

# THE VIRGO FESTIVAL 2024

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Greetings Everyone!

After a long and hot few weeks in the dog days of summer, autumn has finally arrived here in northern Italy. This summer has been one of the hottest we had in recent years. The south of Italy was particularly badly affected. There were fires in the south including Rome, while we have been spared here in the north. It was just quite dry. Then, as if flicking a switch, autumn arrived. Temperatures plummeted here and some rain finally arrived, with flooding in the Po River valley like we saw last year – all due to Storm Boris. There was another Boris who contributed to a storm in Europe of another type, but we won't go into that here. Along with the rain the cloud formations have been quite strange, at least for Rovereto. But they have made for some splendid viewing. We only had rain at the house here for a couple of days, off and on, while central Europe got hammered, with terrible flooding. In northern Italy there was snow in the Dolomites north of us. We even had a dusting here in the mountains, but it was gone the same day. Europe was not the only place that saw flooding. In my old home state of North Carolina and surrounds there was massive flooding, with whole communities washed away, with sometimes over a century of history washed away. The most heavily affected areas by the hurricane were the Carolinas, mainly in the mountains, Georgia and Florida. Thankfully for me my family and close friends were not affected, but the Asheville area in North Carolina's mountains was particularly hard hit. We trust our esoteric colleagues there are all safe and well. And I must say the response out of Washington to the flooding has been pitiful, while they continue to send billions to the Zionists and Ukraine. It is a fact not lost on Americans, especially going into the election.

After the rain and clouds here, though, the autumn sky appeared, with a clarity one does not see at other times of the year. The sun began to cast longer shadows, too, all signs that autumn had arrived, a couple of weeks early. The clarity of the sky brought other matters to mind as well, aside from the events since the Leo full moon, and that relates to the present astrological sign for this letter: Virgo, the Virgin. With that mentioned, we may as well get straight into our considerations for Virgo this year. And there are some fundamentals here that may help us going forward.

**Virgo:** Our common understanding of Virgo is that Virgos are workhorses, with a strong emphasis on service. They are found in healing occupations and all types of work where the ability to analyze

and paying attention to the little details are front and center. Their ability with analysis and attention to detail arises from the Mercury rulership of the sign. There is also a strong connection with small animals with Virgo, especially small domestic animals – dogs, cats, some birds, etc. Animal trainers and veterinarians fall under that category as well. The attention to detail produces fine craftsmen instead of artists, though fine craftsmanship can be seen as the work of artists. In general, as careers go Virgos tend toward occupations such as caregivers, clerks, editors, grocers (Virgo is associated with wheat and grains), draftsmen, druggists, the military and police (as a service to country), secretaries, employee relations, social workers and so on, with the overriding theme being that of service. Virgo rules the natural 6<sup>th</sup> house of the zodiac – the ‘house of service to the immediate need’. With that last point in mind, what might we discern as the immediate need of humanity, and by extension the world at large? What is it we are really fostering as the ages pass, of which we are reminded at the Virgo interval each year?

**Let there be light:** For those readers interested in esoteric matters the remainder of our considerations of Virgo relate to the esoteric side of the sign. Otherwise, one can skip to the full moon and the current events. Continuing with Virgo, we do not recognize it, but our basic nature is that of luminosity. To quote a now famous line from a film, “[Luminous beings are we, not this crude matter.](#)” We commonly experience our density instead of our light, seeing ‘reality’ through the lens of matter being solid instead of spacious. As such we experience the darkness of matter, its confining capacity rather than [the reality of matter, which is space and energy.](#) When analyzed to its essence – as any Virgo would love to do – an atom of substance is not solid, but instead is a unit of energy, contained within a space. Matter is truly space-like. It is not solid, though we experience it as being solid. We could perhaps state it thus: We live our lives seeing only the outer boundaries (the form) instead of living the essence, which is the space-like openness of our being. This ‘space-like openness’ is called ‘emptiness’ in Buddhism. As explained in the book *Occult Chemistry* by Besant and Leadbeater<sup>1</sup> each chemical element can be broken down into successive ‘layers’, or densities, with even the densest of chemical elements being composed of the most rarified ultimate physical particles. Each chemical element is thereby a compound in and of itself. But even in that book Besant and Leadbeater are describing forms.

