. Perhaps it is a bit clearer as to why the situation in mandate Palestine is so intractable. And finally, The Resistance has stepped up its activity considerably since the invasion of Rafah. The Israelis have no strategy except to play whack-a-mole with Hamas, which goes nowhere. Then there is this:

**The ICC:** Prosecutor [Karim A.A. Khan of the ICC has issued applications for arrest warrants against Netanyahu, Gallant and three heads of Hamas](#). The deed is not yet done, and there will be considerable pressure to drop the application for Netanyahu and Gallant. The applications for

Hamas leaders would likely stay. If the arrest warrants are issued then states who are members of the Rome statute are obliged to arrest them upon arrival on member states' territories. The US, Russia and Israel are not members of the [Rome Statute](#). The warrants would end almost all travel for Netanyahu and Gallant. (There are nonstop flights between Tel Aviv and New York.) Further [“There is also a stigma coming with the warrants](#) that will prevent pro-Zionist politicians from Europe and elsewhere from meeting with Netanyahu or other involved persons.” We'll see. The warrants would have no effect on Hamas because those charged never travel. But there is a furore on the internet about the announcement, and especially against one person – [Amal Clooney](#), who issued [a statement](#) upon the application for the warrants. We won't go into it, except for the reaction to the application for warrants and her statement.

The nature of the conflict in mandate Palestine is such that anyone with an opinion on it is tarred with a label, one that will stick for years. If one favors the Palestinians one is labelled as a 'Jew-hater', a 'supporter of rapists' ([a story that has been thoroughly debunked](#)), a 'lover of terrorists' and so on. If one issues a statement in favour of Israel one is labelled 'Islamophobic', a 'genocide supporter' and so on. There is no nuance. The matter is seen to be in terms of black and white. Either way, one gets pilloried in the court of public opinion. It should be noted, though, that [armed resistance against occupying forces is allowed in international law](#). That is the reality of the Palestinian resistance, prosecuted by Hamas on October 7<sup>th</sup>. It is how the US was founded, after all. So, a question arises.

**Another American interregnum:** What happens to politics and religion in the US when the Zionist project finally meets its demise? Washington wants to wrap up Gaza and Ukraine, and before the election, so it can focus on China. But Biden needs to be able to parade some sort of 'victory' before the American people in both conflicts to have any chance of re-election. That would mean Israeli capitulation, untenable to Israelis, as we have just seen. The donor class for presidents and Congress would not be happy with it, either. Neither would the military-industrial complex. The folks in the DC think tanks would have about as much success with China as they have with Ukraine and West Asia, too – a lot of money spent for no geopolitical gain. The American people are already asking some pointed questions about where all that money has gone. And what about all the Christian Zionists who have been hanging out for their 'Rapture'? What if millions of ex-Zionists come back to the US and do not convert to Christianity? And America, along with Europe, is having its eyes blackened across the Global South and in Europe because of Ukraine and Israel. As Israel and Ukraine go, so goes the West in terms of its influence and dominance. [From another article by Alastair Crooke](#), speaking of the divide and referring back to Pinkas' article, linked above:

“[From Pinkas regarding Israel]...the divide is real, widening and becoming unbridgeable. The political, cultural and economic gaps and rifts are growing, accompanied by toxic vitriol that masquerades as political discourse. Even the most fundamental common narrative, the Declaration of Independence, is now being questioned with some of its basic tenets and guiding principles a source of political contention”.

[From Crooke] He is referring to Israel, but the same is true in the U.S., where the basic tenets and guiding principles of the Constitution (i.e. free speech) are a source of political contention. He talks also of the Right's claim that Tel Aviv 'is a bubble', but adds: “As for the bubble claim, they're right – but New York is a bubble [as is Washington], Paris and London are bubbles” – geographical, as well as ideological bubbles. Yet Pinkas does not 'get' the paradox he creates: Is not that the core of the problem? The 'Techie-obsessed' Metro-Élites of America versus the Rest (i.e. 'flyover America')? The bubbles are the problem, not something to be brushed aside.”

