

# THE CANCER SOLAR FESTIVAL 2024, PT. 2 “THE MONTH THE WORLD CHANGED”

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“There are decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks where decades happen.”<sup>1</sup>

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Greetings again, Everyone!

**Prefacing remarks:** Following on from the letter for the Cancerian Festival this year,<sup>2</sup> and using that as a reference to the events listed after that full moon, we enter into a fuller examination of what has transpired since the Gemini solar festival. It has become clear, looking at all those events that the security architecture in international relations has fundamentally changed. Hence, we have the subtitle for this posting. The reasons for suggesting that title, above, will become clear as we go along here. The interval this year starting with the Aries solar festival has been profoundly precipitous of events coming from subjective causes. Those causes have originated as a result of the collective invocation by humanity for an end to war, for care of the common people, and for cooperation between nations instead of hegemony and belligerence. At the same time a great evil, which has been allowed to grow and flourish since the end of World War II, is being finally pushed into its proper place, when the so-called ‘door where evil dwells’ will finally be closed, sometime in the near future. The fact that the world has fundamentally changed is not at all apparent in what we hear in our Western news reporting, and people are currently quite distracted by the political circus

as it is unfolding. Indeed, the change that has taken place is not at all acknowledged. Yet, people across the world sense it and welcome it.

Personally, I sense a great optimism for humanity going forward. Perhaps you will see why as we go along with our parsing of recent events. I also preface what is to follow with a statement of my own beliefs. I have been accused of being anti-Western and pro-Russian by a few readers. I will simply say I am a Westerner, having been born into a progressive Christian background with liberal parents – liberal in the true sense of the word, as in live-and-let-live. I was raised in the heyday of the US post-WWII era, when the US was the world leader in so many areas, notwithstanding the means by which the US became so wealthy, enabling it to become the society in which I grew up. Those means will be outlined below, and we have examined many facets of those means in past letters. I have no truck with the people of the West, being one myself, and I love what is good and right about the West. Sadly, decisions were made in the '60s and '70s in the halls of the Western powers that took us off course and which have steadily worsened the lot of the average citizen of the West. I have lived long enough and in enough places to have watched it all unfold in 'real time'. My criticisms are of factions of the Western leaderships, the ones who actually pull the strings of power in every government, not with the general populace of the West. The people of the West are basically sound and good, albeit at the moment badly misinformed, to be polite about it.

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With these points in mind, we move into our consideration of the events that were listed after our look at the full moon from the last letter. The sun is rising on a new world. There are several main events that indicate the world has changed considerably in the Gemini-to-Cancer period:

- The elections to the EU Parliament, which showed the dissatisfaction of the Western European citizens with their leadership. This will be covered more fully in the Cancer blue moon letter in a couple of weeks.
- The Russian summits in North Korea and Vietnam, North Korea especially.
- The debate between Trump and Biden, wherein the American public at large was suddenly jolted awake to the fact (which many of us already knew) that the President does not actually govern the country. This will be covered more fully in the next letter, too, but background will be given here. Trump didn't run the country either, just so you know. The President is supposed to be the Chief Executive.

**I want to be elected!:** At last we come to an expanded look at the main topics from the previous letter. People 'of a certain age' will remember [the 1972 song by Alice Cooper parodying that year's presidential election](#) ([There is a live version from 2016.](#)). Nixon won that one. In the last US presidential election (2020), if you remember, there was heated debate about who should win, the direction in which the country was headed, the economy and so forth. It is always thus in US elections. That was nothing new, but danger signs were appearing, with Trump having ramped up the arms being shipped to Ukraine, the Abraham Accords, moving the American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and so on.

Some people saw the 2020 American election as a fight of good against evil, Biden being the 'good guy' and Trump being the 'orange menace'. At the time I was sent an email from a group that was calling for meditation on the outcome of the election and the soul of the nation, meaning the US, whereupon I answered and made the statement that the election was already decided. I got an immediate response. "No, the election is *not* decided!" But in fact, it was. My statement at the time had nothing to do with voting machines, Trump, or any other personalities. The group at large in question was hoping for a Biden victory. Biden's ensuing win was a case of 'Be careful what you wish for. You might get it!' In what follows the reasons for my statement at the time will become clearer. It goes to this point, primarily: Presidents come and go but policy remains the same. Here's why:

Almost since its founding, America (meaning the leadership in Washington and the main financial interests) has had a colonialist and imperialistic foreign policy, which applied first to its domestic

expansion. The Machiavellian tendency of Washington, [as explained in past letters](#) (Topic: “Saturn and the US”), has been in evidence since the nation’s founding. Once the borders of the continental US were established that imperialistic policy turned outward. At the end of the last world war, the United States found itself in a unique and enviable position, having [control over 50% of the world’s GDP](#). Then came the Cold War and the growth of the military-industrial-intelligence complex, what Ray McGovern has recently dubbed and which has become the MICIMATT. The founding fathers of the US [warned against adventurism abroad](#), against a standing army, because they saw what had happened in Europe over the past centuries, and they wanted to avoid that for the fledgling American democracy. Avoidance of adventurism abroad all came undone in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. America established itself as an Empire. In his farewell speech to the nation, Dwight Eisenhower warned against the development of the rapidly evolving military industrial complex and the costs it would place on the nation. His speech was summarily ignored. James Madison, one of the founding fathers of the US, had this to say about war:

“Of all the enemies to public liberty war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded, because it comprises and develops the germ of every other. War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes; and armies, and debts, and taxes are the known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few. In war, too, the discretionary power of the Executive is extended; its influence in dealing out offices, honors, and emoluments is multiplied; and all the means of seducing the minds, are added to those of subduing the force, of the people. The same malignant aspect in republicanism may be traced in the inequality of fortunes, and the opportunities of fraud, growing out of a state of war, and in the degeneracy of manners and of morals engendered by both. **No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.**”<sup>3</sup>

**The war machine:** Bolding added, above. Consider the following: [Upwards of 20% of spending by the US Government](#) goes to direct defense spending (13%) and veterans’ benefits and services (5%). In total that spending is either directly involved in or associated with the defense industries, ‘defense’ having become an oxymoron. To put that in context, [the next-biggest spender on defense is China](#), which spends half as much of its GDP on defense as does the US. But there is another measure. 37% of the world’s defense spending is by the United States, with China representing 12%, and Russia at third place with 4.5% of the world total – and Russia is in a war economy because of Ukraine. [The American war machine is more powerful than ever when it comes to American politics](#), and that means spending. But the United States faces no military threats at its borders, unless one wants to include the Mexican drug cartels and those crafty Canucks to the north. I jest with the latter, as we face no threat from Canadians. They are actually very nice and polite people.

Jokes aside, consider that every naval vessel produced by the US, every fighter plane, helicopter, just about every piece of military equipment – none of it is manufactured just in one spot. Especially for the larger items – planes, ships, tanks, all kinds of vehicles – the parts for each of those are manufactured in all the various 50 states, those parts then being shipped to the central location whereupon they are assembled. This is by design, so that all 50 states agree on the need for such industries. Every member of Congress relies on the support of said industries for the re-election, too, because they represent American jobs. I was even involved in the manufacture of parts for the US military when I worked as a welder and metal fabricator, so many years ago. That was before my own Road to Damascus realizations about the machinations of our government in the US.

Now, consider what would happen if, all of a sudden, peace broke out and there was no need for such equipment, or at least not nearly in the quantities that are supposedly needed at the moment. Millions of Americans would immediately find themselves out of work, with no other industrial base to speak of or which to turn. Does a picture begin to emerge? At every American election the refrain from the candidates is the same – Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!! [Mitch McConnell recently stated out loud](#) the very reason why Washington keeps doubling down on its support for Ukraine, for instance, and why [they now want to send all sorts of weapons to Taiwan](#) and Israel, and are [sending troops](#)

[and equipment to Syria](#), as well as getting out the war drums for the Sahel in Africa. Regarding sending another \$25 billion in ‘aid’ for Ukraine at the time, McConnell had this to say:

“People think, increasingly it appears, that we shouldn’t be doing this. Well, let me start by saying **we haven’t lost a single American in this war**,” McConnell said. **“Most of the money that we spend related to Ukraine is actually spent in the US**, replenishing weapons, more modern weapons. **So it’s actually employing people here** and improving our own military for what may lie ahead.”

Whether or not it actually improves our military is a point being hotly argued among military professionals these days, but we will not touch on that here. The bolded bits in the quote above are the important ones. As to the first one, that’s not actually true. In fact, “We haven’t lost a single American,” *that has been reported*, if you want to know the truth. [There have been a number of American mercenaries, advisors and even a few generals killed in Ukraine](#). The media just stayed silent on the matter. If people knew that, the sentiments of the US may change rapidly regarding our support for Ukraine. But the last two bolded points are the most important regarding US politics. The money that has supposedly been earmarked for Ukraine is actually mostly spent in the US in the defense industries. And McConnell drives home the point as to why the aid to Ukraine is so important – because without Congressional support for those industries, [members of Congress would lose their campaign funding](#) and support and wouldn’t be re-elected. He, for one, would not have been able to make [his millions](#) during his tenure in Congress. Neither would Nancy Pelosi, as well as now majority of members of Congress. [Such matters are open secrets](#) these days.

**Business is booming** at present in the US, [at least in the defense industries](#), and it was recently announced that [they had doubled the production of the 155 mm shells](#) needed for Ukrainian defense. [War is a racket](#), and [business is good](#) (vid), except for the poor souls who suffer from the results of it. What we have with the preceding points is a recipe for endless war, [the very thing the founding fathers warned against. And it is bankrupting everything in the US](#) – the Treasury, our morals, our society, our leaders, our image abroad, even our strength – in the very way Madison described in his quote above. The point to any conflict now involving the Western powers is not to find a lasting peace, but to keep the wheels of the defense industries humming – endless war. And I say Western powers here because the US is the primary supplier of weapons and systems of war to those same Western powers, meaning NATO.