Thus, our immediate task in the process of liberating ourselves from the wheel of life, death and rebirth (samsara) is to recognize our luminosity – *to experience* ourselves as luminous beings, and at the same time to do so as an act of service. What is love, but service? To experience ourselves as luminous beings for the first time is actually a momentous event, the first real step toward our liberation. This is an experience, explained to us through the teachings of Buddhism in Vajrayana and Dzogchen practices, which also explains the reasons for our blindness.

We can see our physical bodies as being fleshy, as being dense. But if we change our vision, the cells in our bodies ‘light up’ and we then see them as energy rather than as being material. To clairvoyant sight our bodies are radiant. In Buddhism seeing the body in this manner is called the Mother Luminosity, also known as the Ground Luminosity. The experience of that arises fully on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Buddhist Path, which is also the 1<sup>st</sup> Buddhist Ground, though we can have glimpses of it before. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Buddhist Path is the 3<sup>rd</sup> initiation,<sup>2</sup> the latter as outlined in Bailey’s material. The full experience of that attainment is described as being ‘lost in light supernal’, represented for us in the sign Capricorn. What we see in such a case of luminosity is the etheric basis of matter, relating to the physical plane, our densest ‘reality’. As Werner Heisenberg once stated, “The atoms or elementary particles themselves are not real. They form a world of potentialities rather than one of things or facts.”<sup>3</sup> Seen in truth the form disappears and all that remains is light, yet another word for energy, as we know.  $E=MC^2$ , where C is the speed of light and M is the mass of the object. Even mass itself is a function of energy.

What about this Mother/Ground luminosity, mentioned before? [What does it mean for us and what is its nature?](#)

“The Mother Luminosity is the name we give to the Ground Luminosity. This is the fundamental, inherent nature of everything, which underlies our whole experience, and which manifests in its full glory at the moment of death. The Child Luminosity, also called the Path Luminosity, is the nature of our mind, which, if ‘introduced’<sup>4</sup> by the master, and if recognized by us, we can then gradually stabilize through meditation, and more and more completely integrate into our action in life. When the integration is complete, recognition is complete and realization occurs. Even though the Ground Luminosity is our inherent nature and the nature of everything, we do not recognize it, and it remains as if hidden. I like to think of the Child Luminosity as a key the master gives us to help us open the door to the recognition of the Ground Luminosity, whenever the opportunity arises.”

The Mother luminosity is the light that is within matter itself. Matter, in essence and as we have seen here, is light. There is quite a lot of occultism in Einstein’s famous equation when we begin to apply our Virgo analysis to it, but we will have to save that for another time. We actually glimpse this Mother luminosity when we practice death every night (drift off to sleep), but we have no recollection of it. To retain the experience [the antahkarana](#) must be developed and functioning to a degree. Called the ‘rainbow bridge of light’ (nothing to do with modern connotations), the antahkarana bridges the ‘three minds’ – concrete (fixating), abstract (reasoning) and atomic (formless), the latter being the lowest aspect of the higher Self. It is too much to address here, but when the antahkarana is fully constructed, the experiences of life during sleep and all the experiences ‘going to and from’ can be accessed and retained in our waking consciousness. That bridge also enables us to have a constant interaction between our brain/waking consciousness and the soul on its own plane, a.k.a. the spiritual Triad. There are definite techniques for developing that bridge, but a simple method is to make effort at recognizing the various mental levels as we drift off to sleep, keeping the mind as aware as possible while the body relaxes. It might sound simple, but unless we can recall that process when we wake up from sleep we know we have not really been successful at the practice. The Mother Luminosity only appears when we enter the deepest levels of sleep. Such a practice of recognizing the Mother Luminosity – relating spirit and matter – introduces the esoteric ruler of Virgo, the Moon. The Moon veils Vulcan here, concerned with building in new qualities (like the antahkarana), new bodies, disciplining the body via the brain consciousness, as well as bringing together spirit and matter.