I observed this divide first-hand in my trip to the US. There is no dialog, only posturing or even worse, no dialog at all. And therein is the basis for the next American interregnum. Then there is the little matter of Ukraine.

**Ukraine update:** As stated in the bullet point under ‘Current events’ Ukraine is facing the collapse of its military now. The [Russians are making incursions in the north in the direction of Kharkov to establish a cordon sanitaire](#) against Ukrainian attacks on civilians in Belgorod. The Russians are also hitting the power generating stations in Ukraine in response to Ukrainian attacks on Russia’s energy infrastructure. [Ukraine exported electricity to Europe less than a month ago. Now it has to import electricity.](#) The Ukrainians [cannot muster the manpower](#) to mount a proper defense, the [weapons supplies are quickly drying up](#), with nation after nation now refusing to send any more weapons to Ukraine and with internal dissent and [opposition growing against the regime in Kiev](#). The blame game has started in earnest, with [Zelenskyy in a recent interview for the ABC blaming the entire world](#) for Ukraine’s failure. Of course, that failure would not have anything to do with Ukraine’s problems with corruption, the [failure of NATO to plan for a long war](#) and its [lack of industrial capacity](#), and with no one in Western leadership having bothered to study Russia’s history or capacities, apparently. They also [failed to study the mistakes made by Germany against Russia in WWII](#), some of those same mistakes having been made since the start of the SMO. [American and British military pundits on the whole completely misread Russia](#) and instead peddle in fog of war, which is meant to prop up their own sense of empire and their arms industries.

Then, there is the fact that the US is progressively abandoning Ukraine. It is a bad look for the election, US efforts there being seen as a failure. As it stands, [the US will walk away and leave the whole mess in Ukraine to the Europeans](#) (including the British), saying it is a European matter – this, despite the fact that Washington cajoled the Europeans to join all-in on the war. The NATO proxy war against Russia, devoid of context in the West, will end on the battlefield with the surrender of the Kiev regime. Ukraine has been neither free nor independent, at least since 2014. [The Western powers, headed by the US, have been openly meddling in Ukraine](#) since the Maidan coup, usurping its independence and freedom, as well as pressing it to send its youth to war against Russia. And since a couple of days ago it is arguable as to whether or not Zelenskyy and the Kiev regime is still legitimate, since his term as President ended on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month, with elections having been suspended under martial law. But there is a war on...

[In a recent interview Zelenskyy acknowledged the facts:](#) Ukraine (meaning the present government, though he means the nation) would not survive without American help. Stoltenberg has alluded to the fact that [Ukraine will be left high and dry by the West if it does not prevail](#) in the NATO proxy war against Russia:

“The first thing I will say is that first of all, you need to ensure that Ukraine prevails. Because unless Ukraine prevails, there’s nothing to reconstruct in the free and independent Ukraine.”

Also in that message is the call for all NATO members to increase their defence spending. It is the very thing the peoples of the West, [save for a few, neither need nor desire](#). And at the same time, unreported, [major dissensions among NATO members are reported](#), with vicious arguing between members as to the causes, how they got there and how to get out of it. But the Western elites, living in their think tank world, see no other way forward than to double down. So, the war will finish in Ukraine on the battlefield – unless perhaps saner heads in the West step forward and recognize what the [Russians were actually presenting as a security treaty in December of 2021](#) (translate from Russian), overruling the more hawkish elements in their governments. There are serious doubts the leadership of the US or UK will allow it. No, only an ignoble defeat of their plans for Russia will bring reality home. Even then, defeat like we saw in Vietnam and are witnessing in West Asia will be met with denial, with attempts at spinning the losses as some kind of ‘victory’, and they will try to continue their attempts at destabilizing the regions around Russia, to ‘bleed’ Russia. It is apparent to the nations outside the West – the nations claiming their freedom and sovereignty – the West is on a losing streak and it is better to hitch their carts to the BRICS+ train. [The American public wants a negotiated settlement to the war in Ukraine.](#)