Almost any politician who says he or she will end wars and bring peace, especially through ‘strength’, is trying to sell you a bridge in the Sahara Desert. So, we have a bit of background to start our look at what is likely to happen over this summer and then in November, with Biden supporting and arming both wars, Trump saying he will end them (‘peace through strength’), [both men being inveterate liars](#) and fully in support of Ukraine and Israel. Then there is RFK Jr, who does not seem to have a clue about foreign policy as Washington seems to view it and apparently having been so compromised that his undying support for the genocide being perpetrated against the Palestinians being all but ensured. [He appears to be his own worst enemy when it comes to self-promotion](#). We will have a closer look at these men in the next letter.

**The Great Debate?:** For anyone who watched the anticipated presidential debate between Biden and Trump on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup>, you have my sympathy. Most Americans watched the debate (the ones who did) in dismay. [It was 90 minutes that shook the liberals awake](#). It was quite a spectacle, and not in a good way. Reality came down to the American people with a hard, but not unexpected thump, Biden’s decline being clearly evident. The result of the debate begs the question: [Who is running the country?](#) Insiders relate a disturbing scenario. [Col. McGregor laid out the situation clearly](#), especially with regard to what we examined here at the start of this letter. The US is no longer a democracy and it is being run by special interests and unelected officials. Most comments in social media went along the lines of how Biden must be replaced now. [As an ex-official of the White House just told us](#), that is not such an easy matter and [the Democrats may have lost their chance to do so](#).

There was immediate speculation about why the debate was held two months early, before the Democratic National Convention in August. Prime among the speculation was that the debate was a setup to oust Biden before the convention. This opinion was held largely among conservative voters. [On the Democrat side, Biden was given every chance](#), the thinking being it was better to do the debate now while there was still some nouse with Biden, with Biden loyalists pushing Biden to the debate, thinking it would all be water under the bridge by November. That would appear to be a poorly conceived idea. [If it was a plan by Democrat insiders to oust Biden, it failed](#). He is still in the race. But if in politics it is not worth looking past the next fortnight, then it is useless to speculate at this point about November. Both men are old and not at their best mentally, nor are they in the best of health, and that brings us to yet another factor – [Biden's health might fail him](#). His astrology shows a possible major health crisis starting in July, worse than now. That crisis has been building since the latter part of 2023, and was outlined in Sy Hersh's article, linked, about [who is running the country \(?\)](#). [The 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment may come into play](#), or we may suddenly hear he has resigned. At the moment the latter seems to be moot.

As a personal anecdote related to dementia, I watched both my own father and my father-in-law decline with dementia, and from what I saw of the debate after the fact, Joe Biden is in an advanced state of decline. It was painful (bringing back personal memories) [watching Jill lead him off the stage](#) after the debate, and then [speak to Joe after as if he was a five-year-old child](#). I watched my wife do those sorts of things with my father-in-law. It is sad and sweet at the same time, as many of you no doubt have experienced. But what I saw from the debate amounted to elder-abuse. The White House is no country for old men. In my own opinion, Joe needs to be taken home and cared for the rest of his days. It was a bad idea to put him on the debate stage against Trump. No matter how much the Democrats try to spin the result, Biden fared poorly in the debate, as expected. With the above points laid out, we leave US politics in the main for this letter, to be continued more pointedly in the next letter. Moving on to matters international, we start with another set of elections and the reactions those elections evoked.

**The EU Parliamentary elections:** The 2024 EU Parliamentary elections were a bellwether for Europe, primarily the EU. They were much more, though. They represented a fundamental shift in the public's attitude toward the EU as a bloc, and a turn away from the centrist technocratic model of governance that marks the EU. And those elections were not just a bellwether for Europe, but for the West in general. The Washington Post is already sounding the dirge that [far-right 'illiberal politics' is here to stay](#). I wouldn't be so sure, but we will save that thought for the next letter. The elections sent a shockwave through the technocratic leadership in Europe and put them on notice. The three major powers in Europe, excluding Russia, reacted immediately, with Macron resigning on the spot and dissolving parliament, calling for a snap election (which he lost). Germany fared no better, with the greens and the CDU parties losing badly. Scholz, the German prime minister, is now under very intense pressure and may be forced to resign. Just prior to the elections, Rishi Sunak announced his resignation in a sign of things to come. So, the leadership in the UK, France and Germany have all been put on notice, that the public in those countries no longer accepts the sort of leadership they have seen in this century. The UK elections are on American Independence Day, July 4. That election will be quite telling in terms of the winds of electoral fortunes. The parties that did well in the EU elections were right-wing parties, like the AfD in Germany, along with Le Pen's party in France and Jean Luc Melanchon's socialist party, also in France. Italy's right wing government did very well in the EU elections, as was expected. There are several things to note regarding these elections.

Firstly, the parties that fared well in the EU elections have been branded far-right. This is a misnomer and is actually establishment spin in an effort to limit the fortunes of the right wing parties. What those parties are instead, are nationalist right-leaning parties, as recently described by Alastair Crooke. In a recent interview he outlined what has happened and why. The quote is long, but what he stated is central to what we will see across the West in the intervening years:

“I’ve spoken for some time about the fact that we are in a sort of Silent Revolution and a Silent Cultural War and this has been gathering for some time. And of course in Europe amongst the elites this huge disappointment that the long Arc of History which suggested it was bending towards what they call liberalism, has actually met this poll result. And this is the counterrevolution, because we keep hearing the words across all of the mainstream media, ‘the shift to the hard right’. It’s not a shift to the hard right. Liberalism, so called, turned illiberal and it has just been posing as liberalism, hijacking its language. Liberalism really turned in the 60s and 70s. This was a time when people spoke about the limits of growth and the Rockefellers, the Rome Treaty – all of this was suggesting that only the oligarchs and the technical elites could better manage this resource limitation and that technocracy was the future. It was paradigm change – control, lockdown, climate emergency. And of course out of this came this sort of neoliberal paradigm. Actually, it meant that instead of the economy – humans being integral into a community – actually it became the economic markets. The markets that only technicians could understand became dominant and the humans had to fit themselves around, if you like, those markets. This goes against the whole history of economics, where economics was always supposed to be embraced within a community, not severed and separated, where politics is quite separate to economics. In fact politics almost disappeared.

You had Blair saying, “Well, there is no more politics anymore because all we need to do is have the right technicians at the cabinet table and so we don’t need have politics anymore. It’s just a technical matter to be sorted out.” But the consequence of that is that social bonds have been diminished. Community has dissolved. All these solid things in life have just turned out to be a whim of identity more than anything else and this new liberalism that poses as liberalism while being very illiberal has no metaphysical element. So, faith, family, love of your home soil – all those things have been reduced, attenuated. Enduring values such as self-sacrificial love for your family or for your state or your country, all these values have been diminished. So really, in Europe Europeans are feeling unfulfilled, feel they don’t count, that they don’t somehow belong anymore, that there’s no existential meaning or purpose to their being. And that’s what we saw in these elections. I have put it in a very broad picture but that’s what’s going on, playing out. Of course it’s going to take some time. It won’t be this election, won’t set. The other forces in society in Europe have been pushing towards the sort of illiberal paradigm since the 60s and 70s, as I say, with the Trilateral Commission, with the Rockefeller Foundation, Ford Foundation. And now this is the push back. It has started but it’ll take a few years. We’ll see what happens in France, but it probably won’t be till after three years when the presidential election takes place, unless he decides to go for a presidential election together with a national parliamentary election...”

The European election results were about this, specifically, as recently expressed by George Galloway to one of the guests on his show [Have It Out With Galloway](#). My experience growing up in the United States echoed his. In his view, the elections for the EU Parliament represent the death of centrism:

“It is the death of the pretence that by putting on the frilly clothes of liberalism you can blind the people to their economic reality, that by fixating on the issues of women and men or that men can become women, that by fixating on identity politics right across the board, you can keep the people’s eye off the fact they can no longer put bread on the table. They can no longer afford to live, can’t find a decent place to live, can’t afford it if they find it, can’t find a proper job paying proper wages. Brother, when I was as young as some of the people I see on this wall right now, a man, a father could earn enough from his job that the mother could stay at home and bring up the children. And the council had enough money to fill a municipal swimming pool, community centres, play facilities, the public realm, youth facilities. That’s the way it used to be. Now, the man and wife have got to work. One or maybe both of them are working two jobs. The kids are bringing up themselves. The councils have no money, can produce no facilities and they wonder why young people are struggling to stay on the right path.”

People’s economic realities decide elections, if not immediately, then over time, or ‘democracy’ devolves into revolution. In a way, the EU Parliamentary elections represent the EU’s collective ‘Let them eat cake’ moment, as explained next. That applies to the US as well.

**I want to be appointed!:** [The periphery folds; the center holds](#). No sooner had the parliamentary election results come in then moves were afoot to counter the voice of the masses by circling the wagons as a rampart for the Brussels technocratic machine. The elites in Brussels were not concerned about the Parliament. The Parliament is only a sounding board and has no real power within the EU.

What they fear is the growing voice of the masses, which is what the vote sounded out to them. The EU Commission decides policy. As soon as the G7 meeting ([rather insignificant as it was](#)) was finished the leadership of the EU was herded into a closed door meeting to decide who would be appointed to lead the Commission. [Von der Leyen looks set to be returned as EU leader](#). First to be approved outright was the current Estonian PM Kaja Kallas, who was appointed EU Foreign Minister. [She is one of the most Russophobic politicians in the world. She also likes big weapons and is thoroughly delusional](#) (read the comments). That appointment alone tells us that the Russians will not be speaking to anyone in Brussels. Further, her appointment will delight Washington, who would like to see the war in Ukraine continue as long as possible. Kallas' view is that Russia should be broken up as spoils of war once Ukraine is victorious in the valiant struggle against the unprovoked and brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine, so the narrative drones on.