As mentioned above, seen to clairvoyant vision human flesh can be seen in its duality – as a dense construct or as light, composed of countless tiny units of consciousness. A cell is a unit of consciousness, for instance, but so is an atom of matter, the latter exhibiting a type of consciousness so far removed from ours as to be scarcely recognized as being ‘conscious’. Yet, an atom of matter responds to its environment through chemical affinity, the forces impinging upon it, or in its highest development, via the energy it emits. We know the latter as radioactivity. And in all its various manifestations, matter is simply an expression and consequence of light. The essential nature of matter is emptiness – space. But in that emptiness there is pervasive light. In fact, the essence of all phenomena is emptiness, pervaded by light. This is the gift to us from the previous solar system, which was associated with Virgo,<sup>5</sup> so we are told. With the fundamental nature of the matter of our bodies being light, the recognition of that light remains nascent to us, far below the level of our consciousness. What about the Child Light, then?

The Child Luminosity, or the Path Luminosity, is the fundamental nature of our mind. We read often about the ‘spiritual path’ or ‘entering the path’ toward the divine. We scarcely know what that means. The clue is in the quote above. There is no fundamental difference between the Mother or Child luminosities. ‘The Path’, as we call it, is the graded steps toward that astounding realization. Being ‘lost in light supernal’ is the union of the Mother and the Child luminosities, first experienced in Capricorn, but ultimately fulfilled in the opposite sign to Virgo, which is Pisces. That fulfillment results in the ultimate liberation – the ‘rainbow body’. The illusion in which we live is that ‘things’ have substance, when in essence they are but forces confined in a space. The Child Luminosity is the very nature of mind itself, paraphrasing, from the site of the previous quote:<sup>6</sup>

“The nature of the mind of all beings, being pure from the beginning and spontaneously luminous, fundamentally a continuum (of awareness), a potential of Buddhahood can be “introduced” by a realized master to a disciple, who then stabilizes and develops that experience through the profound practices of the Great Perfection. Ordinary beings perceive it only for a flash at the moment of death.”

The Great Perfection is otherwise known as [Dzogchen, considered to be the pinnacle of Buddhist vehicles](#). The first experience of this Child/Path luminosity during the process of death or sleep has been likened to “a very clear autumn sky at or about dawn, or to the light of the moon.”<sup>7</sup> There are successive stages – red increase, black near-attainment – of clear light. But the reference to the Moon here is relevant to our Virgo theme for this year. The Moon relates Virgo to Cancer, both signs being associated to the previous solar system, concerned with the perfection of matter,<sup>8</sup> with Virgo representing the introduction of nascent mind, meaning the mind of clear light.<sup>9</sup> The Moon, along with the hierarchical ruler of Virgo (Jupiter), relates Virgo to the sign Aquarius,<sup>10</sup> as Aquarius rules the hierarchy of lives called ‘the blinded lives’, the elemental lives that are the fundamental building blocks of every form (the elementals). The latter, too, are composed of light and it is they who ‘light up’ under clairvoyant vision. Aquarius represents the fulfilment of the union of the Ground and Path luminosities, prior to the final release in Pisces.

With the Moon, representing Vulcan,<sup>11</sup> combined with the action of Mercury, the two together operate in the construction of the antahkarana. With the antahkarana completed, even in a tenuous situation, spirit and matter have been joined and rapid progress on the Path – progress toward liberation and full enlightenment – is thereby attained.