**Rockin' in the free world:** Blinken was just in Kiev on a sudden visit. Such sudden visits often presage major events in the nation so blessed with the visit, irony noted. The Russians are making very quick gains in the north in the direction of Kharkov, Ukraine's 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest city. The Ukrainian military is showing signs of collapse. Something has to be done. Zelenskyy was probably told by Blinken he has to hold on until the November election in the US, or to 'make other arrangements'. A catastrophic collapse of Ukraine has to be avoided prior to the election. It would be a bad look for Biden. This is no joke. American politics and campaigning is hard at work in Ukraine and Israel now, with pressures on both nations to show some sort – any sort – of a victory in order that Biden can claim success – mission accomplished. As if to cap off his visit to Kiev on an inspirational note, Blinken took to the stage (Is not all politics but a stage performance?) and belted out his rendition of Neil Young's, "[Rockin' in the free world](#)." I doubt Neil Young would approve.

It is apparent Blinken does not see the irony in his performance, as [the song is actually an anti-war song](#) and a commentary on life in America and American leadership – "We got a kinder, gentler machine gun hand." It was written in the Bush Sr. era. [Ukraine is being rocked instead](#). That said, we keep on rockin' in the free world here in the West, nonetheless, while Ukrainians die. But the West is not so 'free' any longer. Irony abounds these days when it comes to contrasting views on Western exceptionalism, [the views being dependent upon one's background](#). In fact there is a growing view in the world majority that the West no longer represents freedom and democracy. [The West is not 'the World'](#), after all.

**The China-Russia summit:** Putin's trip to China, together with a very large contingent of Russian government officials and industry leaders, has come and gone. They issued [an 8,000 word statement](#) (machine translate from Mandarin) at the end of the summit outlining their plans, probably for the years ahead. [There is a long twitter thread that gives the meat of the statement](#). No doubt, it will cause a very strong reaction in the Western halls of power, because it fully consolidates the strategic partnership between the two nations as well as strengthening the core of the BRICS group. We have the following excerpt from their statement which gives the essence of their efforts going forward:

"...the great changes in the world have accelerated their [multipolar] evolution, the status and strength of emerging powers in the "global South" countries and regions have continued to increase, and the world's multipolarization has accelerated. These objective factors have accelerated the redistribution of development potential, resources, opportunities, etc., developed in a direction conducive to emerging markets and developing countries, and **promoted the democratization of international relations and international fairness and justice**. Countries that embrace hegemonism and power politics run counter to this, attempting to replace and subvert the recognized international order based on international law with a "rules-based order". The two sides emphasized that the concept of building a community of human destiny and a series of global initiatives proposed by China are of great positive significance.

As an independent force in the process of establishing a multipolar world, China and Russia will fully tap the potential of their relations, promote the realization of an equal and orderly multipolar world and the democratization of international relations, and gather strength to build a fair and reasonable multipolar world.

The two sides believe that **all countries have the right to independently choose their development models and political, economic, and social systems in accordance with their national conditions and the will of the people, oppose interference in the internal affairs of sovereign countries, oppose unilateral sanctions and "long-arm jurisdiction"** that have no basis in international law and are not authorized by the Security Council, and oppose ideological lines. The two sides pointed out that neocolonialism and hegemonism are completely contrary to the trend of today's era, and called for equal dialogue, the development of partnership, and the promotion of civilized exchanges and mutual learning."

The bolded text is the most important for our considerations here. Is this not what was described and [called for in the world going forward into the Aquarian age?](#) (excerpted from pp. 200, 639 and



640 of A.A. Bailey's *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*) What we see here is a start and acceleration of the multipolar order and the evolution of economic blocs based upon mutual trust and similar cultures. Russia's destiny (soul path) lies primarily in the East,<sup>15</sup> and in that we see the soul of Russia beginning to show more strongly. It is also notable that the sanctions imposed upon Russia at the outbreak of the present war in Ukraine were the major cause of Russia's turn to the East and development both of its eastern regions and its relations with East Asia, especially China. Although the bulk of Russia's population is European, it is a Eurasian nation and as such links the East and the West, hence its soul motto, "I link two ways." That is supported by the astrological relations between the two nations as well, mentioned previously.