So, to the elitist mindset in the West the war with Russia could go on for years. In that vein those same elites are sounding the alarm for Russia to move westward and threaten Western Europe militarily. Hence, [countries across the EU are calling for compulsory military conscription. The US House just passed a bill that automatically registers men aged 18 – 26 for the draft](#) – without the men's knowledge. We might question what our leaders have in mind. Stoking the fear of war in Europe is a scam, too, which only keeps the war machines churning. It has always been thus in the West: When economies go bad and politicians are looking down the barrel of political obscurity, [there is always the march to war](#). Speaking of war machines, we turn next to Israel-Palestine.

**Palestine update:** Keep in mind as we parse this wider topic and its sub-topics the idea that the entire legitimacy of the Israeli state has been called into question since October 7<sup>th</sup>. Are we talking about the 1948 borders/state, or the 1967 borders? The subject has been [recently broached by Norman Finkelstein. Israel is in a bad way, facing defeat](#), even suicide-by-Hezbollah. [We are witnessing the beginnings of the downfall of Zionism](#). This has been noted by Ilan Pappé in a recent article, notable by six indicators – the fracturing of Israeli society, Israel's economic crisis, Israel's growing international isolation, the sea change among young Jews around the world, the weakness of the Israeli army and the renewal of energy among younger generations of Palestinians:

“...Today, ‘peace’ must be replaced with decolonization, and Palestinians must be able to articulate their vision for the region, with Israelis asked to react. This would mark the first time, at least for many decades, that the Palestinian movement would take the lead in setting out its proposals for a post-colonial and non-Zionist Palestine (or whatever the new entity will be called).”

Israel depends upon peace – a peace which it has imposed upon Palestinians – and prosperity to survive as a nation, and it will have neither so long as the Zionists are in charge. That prosperity is a façade and has come at the cost of its Arab neighbors, [as recently outlined by Col. Lawrence Wilkerson](#), which was by the means of the theft of cheap and subsidized oil at the point of a gun by means of American and NATO firepower.

[Israel is a European settler project, propped up by the United States](#) and the UK, which was spearheaded by a combination of Christian evangelicals, imperialists and Jewish intellectuals. The present state coalesced around the idea by prominent British aristocratic Jews (Rothschilds, for instance) and some British politicians that it was better to set up the Palestinian mandate than to allow a large influx of Eastern European Jews into the UK. As cynical, false or fantastic as that might sound, it has been thoroughly outlined in impeccable research by Ilan Pappé in his recent book, [Lobbying for Zionism On Both Sides of the Atlantic](#). Pappé is an Israeli historian, political scientist and ex-politician. What he outlines gave rise to powerful Zionist lobbies in the US and UK that made certain the project took hold. And as an example, even today most members of [Congress have an ‘AIPAC Guy’ \(full interview\)](#) who ‘shepherds’ them through policy decisions. The largest single group of Israeli Jews is from Eastern European background. Many of Israel's citizens hold dual citizenship. Israeli Jews from the USSR are a key reason as to why the Russians have remained largely on the sidelines regarding Gaza.

Given October 7<sup>th</sup>, Israel will never again have the deterrent effect it had up until October. Therefore, the Israeli society will always feel insecure at best, and face periodic uprisings at the worst. It has ruined its reputation worldwide, and now it faces a [UNSC resolution by the United States, and passed, demanding a ceasefire](#). Ignoring that order puts the political situation in both the US and in Israel in a bind. If the Israelis do not abide by it and soon, the Biden administration will be forced to place restrictions on Israel. There appears to be no political will to do so in the US. So the fighting continues, with Israel now contemplating going up against Hezbollah, which is against everyone's better judgement. [Israel's army is facing collapse](#) as it is, without going up against Hezbollah. But it shows the desperation of the Israeli leadership..

**The ceasefire plan:** We start with the ceasefire plan put forward by Washington as what they think is the best deal for a ceasefire and end to the conflict. Israel has a history of breaking ceasefires. [The plan put forward is a very convoluted affair](#) (first minutes of the video) and actually means nothing. It may seem like the best plan in the eyes of the Western powers, but in the Palestinian view it is wholly unacceptable. The plan was said actually to be by Netanyahu – [a most clever and demonic one, according to one analyst](#) – that would make Netanyahu out to be a moderate instead of a war criminal and hardliner, if accepted. That was probably Washington's hope. It was meant to rehabilitate Bibi's political future. If Hamas were somehow to accept such a proposal Netanyahu would be seen as a peacemaker in the eyes of the West and a pragmatist. His hopes were to be dashed, and largely by himself. On the same day the plan was floated, he said the war in Gaza would continue until Hamas was destroyed. [Why? – because he knows full well Hamas will accept nothing short of a complete cessation of hostilities](#) (instead of a ceasefire) and the complete withdrawal of all Israeli troops from the entirety of Gaza. It turns out the plan for the ceasefire really came from the US. Netanyahu also faces the collapse of his coalition if he accepts any deal with Hamas, and thereby would face prosecution for past crimes and possible jail time – political ruin, in other words. His ego is too big to allow such a turn of events. But this plan and its rejection signals other more pressing issues. And of course, the rejection is being blamed on Hamas. What Netanyahu may or may not know is that Israeli society and the West are being played like the proverbial violin as Israel begins to burn – not by Netanyahu himself, but by the leader of Hamas, [Yahya Sinwar](#).

**Sinwar:** When one looks at Sinwar objectively, setting aside sentiments and opinions, he is quite a remarkable, if very hard character. In a way, the Israelis created him, or at least drew out the side of him they now fear and grudgingly respect. They and the Western powers see him as a terrorist. To the wider world he is the leader of the resistance in Gaza. He spent years in Israeli prisons, where he was tortured on multiple occasions. However, instead of breaking his will, the incarceration and torture only served to harden him and further awaken his will. He studied Hebrew in prison and speaks it fluently. He spent the time there reading Israeli newspapers and studying Jewish/Zionist culture. In short, he knows the Israelis perhaps better than they know themselves, and it is showing, in that none of the Israeli objectives in Gaza have been achieved, save for one – rendering Gaza to be uninhabitable. He found the Israeli Achilles heel and is using it against them.

We won't go into any analysis of his chart here, but for those readers interested, Sinwar has the Sun and Moon in Scorpio – the sign of the victorious warrior<sup>4</sup> – with the Sun at the apex of a t-square with Mars and Saturn as the base opposition, with Mars at the north node and Saturn at the south node ([noon chart, birth time unknown](#)). It is a combination of factors that [has given Sinwar an impossible resolve](#). And his reason for leading the Palestinians into this apocalyptic conflict was simple, given his experience with the Israelis and the West – fight or go silently into obscurity – to be or not to be. There was never any question in Sinwar's mind about that. Read the article at the ultimate link if you want to know why he chose battle instead of surrender and why the Palestinians are making such a huge sacrifice. Sinwar knew full well the Israelis would overreact hysterically to the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and expose themselves for all of the world to see. He also knew that unless the current battle was fought to its conclusion there would be no peace. There would eventually either be a sovereign Palestinian state, or there would be no Palestinians between the river and the sea.



**Riots in Tel Aviv:** With the preceding in mind, [there are now riots in Tel Aviv because no ceasefire deal is forthcoming](#). The Israeli security forces are brutally suppressing the protesters, who want to see their loved ones released. So do the thousands of Palestinian families whose members are held by the Israelis. But the protesters are not protesting against the war. [They want regime change, but they also want the war to continue](#):

“The thousands of Israelis who are once again turning out to march in the streets are not protesting the war. Except for a tiny handful of Israelis, Jews, and Palestinians, they are not calling for a cease-fire or an end to the war—or for peace. They are not protesting Israel’s killing of unprecedented numbers of Palestinians in Gaza or its restrictions on humanitarian aid that have led to mass starvation. (Some right-wing Israelis even go further by actively blocking aid from entering the strip.) They are certainly not invoking the need to end military occupation, now in its 57th year. They are primarily protesting Netanyahu’s refusal to step down and what they see as his reluctance to seal a hostage deal.”

So, let us be clear about what is happening in Israel and Israeli society, [as recently researched by Ilana Mercer, South African author](#):

“In desperate search for a universal humanity—a transcendent moral sensibility—among the mass of Israelis protesting the State; I scoured many transcripts over seven months. I sat through volumes of video footage, searching as I was for mention, by Israeli protesters, of the war of extermination being waged *in* their name, *on* their Gazan neighbors. I found none. Much to my astonishment, I failed to come across a single Israeli protester who cried for anyone but *himself, his kin and countrymen*, and *their hostages*. Israelis appear oblivious to the unutterable, irreversible, irremediable ruin adjacent. Again: I found no transcendent humanity among Israeli protesters; no allusion to the universal moral order to which [international humanitarian law](#), [the natural law](#) and [the Sixth Commandment](#) give expression. I found only endless iterations among Jewish-Israelis of their sectarian interests.”

At this point in the conflict, is there really any doubt about the orientation of Israeli society and the attitudes of American and European governments, all of whom are supporting the genocide? The deal put forward by Biden is a lot of wishful thinking and does not represent any real diplomacy. In the West [the failure of any diplomacy regarding Gaza is always cast as a refusal by Hamas](#), whereas the truth is the large majority of Israeli society wants the Palestinians either gone or destroyed. Reading between the lines, the Israelis want the hostages released so they can then feel free to finish off the Palestinians. But all is not well in Israel, even in the military.

**Al-Nuseirat:** Remember that pier at Gaza that was supposed to be there to deliver aid to the Palestinians? Well, it *was* used for a delivery, using aid trucks, but the ‘aid’ it delivered was a unit of special forces – American special forces, according to other sources – sent in to rescue four hostages held by Hamas since October 7<sup>th</sup>. The hostages were successfully returned to their loved ones in good health. Not in good health were [the 274 Palestinians killed and another 700 wounded in the operation](#). Western media said the number of Palestinians killed ‘could not be verified’. Instead, they cast the operation as some sort of success, an Entebbe-like heroic rescue. It was actually a complete disaster and war crime. Not reported in the mainstream was that [the IOF killed three of the other hostages in the process](#), one of whom was an American citizen. Never shown in mainstream media are the dead and mangled bodies of the Palestinians. [The operation can be seen in several aspects](#) – as a war crime, a tragic success, a humanitarian disaster, a strategic miscalculation and/or as a public relations nightmare. All aspects are true. Not true is the success of the operation. And to top it off [freed hostages recounted about how well they were treated](#) by Hamas. [Their greatest fear when in captivity was not Hamas](#), but what the IOF would do in trying to free them. True journalism would have focused on all aspects of the operation, including the civilian deaths, instead of the scant reference to the latter we see in Western media.

The operation took place deliberately during the day when a market was in full swing, the streets crowded with civilians. The [BBC gave its rundown](#) of the operation. [An independent source gave](#)

[another accounting](#), counter to that of the BBC. In the West it was all celebration at the freeing of four hostages. In the rest of the world it was horror and rage at the massacre and wounding of hundreds of civilians and a much lesser number of Hamas fighters. And then, to add insult to injury, the Israelis had rejected a hostage exchange deal the day before the raid. The operation puts the lives of the remaining hostages in doubt, though. Given the intel on those hostages who were released, they were kept above ground. Now those who remain alive will be much harder to find, and [they may be deemed to be of lesser value to Hamas now](#). Lastly, American troops are now directly involved with the IOF in Gaza. In protest, on the day of the operation, over 100,000 people from all over the US put [a symbolic red line all around the White House](#) demanding an end to the genocide. Regarding the pier, it has been a debacle except for that one ‘delivery’. [There are reports emerging it is set to be dismantled](#). Its time there was such that more time was spent repairing it than actually using it.

***Israel is on fire:*** [There are signs of a growing rift in the IOF](#) between soldiers and the chain of command. [There is also a growing rift between the IOF General Staff and Netanyahu](#). [Around 600 officers this year alone have requested military discharge](#) for various reasons, whereas the average yearly rate is about 150. And there are now [calls for mandatory extensions to active service in the IOF](#) because of troop shortages. [Over 550,000 Israelis have left the country because of the war](#). [The Israeli top court has ruled that the IOF must draft Israel’s ultra-orthodox Jews](#). Troop casualties are high – [much higher than the IOF reports](#), and this is just in the north. [The IOF doesn’t even ever come face-to-face with Hamas](#), since Hamas is at least 50 meters under Gaza and only surface to target the IOF. [One fifth of those IOF killed have been the result of friendly fire or accidents](#). The [number of disabled soldiers has surpassed 70,000](#). Morale is low. The IOF is exhausted. The IOF lies to the public and the wider world about the war on Gaza on a regular basis.

We hear that [Bibi has just dissolved the war cabinet](#), immediately after the resignation of Gantz. Gantz was an opposition figure, seen by some as a replacement for Netanyahu. But [the dissolution of the cabinet was done basically for political spin](#). [The resignation didn’t mean much](#). Bibi has always had direct control over the direction of the war. But the direction of the war has produced divisions in the military. Most of the soldiers in the IOF are from marginalized areas in Israel and tend to be more right wing. They support Likud and Netanyahu and disagree with Gallant on the need to wind down the conflict. And more, since the Rafah invasion by the IOF the war in the north of the Israeli-occupied territories has markedly escalated, with the IOF seeking to provoke Hezbollah into all-out war, while Hezbollah instead maintains its escalation dominance. But there is more to this.

As it stands, [the IOF appears to be only moments away from launching a full-scale war against Hezbollah](#) in Lebanon. [It would be Israel’s Waterloo](#). The [Israelis have just mobilized a further 50,000 soldiers](#) to be sent north to take on Hezbollah, once the IOF reckons the major part of the Rafah operations are finished. [Hezbollah numbers among its military wing 100,000 soldiers](#). And the [Arab League has just removed Hezbollah from its terrorist designation](#). This was a blow to both Israel and the US, since it carries on from the normalization of all Arab factions in the region – Iran, the Saudis, Syria, the UAE, etc. Since the threat of an Israeli invasion has grown other Resistance groups have vowed to send fighters, [including the Taliban](#). Nasrallah, leader of Hezbollah has stated that [if the IOF invades Lebanon there will be warfare without limits, without rules](#). At present most Israelis are untouched by the war, but every Israeli will experience war if the IOF invades Lebanon. Iran has stated likewise that Israel will experience ‘a war of annihilation’ if Lebanon is invaded. All Resistance factions would be ‘all-in’ in such a war. [There is a video giving a decent summary](#).

The IOF are not in any way ready to take on Hezbollah. If they do they will face a well-prepared, disciplined and battle-hardened force in Hezbollah. The latter have spent years in Syria in defense of Damascus against the West’s proxy army, ISIS/Daesh. Hezbollah, like Hamas, the Houthis and Iran, have their essential military assets and weapons deep in tunnels underneath their land. By their estimates [they have used barely 5% of their weapons](#) against Israel since October 7<sup>th</sup>. [According to Scott Ritter the IOF will lose against Hezbollah](#), and badly. The IOF are untrained, lack proper

leadership and have only air power as their strongest suit. What happens when the airfields are gone, when the power grid is destroyed? Israel will have to invade Lebanon in their attempt to root out Hezbollah, yet they have yet to defeat Hamas, a simple militia with rudimentary weapons. Hezbollah has sent the IOF a warning. If a picture is worth a thousand words, a nine-minute video of a Hezbollah drone flying undetected over Haifa and pinpointing very sensitive military and civilian infrastructure and sites must have spoken volumes to the IOF.

No, there is another reason the IOF wants to go after Hezbollah: They hope to pull in the United States and ignite a wide regional war. Well, the US military has no stomach for fighting such a war, and the US has bluntly stated they will not be joining Israel in such a foolish effort. Besides, the US wants to finish off Russia (another fantasy) and go after China (still another fantasy). But the US has [yet to have any effect on the Houthis in Yemen](#), for example and having spent \$1 billion trying to subdue them, with the Houthis having the carrier strike group tied down in the Red Sea trying to protect shipping through the Suez Canal to Israel. The carrier USS Eisenhower was [fired upon twice by the Houthis in the Red Sea after air strikes by the US and UK on Yemen](#). The Houthis claimed they scored direct hits on the carrier, but there has been no confirmation of such. All we know so far is the Ike was fired upon once again, making three times. There is a lot of fog of war around that incident. [The Ike has just been sent to Norfolk](#) for 'R&R' (and perhaps repairs), to be replaced in the eastern Mediterranean by the carrier Theodor Roosevelt.

**The two state solution?:** When we come back to [the idea of a two-state solution it is now apparent it is only a fig leaf for the continuation of Zionism](#). In essence the two state solution is morally wrong and politically untenable, even impossible. The only real solution for the conflict is a single state of Palestine 'from the river to the sea', with equal rights for all. The conversations and actions for realizing a Palestinian state need to begin here and now. The student protests are a start. But realize at the same time that Americans and the British are steeped in Zionism from an early age. The end of Zionism is possible, but the momentum for ending it must rapidly increase in the West...or...Israel may collapse long before then from within, [from an Israeli Major-General \(translated from Hebrew\)](#):

"The "captains" at the political and military level, who are leading the war in Gaza, do not want to acknowledge the difficult facts for which they are responsible. They have lost their way and their judgment, and are leading us to the abyss. One fact is clear and certain, and I sign it knowing the facts - the IDF does not have the power to win this war against Hamas, and certainly not against Hezbollah. I think so not because we don't want to win, but God simply does not have our hand to do so. Our army is tiny and worn out and has no surplus of forces. In this situation, every day that the war continues, our situation is getting worse...the IDF and the country are going to collapse from within. The collapse of the country is only a matter of time because we may be lost if a general regional war also breaks out in it. The "captains" at the political and military level, who are leading the war in Gaza, do not want to acknowledge the difficult facts for which they are responsible. They have only one agenda - to continue the fighting at any cost because only it guarantees them the continuation of their sitting in their chair for another short period of time."

This sounds very reminiscent of the sentiments of the powers-that-be in Western capitals, regarding Russia. But a wider regional war is exactly what the current regime in Tel Aviv wants. Continuing:

"Unfortunately, there is no one to talk to, they are deeply burned in their souls by the failure they brought upon the people of Israel, and they continue the fighting without consideration and without rational thinking, and an end that will bring about the collapse of the state. They must be stopped, they are leading the people of Israel like sheep to the slaughter; This is a group that has gone completely and utterly out of its mind and "went off the rails". Not saving the country stands before their eyes, but saving themselves and their survival in power. Recently the IDF entered Rafah, and all I have noticed is that this is happening. We are losing the countries of the world with a strength we have never known and our relations with the Egyptians. We may bring about the severance of relations with her, and we will also add the Egyptian army to our

enemies. The entire nation should stop the destruction and immediately remove the imaginary "captains" from their positions... This government can only survive and last if it continues to fight. In the history books it will be written in letters of Kiddush Levane, these five - Bibi, Galant, Benny Gantz, Gadi Eisenkot, Hertzi Halevi invited to the limited war cabinet, who acted in 2024, brought about the destruction of the country, and whose names will be recorded forever."

Collapse of the state is where Israel is headed – ostracized, attrited, surrounded by a renewed P 12  
enmity and a strengthened Resistance, demoralized and with its erstwhile Western allies questioning the wisdom of continuing their support due to growing domestic demands to end the war and to boycott, divest and sanction. There is one last item of which to be aware.