While I was in the US these past weeks I was questioned by a relative if I am pro-Russian. My answer was I am pro any nation that raises the lot of its people (fulfilling its soul path) according to [Roosevelt's Four Freedoms](#), which Russia and China are both on their way to fulfilling, despite how they are portrayed in the West. The two fundamental freedoms that must be fulfilled before the other two are really possible are freedom from want and freedom from fear. Freedom of speech and freedom to worship according to one's conscience follow on from the previous two once a nation is established. It is clear that once one begins to investigate any nation with an open mind, much of what we hear about said nation (if they do not adhere to the wishes of the Western powers) is negative and false. Nowhere is this more evident than with Russia, Iran and China. It will be a long time before the West has any meaningful dialog with those nations, given our current leadership. And we can include the BRICS+ nations in that lot as well, Iran especially. That said, how many times in recent memory have we heard *any* positive comments in our Western media regarding the aforementioned nations and their leaders, and why not? They are questions worth answering for ourselves, especially with the rapid pace of change we are seeing with evolving events. For those readers who disagree with my statements in this topic, all can say is to investigate nations from media across the board and as much as possible with a mind free of bias, attachment and anger.

**In conclusion:** What we have seen since the last full moon are what amount to a series of geopolitical earthquakes. We have looked at turning points in the geopolitical landscape and past letters, but now those turning points are finally begun to precipitate. It is beholden to anyone of influence to understand what is going on, why, the causes leading to them and where they might lead. What we need at this juncture more than anything is an enlightened dialogue between warring parties, which at present refuse to talk to each other. This makes for a precipitous moment in the history of this century so far. The old saying that desperate times call for desperate measures is especially true, given everything that we have just examined. Please do take the time to set aside emotions, old sentiments for and against, and realize that what is happening is in timing with the cycles, yet still needs a proper understanding if we are to move forward into opportunity instead of falling into a further state of decline. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Anglo-American world. The age of empire is passed, while the age of competition is likewise in decline. Instead, we see the rise of Aquarian values such as cooperation, building mutual trust, and so on – all for one and one for all. The security of the Asian nations is set on a course toward stability and prosperity. The same can be true across the entire world. We only need to let go of the past, how to see things in the cold light of day and to seize upon the opportunities presented. The world no longer accepts the old axiom, "my way or the highway." Instead, all roads lead us into the promise of the Aquarian age, an age where the will-to-good will predominate, while the old antagonisms of the past fade to dust. May your opportunities be plentiful and abundant. And above all may we all make the effort to see the good, the soul in all events. We are all meant to be stations of light in a troubled world.

Goodwill blessings,

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<sup>1</sup> The first sentence of the Preamble to UNESCO's Constitution. Also [alleged to be a sermon by the Buddha](#)..

<sup>2</sup> Bailey, Alice A. *Esoteric Astrology* (1951), New York, NY, Lucis Publishing, p. 346

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, p. 68

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, p. 347

<sup>5</sup> Op cit

<sup>6</sup> Bailey, *Problems of Humanity*, p. 164

<sup>7</sup> Op cit

<sup>8</sup> Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 352

<sup>9</sup> Ibid, p. 388

<sup>10</sup> Ibid, 399

<sup>11</sup> Op cit

<sup>12</sup> Ibid, p. 484

<sup>13</sup> Ebertin, Reinhold, *The Combination of Stellar Influences*, (1972) Tempe, AZ, pubs. The American Federation of Astrologers, p. 172

<sup>14</sup> Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 352

<sup>15</sup> Bailey, *The Destiny of the Nations*, p. 85