**Israel uninhabitable:** Netanyahu appears to be hell-bent on war with Hezbollah. [Washington says it will back the Israelis](#) if so, [with 'security support'](#), but no American troops on the ground. Recently reports are that Biden has deployed a [record number of troops to Jordan in what has been deemed a quiet buildup](#). There may be other reasons for it, but the buildup corresponds or coincides with the Israeli belligerency and threats toward Hezbollah. The American troop numbers in Jordan at present are over 3,000. Jordan has close military ties with Washington and Israel. If/when Israel attacks Hezbollah in their effort to push back Hezbollah to the Latani River, those troops in Jordan would very likely come into the fray in some fashion. Jordan was involved in shooting down the drones that Iran fired at Israel in Iran's counterattack. But if the IOF does invade [there is a grave danger for Israel as a whole, recently stated](#) by the head of Israel's electrical distribution network:

"We are not ready for a real war. We live in a fantasy world, in my eyes," said Shaul Goldstein, head of Noga – the Israel Independent System Operator."

Why that is a grave danger will become clear in the topic here on 'Electrical war'. His comments pertain to the fact that if Hezbollah attacks Israel's energy grid [Israel could conceivably become uninhabitable within 72 hours](#). The Israelis immediately set about walking back his comments, but what he said is basically true. Given that ceasefire negotiations have failed, [the IOF has signed off on plans for an 'operation' in southern Lebanon](#), sometime before school starts in the autumn. The official Israeli school year starts on September 1<sup>st</sup>. At the moment this is all rhetoric. The Israelis say they will take five more weeks as of this writing to finish their major operations in Gaza. The whole area could erupt at any moment. If the situation there is now clear enough, we move on to the other senseless war – the one in Ukraine, a prime example of American adventurism abroad.

**Ukraine update:** This will be prefaced by two items. Firstly, there was the celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Normandy landings (D-Day). It was supposed to be a celebration of the defeat of the Nazis by the allies in WWII. Instead it was an attempt at [a vast rewriting of history](#). But there was one allied nation not present – uninvited, as it turns out – Russia. The celebrations this year included an appearance by Ukraine's dictator (Zelenskyy) and a revisionist history of WWII. Yes, Ukrainians were part of the allied forces who defeated the Nazis, as they were Soviets at the time, but they didn't land at Normandy. There were also [Ukrainians who fought with the Germans, who also committed atrocious war crimes](#) against Poles, Jews and Soviets. At the time they were part of the Soviet Union, too, the latter who bore the greatest burden against the Nazis in WWII, and who destroyed some 80%+ of the Nazi war machine. We honor *all* the forces who fought to defeat the Nazis, but some honesty would be the honorable approach to D-Day remembrances.

As it was [this year's D-Day celebration was a farce, with Biden making political theater of the event](#). The Normandy landings (D-Day) were a key operation on the Western front of that war, but [the turning point of the war came from the Russians at Stalingrad](#), with [the eastern front being by far the largest part of the war effort](#). This is the true history, which the Western powers have tried their hardest to whitewash. It is to the point now where the Soviet allies are negated and dismissed. The Russians see this, and it contributes to their rejection of the West as friendly nations. That rejection is a key element of the emerging multipolar order.

Secondly, on *Face the Nation* the other day [Lindsay Graham spilled the beans](#) about why we (the Western powers) are at war with Russia in Ukraine – it is about the resources in the ground in Ukraine, critical to US defense and electronics sectors in the US – \$12 trillion+ worth, or thereabouts. Russia doesn't need those resources, since it has all of them in abundance. But here is the problem: [The bulk of those resources are in the Russian-speaking regions of Ukraine](#), one-by-one returning to Russia. The two Donbas Republics who first went back to Russia have the greatest wealth of all of them, estimated at \$7 trillion+, with Dnepropetrovsk coming in third at over \$3 trillion. To hear Graham talk one hears all the rhetoric and misinformation about Russia and Israel that circulate *ad infinitum* within The Beltway think tank bubble. The civil war in Ukraine fomented by the West in 2014 is about seizing the resources there for the West, not the other way around. And the war in Israel-Gaza is about maintaining control of resources and shipping routes in the Mediterranean and West Asia. That brings us to the most recent developments in the war with Russia and Ukraine.

**Zelenskyy's summit:** As noted in the previous letter, the summit has come and gone. [The group issued a communiqué](#) at the conclusion of the summit, short and to the point. [From \*The Kyiv Independent\*:](#)

“The communique called to return the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant under full control of Ukraine, ensure uninterrupted manufacturing and supply of food products in Ukraine, secure full access to sea ports in the Black and Azov Seas, release all prisoners of war and return all deported Ukrainian children, among other things. The document also declared any threat or use of nuclear weapons in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine inadmissible and attacks on ships and civilian ports unacceptable.”

That, basically, is it. The final statement after all the media spin and with 90 nations represented was a vague document with no teeth. Eleven of the nations refused to sign the communiqué. It is worth noting those 11 countries are either in BRICS or are aspiring to join the bloc. Brazil refused to go, as well as refusing to sign it. [The Columbian President was more pointed in his remarks](#) about the summit, saying the conference was not about an attempt to find peace, but instead to prepare for war. What he said made a crucial point, and it is now proving true. Columbia refused to go to the summit. Zelenskyy's ideas for 'peace' were the withdrawal of all Russian troops from the five regions who voted to return to Russia along with their return to Ukraine – Donetsk, Lugansk, Kherson, Zaporozhe and Crimea – Russia to pay war reparations, and Russia to be punished for war crimes. He went on to say they would continue to fight year after year until Ukraine starts to see progress toward those goals. Ukraine may not last another year. Zelenskyy appears to have his mind in a parallel universe.

At the conclusion of the conference Giorgia Meloni, [Italian PM was misquoted \(probably deliberately\)](#) as saying that if Russia refused to accept the terms for peace then they would be forced to surrender. This meme has been widely parroted across the West, and by well-known people who should know better. The translation was false. [Meloni actually spoke in plain English, which you can hear for yourselves](#). In summary, Zelenskyy got nowhere near what he wanted from the summit, in fact next to nothing. It was essentially a waste of taxpayer's time and money. In fact, it *was* in reality a war cabinet by the key Western powers present.

The day before the summit, however, the Russians put forward a plan that was actually favorable to Ukraine, in fact almost the same one Ukraine and Russia had both [initialed in April of 2022](#), which Boris Johnson instead intervened to scuttle. Putin's peace proposal, as stated, is virtually a carbon copy of what was initialed and ultimately scuttled in March of 2022, with the addition of the four extra regions [who voted to return to Russia in plebiscites in September of 2022](#). The plan is simple, as outlined in [Putin's speech to the Russian Foreign Ministry](#) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June:

“So, these conditions are very simple. Ukrainian troops must be completely withdrawn from the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, Kherson and Zaporozhye regions. Moreover, I emphasize, precisely from the entire territory of these regions within their

administrative boundaries, which existed at the time of their entry into Ukraine. As soon as Kiev announces that it is ready for such a solution and begins the real withdrawal of troops from these regions, and also officially notifies [us] of the refusal of plans to join NATO, from our side, immediately, literally at that moment, an order will be given to cease fire and begin negotiations. I repeat: we will do this immediately. Naturally, at the same time, we guarantee the unhindered and safe withdrawal of Ukrainian units and formations.”

[Putin’s plan was immediately rejected by the West](#), being seen as terms for Ukraine’s surrender. It [pre-empted Zelenskyy’s conference](#). Actually, it was a call to surrender, as well as a final warning: “If you don’t accept this now, things are about to get much worse.” We would be well advised to read the entire speech. This move by Putin was quite similar to what he did in December of 2021, ahead of the Ukrainian escalation in the Donbas in January and subsequent Russian intervention in February of that year. His speech preempted the summit in Switzerland. But there is more to it. Putin’s speech was also a message to the Ukrainian people, who listen to his speeches more and more. It was a message that the war could end tomorrow, on terms favorable (yes, favorable) to Ukraine. They could retain their most important port, their largest cities, would be able to trade freely with any nation, would be free of their nationalist, corrupt regime, and so on. In fact, those ideas have caused heated debate in Russia itself, claiming Putin’s terms were far too generous. Turning it around, the Russians knew it would be rejected and as soon as it was, higher-ups in the Kremlin were saying the door is now closed. From here on the terms will be unconditional surrender of the Kiev regime.

**Electric war:** How will surrender come to Ukraine if the US and Europe are planning on funding the war there for the next ten years, at least? The Western powers have deluded themselves into believing the Russians are weak because they move so slowly. The Western elites still believe the old meme that ‘Russia is a gas station with nukes’, and so on. It is a delusion that will cost them, and dearly, especially politically and in the eyes of the Global South. The Western elites believe that because the Russians are not advancing quickly and grabbing territory, that the Russian army can be defeated ‘if we just pour more money and weapons into Ukraine’. Eventually the Russian public will tire of the war and oust the dastardly Putin, so the West believes. That is not at all the case. The West fails to realize (the elites, that is) that Russia is fighting a war of attrition, that territory is not the aim. They have a bit of territory themselves, the Russians. The Russian aim is to destroy the army so that Ukraine (meaning NATO) no longer poses a threat on Russia’s borders. They are doing so quite effectively. No, there is a good reason why Ukraine will soon surrender, one that is never recognized or reported in the West, and it plays to an old song title: [Boom! Boom! \(Out go the lights!\)](#) Only Russia military observers know what is actually going on now with the war. The Ukrainian army is subsisting solely on Western funding and weapons, but it is not enough.

Since September of 2023 the Russian General Staff has been systematically destroying Ukraine’s electrical and energy infrastructure. It started with the substations. They have now starting to knock out the generating stations except for the nuclear facilities. Those can be effectively isolated. Ukraine has lost over 60% of its electrical power and has to rely on imports from neighboring states. Ukraine used to be a net exporter of electricity. Those lines can be cut in a matter of hours. What then? Word is that [Kiev has only six hours of power a day](#). What happens when all the electricity goes off? Well, cities will be uninhabitable. And just to be clear on what that entails, it means no water or sewerage, no refrigeration, no lights, no phone or internet service, no mass transport (trains are electric), no fuel, no hospitals or services – it means those parts of Ukraine thus affected are taken back to the type of society they had in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Our modern society is electric. [This action has recently won Shoigu and Gerasimov charges of war crimes by the ICC, justifiably so](#). By the same token [most post-War US presidents and many NATO generals should have the same honor](#) because [that is how NATO wages war](#). The ICC decision is a political maneuver, or done to ease pressure on themselves. But there is more to the electric war.

The lack of electricity has caused a mass migration to western Ukraine. And the major targets of the Russian strategy have been in eastern Ukraine in the territories still under Kiev's control. This will result in several effects: 1) Rather than the Russian army destroying cities in their ongoing destruction of the Ukrainian army, it will save the lives of civilians, even though they will be displaced, 2) It further weakens the resistance of the Ukrainian army, 3) It fits with the general outline of what has been proposed as [the cordon sanitaire](#), 4) It is already causing civil unrest in Ukraine as hundreds of thousands of displaced people flood into Lvov and points west, and 5) It saves the civil infrastructure which will enable people to return to the eastern cities if they desire after a new security structure is established in Eastern Europe, when the current regime in Kiev is gone. There is talk of the war ending early in next year, among other timelines. The Western powers will not get their wish to prolong the war. [John Helmer \(Aussie journalist living in Russia\) has a series of articles on the ongoing electrical war](#), all worth reading to get the full idea. That said, I have heard there is talk that when the fighting stops and Ukraine becomes neutral (no NATO) the Russians are ready to come in and restore the power. Unfortunately I have lost the link to the interview, as it was at the start of the electric war.

**A change of tune?:** [The Kiev regime is currently engaged in dragooning its men](#) off the streets and sending them virtually straight to the front with just a few days of training, most of them never having held a weapon before. They are doing this to prolong the war. Those terms of Putin's peace proposal, of course, were anathema to Western leadership, who are after eastern Ukraine's resources, who want regime change in Russia. And they were especially anathema to [the US, who wants to skim the profits from seized Russian assets for their own military industries](#) in order to keep the war machine humming – because those profits by and large would go to weapons manufacturers in the US instead of toward rebuilding Ukraine. Such seizure is illegal, not that it bothers Washington, but it will only accelerate de-dollarization. [It is also the financial scam of the century](#). And what happens when the war ends? In light of all this, Zelenskyy seems to be having a change of heart.

[In a recent interview Zelenskyy was heard to say that a plan had to be prepared](#) and put on the table for negotiations to end the war, stating Ukraine didn't have much time, as they had a lot of wounded and dead people. The Azov Battalion were [quick to point out to Zelenskyy](#) he could be 'Diemed' if he is not very careful. Azov wants a total victory – Russians driven completely out of the Ukrainian 1991 borders. That is not going to happen. Ukraine has no hope for that. Just keep in mind 500,000 Ukrainian men would probably be alive today if the March 2022 peace deal had been signed off by Zelenskyy. If the war ended tomorrow, those seized Russian assets mentioned above would be returned to Russia by law, and vice-versa with European assets. And there is another side, too – the longer the war goes on, the more and more of Ukraine's land and assets will go to US corporations like Blackrock in order to pay the war debt. Washington isn't sending those weapons to Ukraine out of the goodness of their hearts. [Ukraine is being sold off piecemeal to US corporations](#) while Ukraine's men are being killed in Washington's and London's great game of destroying the Russian Federation, all the while their respective armies sit safely at home. Did I mention war is racket? What is likely to happen in Ukraine, then? With all the preceding points, considering the dead and wounded, the lack of troops capable of holding a weapon, and with the electricity about to be turned off, Ukraine's [surrender will likely come in the next few months](#) – except we will probably not see any so-called 'big arrow moves' on the part of the Russians. What we might likely see is a collapse within Ukraine. But Washington and the European elites are undeterred and doubling down, unable to face their defeat.

**Biden's gambit:** We say 'Biden' here, realizing it is the MICIMATT who actually decides these matters, with the figurehead in Washington simply-rubber stamping the policies. US presidents these days really have only limited powers. Washington is playing a very dangerous gambit with [the recent announcement that 'Ukraine' is free to use US weapons](#) to attack sites inside Russia. The reason Ukraine is in half-quotes here is because it would not be Ukrainians who would fire those

weapons. They do not have the training or the specialists any longer to be able to do so. The Russians are very clear on this point: If long-range weapons are used against Russian territory, [it will be NATO forces who will provide targeting and launch those weapons](#). With Biden's announcement of the release of those weapons, he just announced (back-handedly) NATO's direct involvement in the war against Russia. The Russians saw it as just that – a declaration of war. [Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov now directly calls the US an enemy state](#). Note here that the Russians have no beef with the American people. It is Washington they see as the enemy, along with the US Security State – [what Ray McGovern has dubbed the MICIMATT](#). However, by extension Biden's announcement raises grave concerns for Europe. There are some matters to parse here, so we can gain some clarity.

**Cat-and-mouse:** If you wanted a little excitement in your life a couple of weeks ago the place to be in the US was in West Palm Beach, FLA, where the US military had planes in the air [roughly 30 miles off the Florida coast playing cat-and-mouse with the Russian nuclear-powered Yasen-class "Kazan" submarine](#). [The sub is 457 feet long](#). At that point the Americans hadn't been able to find it. It is armed with hypersonic missiles (no nukes). The sub is part of exercises by the Russian Navy, [which take place in the region periodically](#). This one was planned well in advance, so [it is not about sending a message to the US](#). [We have been told these are routine](#) and there is nothing to worry about, just like the Russians are routinely told NATO war games near their borders are simply exercises and pose no threat to Russia. I feel safer already, don't you?

In case you don't know, anything outside of 12 miles from a nation's coast are deemed to be international waters, so the Russians have every right to conduct their exercises near Florida, just like the NATO countries do all the time near other nations, like China and Russia. But the US media is whipping up hysteria over these exercises. [If anything, the exercises send a message to Cuba rather than America](#), that Cuban-Russian relations proceed normally, as they have for many years. Someday, we all hope soon, the nations of the world will stop this sort of madness. But Washington's recent statements about long-range weapons and [opening corridors for rapid troop movements for NATO forces](#) in the event of a major conflict with Russia was like the final straw for the Russians. As far as they are concerned now, two can play those games. [They are preparing for war with NATO](#), which we hope is all huff and bluster in an election year from NATO. The Russians mean business, though, and do not trust the Western powers.

**Nukes, anyone?:** There is a concerted push in the Western media to scare people with the prospects of nuclear war, especially Europeans. To preface these remarks, [every American needs to watch this video in its entirety](#) with Theodor 'Ted' Postol, professor emeritus at MIT, to have a clear view about what is involved regarding nukes. It is not easy viewing for pacifists, but people who have served in the military or who have an interest in anything technical will get a lot from it. Continuing, there were recently two strikes on Russia's over-the-horizon radars (for detecting the launches of ICBMs) by NATO ('Ukraine', if you like) sending an alleged signal that nuclear war is on the table. [It wasn't a very smart idea](#). Such a war could happen, and the hyperbole around the idea is high, but the possibility of such is very low. The reason it is so low is because the Russians have a thousand ways to strike back at such provocations (which is all the strikes on Russia we just saw actually were) *without* the use of nuclear weapons. Even if all their early warning radars were destroyed, the Russians have, "[many different ways to skin a cat](#)", as [Gilbert Doctorow](#) (video, also) recently opined. Doctorow has long experience with Russia and intently listens to Russian broadcasts:

No one in the West talks about the implications of what the Russians have developed and in particular what it means in the present context of concern that the poor, blinded Russians do not get early warning of a nuclear attack. Let me say it out loud: the Russians have first nuclear strike capability...What this means is that there is a good probability that when push comes to shove...they will threaten and possibly carry out a devastating first strike against the USA, which as they say openly, is the puppet master not only in Ukraine but in all of Western Europe...



This is in the context of a worst-case scenario. He has more, later. He concludes the quoted article with the following (Read the entire article):

“I truly wonder what is the benefit of having a 15 minute advance warning of an incoming missile attack if, as is 100% certain, an automatic ‘Dead Hand’ launch has already been scripted. Moreover, what would be the sense of lifting the handset of a Red Phone to Washington to speak to...whom? Biden, Sullivan or any other of the liars and card cheats who populate the top echelons of the federal government? Not a trustworthy person among them with whom you would risk the fate of your nation.

The overriding message I wish to convey is that Americans have forgotten their old folk wisdom that “there are many different ways to skin a cat.” Experts in America’s dissident underground can be just as unwilling to comprehend that Russians are not weak and stupid as American generals and their minions in the press were saying when they denounced Russia’s opening moves in its Special Military Operation for failing to do what America does in such instances: use a Shock and Awe campaign to murder everyone and destroy everything in its path.”

**Russian public opinion:** [Sergey Lavrov recently had a chat with Lynne Tracy](#), the American ambassador to Moscow and told her, “We are no longer at peace,” referring to the US and Russia. There was the little matter of US-made cluster munitions being rained down on beach-goers in Crimea, and on the [Kupala festival](#) day. Somewhere in the bowels of the Pentagon someone said, “Uh-oh!” [This was especially after a US drone ‘experienced turbulence’](#) over the Black Sea the day after the incident. A phone call was made to the Russian Defense Minister Belousov from Lloyd Austin and [they had a little chat about Ukraine](#). It was the first conversation between Russian and US Defense Ministers since 2022. Austin, "emphasized the importance of maintaining lines of communication amid Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine". Do tell. Well, drones no longer fly over the Black Sea. The cluster munition bombing, whether deliberate or not was the last straw for the Russian public. Scoff if you like, but they are now calling for the Red Army and Putin to ‘finish’ with Ukraine. [The West has lost Russia and is losing Eurasia, too](#). Just to add, yes civilians have died in Ukraine due to Russian bombardments, but the difference is the Russians do not target civilians. They are after the military. Civilian casualties on the Ukrainian side are comparatively low, given the length of the war and the ferocity of Russia’s bombardment. Conversely, Ukraine has been [shelling Russian](#) and [Russian-speaking civilians](#) since 2014.

[It is never a good idea to turn to corporate media for an understanding of Vladimir Putin](#). For anyone who still sees Putin as a dictator (or as Hitler reincarnated), Russia as a backwards place full of barbarians, a gas station with nukes and other such tropes, consider the following, from [an article titled “Inside the Russian mind”](#):

“...Western elites have gone out of their way to shut the Russian viewpoint out the public consciousness of Western masses. Since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, in 2022, the Western propaganda machine has been engaged in an unprecedented “othering” of Russia and its leader, described as implacably hostile, duplicitous and dangerous, animated by an intrinsic anti-Western hatred and a Hitlerian thirst for territorial expansion. An intrinsically backward, regressive, fanatical, authoritarian and ultimately barbarous country — ontologically separate from the democratic, civilised West — led by a deranged, evil madman.

To this end, all Russian voices were silenced in the West — first and foremost, Russian media, taken off the airwaves and blocked by internet providers. Meanwhile, anyone in the West who dared to suggest that there might be [rational reasons](#) behind Russia’s actions — or even just that we should take into account Russia’s viewpoint, even if one considers it to be “objectively” or morally wrong — was denounced as a “Putin troll” and accused of peddling Russian disinformation (or worse). The aim of this wartime-like demonisation of Russia is all too obvious: to **drum up public support for NATO’s proxy war against Russia, via Ukraine, and for an increasingly likely direct NATO-Russia confrontation.**”

Whether we like the Russian views or not is unimportant. What *is* important is that we come to an understanding of why we are in such a horrid state of affairs and how much our Western leadership has led us down the garden path regarding Russia and Russians. Do take the time to read the entire article. We know next to nothing of the Russian mindset in the West, having been kept deliberately ignorant and misinformed by an elite class in the West that wants nothing better than to see Russia dismantled and exploited, solely for the benefit of those same elites. The war certainly has been much to the detriment of the general public across the West, but at the same time which has been instrumental in turning Russia away from the West and toward Russia's destiny in the East. It has been much to our shame and Eurasia's benefit, evidence of which is the rise of BRICS, Russia's becoming the 4<sup>th</sup>-largest world economy in PPP terms, and now to give an added dose of bile to the same elites, [Russia's reclassification by the World Bank as a high-income economy](#), on par with the entire West. After 14 tranches of sanctions, Russia is neither isolated nor poorer – quite the opposite – while the Western public languishes with rising debt and ever-lower living standards.

[Pepe Escobar was in Russia for the SPIEF. His reporting from there](#), gauging the Russian attitudes from officials and people on the streets in response to Biden's announcement is they have had enough. It is time to end the war. They feel now it has gone on for too long already. There is also a timeline – to do so before F16s and longer range weapons make it into Russian border areas and Ukraine, as well as before the US election. [The Russians have already stated they will shoot down the F16s](#), even if they are launched from NATO countries, [that is, if they ever make it to Ukraine](#). That leaves little time to respond to Washington's provocations. Yes, the Russians see what is happening as being totally under the control of the US.

***The escalatory ladder:*** So, coming back to [Doctorow in a subsequent posting of his, he outlines a probable escalation ladder](#), based on what he is hearing from Russian military people and experts, if Washington's provocations continue and escalate. The first Russian response would likely be a devastating strike on Kiev (with conventional weapons), which would be a decapitation strike. This is being outlined here primarily for European readers, who have been put in Russia's crosshairs by Washington and certain other European leaders, the latter being clueless of what they are advocating, including NATO head Stoltenberg.

The strike on Kiev would be a clear message that the Russians mean business. Besides, neither European leaders nor Washington cares one bit for Ukrainian lives, if this is not already obvious. If escalation continued next would follow strikes on marshalling centers in Poland. Why Poland? – because the rest of Europe is unlikely to come to Poland's aid. Then he goes on:

“Continuing up the escalation ladder, I believe that the Russians will then, and only then, attack military factories and bases in Germany, the United Kingdom, France. Like the leaders of these countries, Russia does not really expect the United States to come to their aid and honor its Article 5 obligations under the NATO treaty.

Only in the last instance will Russia attack the United States using its strategic nuclear arsenal, meaning only if it is under direct nuclear attack from the USA. This, notwithstanding the clearly stated Russian understanding that behind all of the European provocations against it stands Washington, the hegemon and puppet master.”

All of this is Doctorow's opinion, of course, but it is an *informed* opinion, and worth noting. He concludes the article with this:

“...[Washington's] expectation is that both sides in a Russian European war will be decimated, freeing the United States to defend its global hegemony by taking on and defeating China. In this, I firmly believe Washington is mistaken. Europe will be destroyed, Russia will be victorious, because its arms are superior, and its troops are now war hardened. The United States will have lost its European colonies and will be up against the Russia-China alliance alone. If you are reading this lying on a chaise longue in your back yard in Arlington, Virginia, you may take comfort. If, like me, you are living close to the Russians' bulls-eye, 20 km from NATO headquarters, the above analysis can get on your nerves.”

If what has been outlined thus far in this topic gets on your nerves and sounds either too cynical or unrealistic, then perhaps it might be worth your time to investigate Russia and Washington outside of Western media reporting. The wider world, as in over 85% of the world's populace, is looking at all these goings-on askance at least, if not in horror. Washington is seen as the major belligerent in the two major conflicts we have now, the world's bully instead of the upholder of 'truth and justice', [a true Machiavellian construct](#). Speaking as an American living in Europe, we are not the world's policeman, nor are we seen as 'the good guys'. We are not trying to save democracy or fight terrorism in these conflicts, nor do we uphold human rights. If we did, then the conflict in Palestine would have been ended long ago, for instance. Tel Aviv would have been brought to heel and the two-state solution would have been imposed upon mandate Palestine. There is one more bit to add here, which should really annoy European readers.

**Europe the big loser:** If in the course of unfolding events Washington becomes desperate enough to save its hegemony and provoke what they hope would be a limited nuclear response in Ukraine, Europe would be the big loser. Poland, the Baltics and Romania would be hit, as well as [every NATO nation that houses nukes](#) – the UK, France, Germany, Italy, possibly even Turkiye – the purpose being such that Europe is eliminated as a competitor to the US. Sergey Lavrov, when asked at the current BRICS meeting about how the US views Europe, [just stated the fact out loud](#):

“President Biden: “We will do everything for Ukraine to have the necessary opportunities to protect itself, and most importantly the United States will not strive for a third world war. This will have terrible consequences for the European continent.”  
**Here is the answer to how the United States relates to Europe:** They are sure that if they provoke a nuclear war, which is what they are actually engaged in, only Europe will suffer, and they, as always, will remain winners, as in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.”

Just remember that Russia comprises roughly 40% of Europe's land mass. The fact Washington would rather go to war with another nation because the US has been surpassed as the hegemon speaks volumes, as does the fact Washington panders to the Zionists instead of upholding basic human principles of conscience regarding Gaza. Our young people are beginning to see through the hypocrisy and they want us to stand for true humanity. They want Washington to show a conscience. Yet, none seems to exist there. Instead we are witnessing the end of yet another empire (America's) and our leadership knows not how to extricate itself from its sickness of mind, nor how to invoke its soul. But that day is coming, and before too long, because the two main conflicts are nearing their respective ends, with the Empire and its vassals attrited beyond resurgence, while the world outside the West grows in strength daily. To illustrate the latter point we turn briefly to the BRICS meeting held on the sidelines of the SPIEF.

**BRICS update:** There were meetings by the BRICS group on the sidelines of the SPIEF. In [his address at the plenary session of the SPIEF](#) Putin emphasized the importance of the BRICS group, which was set to expand yet again this year under Russia's chairmanship, toward the end of this year. BRICS now represents 36% of global GDP and 46% of the world's population. It will surpass what the US represented at the end of WWII when the latter [accounted for some 50% of the world's GDP](#) and held roughly 80% of the world's currency reserves. In his speech Putin noted that [Russia has surpassed Germany and Japan to be the 4<sup>th</sup>-largest economy in terms of PPP](#) (the purchasing power of a currency, what a dollar can buy, for instance), and this from updated World Bank measures. [China is 1<sup>st</sup>, the US 2<sup>nd</sup> and India 3<sup>rd</sup>](#). Reporting from the SPIEF, [Pepe Escobar noted there were three main takeaways from the forum](#). The mention of the PPP rating was key to the first takeaway:

“What was made perfectly clear is how Russia managed to reposition itself beyond sidestepping the – illegitimate – sanctions tsunami to establishing a solid, diversified system oriented towards global trade – and completely linked to the [expansion of BRICS](#). Russia-friendly states already account for three-quarters of Moscow's trade turnover.”

BRICS is set to be expanded by no less than an additional 59 nations soon (not this year). The 2<sup>nd</sup> takeaway in Escobar's article related to the evolution and implementation of a payment system between BRICS members outside of the SWIFT system and thus immune to sanctions. And in is what a parallel move by the Saudis, [they have deemed it necessary to withdraw from the petro-dollar system](#) set up 50 years ago under Nixon. There was a recent flurry of commentary about that on social media, to the effect that it would devastate the US. But such is not the case. Such a move does take away from the dominance of the US dollar in trade, but it does not signal a sudden dramatic collapse of the dollar in trade. The US dollar will remain an important currency into the future. But the point is trade in the dollar will be weighed against the other emerging systems. The biggest blow to the US dominance in trade is the ability that BRICS will have to bypass the SWIFT system and thus US sanctions as a weapon. The third takeaway was what Escobar stated as the world majority having the possibility to establish, "a real possibility for the first time in the last 250 years to go all-out for a structural change of the world-system." The last item is the biggest worry for Washington – the end of *Pax Americana*. That will involve the integration of the SCO and the EAEU into the BRICS structure as well, which would in effect be a very secure Eurasian trading bloc. And finally...

**Putin goes East:** In terms of geopolitics and the world security infrastructure, [Putin's recent trip and summit in North Korea changed the world](#). Of course, there is no recognition of that fact in Western media, but it has to have the security states of the US and UK supremely worried. [Both in the Middle East and Ukraine, Western policy is in deep trouble](#). What the summit has done, in effect, is to tell the Western powers that their game in the Pacific is finished. Also, the Western media has focused on the military aspect of the summit, which resulted in [a comprehensive security agreement](#) between Russia and North Korea, just short of a military alliance. The gist of that part of the agreement is that if either nation is attacked, the other nation will come to its aid, a reflection of what we think NATO represents for the West. However, the summit resulted in something much more profound and far-reaching: The agreements signed at the summit bring North Korea in out of the cold, and begin the process of its proper integration into the Asian family of nations. Putin did not go to the summit alone. He took a very large delegation with him, representing the entire cross-section of Russian society – business, education, culture, industry and of course, military. There is very much to this that we need to touch upon here. It is also worth noting that China would've been consulted beforehand about every aspect of the summit. The summit would not have gone ahead without China's approval, since China shares borders with North Korea and with Russia.

There are several aspects of the summit about which we need to be aware. Personally, Russia and North Korea have had warm relations since the founding of North Korea itself. North Korea is a communist country. North Korea exists now because of the Korean War, which to North Korea especially was known as the war for unification. There are family ties between the two Koreas. North Korea and the United States are still technically in a state of war, having signed an armistice at the end of the military phase of the conflict. There is been a Cold War between the two nations since the signing of the armistice, with the resulting very heavy United States military presence in South Korea, ostensibly for the protection of the South. In actuality, South Korea could be seen as a westernized colony in East Asia. Both the North and the South are manufacturing powerhouses along their given industrial lines. The South excels in technology, whereas the North excels in heavy industry. The problem for the North in terms of its industry has been the onerous and loaded sanctions placed upon it by the Western powers primarily, which has caused deficits in every aspect of society, especially food and fuel. Like Russia, in spite of the sanctions, North Korea has survived and has managed to develop and grow. This is the first aspect the Putin-Kim summit addressed, as now Russia will be shipping whatever foodstuffs the North requires, which will free a significant sector of its workforce from agricultural work, which can then be turned toward education, training and technological work. It is this that would have Western powers most alarmed, as they had a kind of comfortable stalemate in their frozen conflict with the North.

If we know very little about Russia or China in the West, we know comparatively next to nothing about North Korea. It has been called the Hermit Kingdom – not by their choice, but because of the isolation imposed upon it by the Western powers. What you will never hear in the Western media is that [the United States provoked the Korean War](#). The US and allied powers attempted to bomb North Korea into oblivion and killed somewhere in the neighborhood of 12 – 15% of North Korea's population. The Kim dynasty that took power in the North since the armistice has vowed 'never again'. We know what that means. It has resulted in the North Koreans becoming a nuclear power as a deterrent. To his credit, Trump sought to bring an end to the hostilities between the West and North Korea but he was sabotaged at every turn by the security state of the US. Why he would have tried to secure such an end to the hostilities is not because of compassionate feeling, but because of an attempt to push back against China, attempting to stop China's economic rise.

Western reporting about the summit is pushing the narrative that the security agreement between Russia and North Korea constitutes a threat, and increases instability and comprises yet another spoke in the wheel will the 'axis of evil' which China, Russia and Iran currently supposedly represent to these misguided Western politicians. What we actually have as such in a unity of security infrastructure – which has already been established between China, Russia and Iran – is instead a manufacturing and trade bloc, complete with high technology, a highly educated and motivated workforce, common interests and so forth that has no equal in the West. And it is still a rising industrial bloc, not anywhere near its peak. Now, with Russia's involvement with North Korea we will see roads and energy infrastructure going from Russia into North Korea, and there is not a thing the United States can do about it, other than double down on the demonization of both nations, try as they might with further sanctions, and jump up and down about the threat it represents. The only threat the security agreements between Russia and North Korea represent are to the US and Japanese economic alliance, to the so-called Quad axis, to the AUKUS deal with Australia – in short to American hegemony in the region.

[The North Koreans will be held in check against their making any aggressive actions](#) against South Korea by China and Russia. The treaty will serve to *prevent* an armed conflict on the Korean peninsula. The people of South Korea are being told to be afraid, very afraid, yet the threat level has not really increased. If anything, the security structure in East Asia has just been increased, to the effect that the Western powers will not dare to attack North Korea, which would provoke in turn the immediate destruction of at least the northern part of South Korea. North Korea could flatten Seoul in a matter of hours and never leave its borders – and that with their conventional artillery. But even before the summit and the security agreement [the West has few real viable options against North Korea](#), which is one reason why the West has relied on sanctions instead of military force against the North.

What we will see instead over time is the steady rise of living standards within North Korea, increased freedoms with its opening to Asia, of cultural exchanges between Russia and North Korea and eventually by extension China and other neighboring nations. The Japanese will have to come to terms with the fact that it is still an occupied nation, with the occupying power on the wane, while its neighbors to the immediate west of Japan are on the rise and represent a rich field for trade and cooperation once the hostile intentions of all parties involved are brought to heel. On the whole, the summit represents a very positive development if we can see behind the negative hyperbole of the West. There is [a fascinating little film done by a Russian-born journalist](#) prior to his death, wherein [he gives us a very different and humanistic view of North Korea](#), very contradictory to what we are presented with in the West. In fact, in fact there have been a few Westerners who have lived and worked in North Korea and they give [an accounting of the state and the people at odds with what we are told](#). It is time now, to begin to understand more about North Korea, the causes for its isolation, and what we can do further to establish peace and prosperity for people of Asia and by extension across the world.

**In conclusion:** Finally, after a fourteen-year-long detention and court battles, Julian Assange touched down on Australian soil and reunited with his family, a free man. His freedom resulted

from a plea deal with the US prosecutors, who had sought to [put him away in an American supermax prison for 175 years](#) – a death sentence for certain. His alleged crime? – journalism. What probably contributed to his release as well was a growing rift between Australia and the US, with possible consequences for the AUKUS deal. Washington didn't take kindly to Julian's exposing their war crimes, and Washington is not known for its compassion for people who upset the apple cart. Hillary Clinton, whose emails he exposed ([and they are still around](#), and [HERE](#)), along with the political corruption within the DNC (Republicans cannot throw stones, either) wanted him killed. "[Can't we just drone this guy?](#)" she was exposed as saying in one of her emails. Trump had promised to pardon Assange, but the man who said he would drain the swamp was 'convinced' by the same swamp creatures to can the idea. So much for standing up for the people and human rights. [Many journalists across the world betrayed their craft](#) when it came to Assange. Better to throw Assange under the bus and keep their cushy jobs than to actually *do* the job of journalism or to support real journalism. Most of said 'journalists' are no more than script readers anyway. Now they wear their shame. Nothing ever disappears from the internet, a word to the wise.

There was only one thing that ultimately led to the freedom of Julian Assange. It was sustained public pressure on politicians and diplomats that finally caused the US and UK to give in and release him. This is the ultimate message for this full moon period, a celebration of the mass of humanity: **United and with awakened will, the people bring about change.** The idea is best summarized [in a recent post by Chris Hedges](#) upon Assange's release, as follows:

"The corporate state must be destroyed if we are to restore our open society and save our planet. Its security apparatus must be dismantled. The mandarins who manage corporate totalitarianism, including the leaders of the two major political parties, fatuous academics, pundits and a bankrupt media, must be driven from the temples of power. **Mass street protests and prolonged civil disobedience are our only hope.** A failure to rise up — which is what the corporate state is counting on — will see us enslaved and the earth's ecosystem become inhospitable to human habitation. Let us take a lesson from the courageous men and women who took to the streets for 14 years to save Julian. They showed us how it is done."

We are at that point now, where the will of the people must supplant the desires of the few who have profited for so long from our lack of action and awareness. But the process of dismantling the old system has begun. We see it in everything we have examined here, and in so much more. Yet it seems that no matter how much more the controlling interests try to suppress our awakening, our awareness of their antics and aims becomes ever clearer and directed. We have a ways to go before the world we desire and know is right for humanity is finally made a physical reality. That said, all we need to do to make it so is keep up the mental focus, emotional clarity and physical exertion in our daily lives toward that end. In our common humanity our collective house becomes fuller with light with the passage of each day. Only illusion keeps us apart. Let us build our lighted house together and keep the pressure on for the world that we know will be better for all of us.

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<sup>1</sup> The quote is attributed widely to Vladimir Lenin. I have yet to find a single reference to his having actually ever said it. Still, it is an appropriate quote for this time in our history and descriptive of what has taken place within these few short weeks.

<sup>2</sup> <https://development.malvinartley.com/2024/06/22/the-cancer-solar-festival-2024/>

<sup>3</sup> "Political Observations" (1795-04-20); also in [Letters and Other Writings of James Madison](#) (1865), Vol. IV, p. 491

<sup>4</sup> Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p. 441