“When Mercury, the divine Messenger, the principle of illusion and the expression of the active higher mind, has performed his mission and “led humanity into the light” and the Christ-child out of the womb of time and of the flesh into the light of day and of manifestation, then the task of that great centre we call humanity will be accomplished.”<sup>12</sup>

The only thing further to add here is the ‘Christ-child’, which is Alice Bailey’s term for the Child Luminosity, is only beginning to be realized in the waking consciousness in the Virgo phase, of one aspiring to liberation from the wheel of life and death and thereafter to full enlightenment. This stage is engaged at what is known as that of ‘aspiring bodhichitta’, the Buddhist 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Paths.<sup>13</sup> But as progress is made, as analysis (Mercury) and effort (Vulcan via the Moon) are engaged, eventually the Child Luminosity is realized, and furthermore is realized as being the same with the Ground/Mother luminosity. Hence we have the esoteric motto of Virgo, setting the road and the realization ahead: “I am the mother and the child. I, God, I, matter am.”<sup>14</sup> From here we move on to world events and what has recently come to light as a result of conflict.

**The full moon** took place on 18 Sep 2024 at 02:34 UTC (12:34 pm AEST). This full moon was also a partial lunar eclipse, as well as a supermoon and the Harvest Moon for 2024. There is a [report on the eclipse along with the planetary dynamics on the blog site](#), so we will not cover old ground here. The next eclipse was on 2 Oct 2024 (eclipses always come in pairs, sometimes in trios). Both of those eclipses show impacts upon the United States and key nations involved in the current conflicts, the first eclipse having been covered in the blog post. This present eclipse at the full moon will be in the nature of the seeds that will bear fruit at the total lunar eclipse in March of next year, which will activate this eclipse. The effects will manifest throughout the three major festivals of the full moons of Aries, Taurus and Gemini for 2025. What the nature of those effects will be is to reveal a path going forward out of our present conflicts and in fact from the entire period following from the end of WWII. This letter was finished on the accompanying eclipse (2 Oct), with a report [on the blog site](#) to follow in the next day or two.

Since the first week of April this year Ceres has gone out-of-bounds (OOB), which for this year amounts to an extended period. There is a side to Ceres that is hardly ever considered, in that it is connected with the harvest and the change of seasons – turning points in our awareness, or

crossroads experiences. When a planet goes OOB its actions are always intensified and become more unpredictable. We do find for ourselves in this interval of Ceres OOB a ‘change of season’ regarding our awareness and the direction of the conflicts we see. The worm is turning in Ukraine and in Israel too, for that matter. Ceres OOB reached its maximum at the end of August and will slowly be moving back in-bounds until the first week of next year. We are going to be seeing very considerable changes in our world view in what remains of this year.

I have dubbed this eclipse the ‘Atlantean eclipse’, both because of the scope of the visibility of it, along with what will be revealed and ending with its effects. The reasons for saying so are outlined in discussion of current events. However, the main point of the reference to Atlantis relates to the theme of theft, which was the major crime (sin) during Atlantean times.<sup>15</sup> It is a crime in which all the major Western powers have engaged especially over the past 500 years. All nations have done so to greater or lesser extent over time, but the colonialism of the West is what has dominated the world over the past 500 years. Colonialism amounts to theft. That is what is being addressed in the two major conflicts and brought to an end, little as we may know it. At the end of those conflicts the Western powers will find themselves to be much diminished, both in power, economically and in the esteem of the wider world. In our investigations to follow we will see much that is being hidden from us, obscured or twisted to the ends of the powerful forces in the West. The people of the West, on the other hand, are slowly – perhaps much quicker now – being led ‘from darkness to light’ when it comes to our understanding of how the world works. When these conflicts end, as all conflicts do, we will find our Western views of the world (as the public currently views them) to be rightly and strongly challenged. And that will be a great blessing. With the preceding in mind, following upon our Virgo theme for this letter, this eclipse has a special relationship to the following, bolding added:

“Virgo symbolises depths, darkness, quiet and warmth; it is the valley of deep experience wherein **secrets are discovered and eventually "brought to light"; it is the place of slow, gentle and yet powerful crises and periodic developments which take place in the dark and yet which lead to light.**”<sup>16</sup>

We have been kept in the dark by our mainstream media and our leadership about the truth behind world events for years. As we move on to address the events that have happened since the last full moon (Leo) it would help us immensely to keep something in mind as we go along, points we have examined at various places in recent letters here, as [recently summarized by Arnaud Bertrand, French entrepreneur](#):

“We get so bogged down in the daily stream of atrocities committed by Israel [and any other state or actor] that it's easy to lose sight of the big picture. At the end of the day the reason why it matters so much, besides it being an affront to our most basic humanity, is because whatever we collectively let happen - or not - will define the fundamental structure of the international order for decades to come. Why, and how? **The most important thing to remember about the period we're living in is that we're in a transition between world orders.** We're exiting US hegemony - it's over already - and entering a new order...for the first time in 300+ years, we have non-Western states such as China becoming preeminent powers. As we all know, ever since the Industrial Revolution, it was the West dominating the system...”

The bolded text is fundamental to our understanding of what is taking place. Read the entire thread at the link. It is a nice summary of all the world events we have examined for the past four years in particular. And the fact that non-Western states are establishing the new order galls the Western elites to no end. Those same elites will try their hardest to convince us we need to somehow ‘counter’ the rise of those states. The elections across the West in these past years have been not about parties, but about the people of Western countries coming to understand that our elites do not have our interests at heart, by and large. Those elections are about maintaining the various state and international systems that keep those elites in their wealth and power. There are no better representations of this than in the election coming in November in the US, along with the UK, France and Germany, the preeminent

Western powers at the moment. With these points made, we move on to the current events. In this letter we will not address the circus that is the US election. There are two conflicts in particular that fully demand our attention in the years and probably decades ahead.

### Current events:

- On 28<sup>th</sup> of August [Israel started its ethnic cleansing of the West Bank](#). Remember Ceres OOB in our look at this full moon. There was another event that followed a few weeks later, covered below.
- As of the 28<sup>th</sup> as well, the front in the Donbas (Ukraine) is collapsing. The Donbas region will be clear of Ukrainian and NATO troops over the few months. A new chapter in the Ukrainian war has just opened, thanks to the failed Ukrainian operation in Kursk. All the Ukrainian defensive lines are being rapidly overrun by the Russian forces.
- [The largest protests against Netanyahu in over a year](#) took place in Israel after [six Israeli hostages \(one with American dual citizenship\) were found dead](#) in one of Hamas' tunnels. [Israeli media tried blamed Hamas](#) for the deaths, even though the IOF has been bombing Gaza incessantly since October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be covered more in the Palestine update, below. Netanyahu tried to tell the world Israel does not kill its citizens who are abducted. Perhaps someone should remind him of the [Hannibal Directive](#) and the fact that Israeli Apache helicopters were [used to kill at least dozens of Israeli citizens on October 7<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Turkiye has requested BRICS membership](#). That should be interesting, since Turkiye has NATO's 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest army...There is now an increasing possibility Turkiye would drop out of NATO, which in effect would neuter the bloc.
- The Scholz coalition in Germany ([the 'Stoplight' coalition](#)) [got slapped hard in regional elections in Saxony and Thuringia](#) by the AfD and Sahra Wagenknecht's BSW left-populist party. So, both the right and the left sent a clear message to Berlin that the German government was on the nose with the German people, at least in the old East Germany. This will have major implications for Germany going into the future. More on this in the next letter, because it will affect all of Europe and the security arrangements in Europe, evolving over the next few years.
- Macron appointed Michel "Mr. Brexit" Barnier as PM. Barnier is a member of a right-wing party in France. By tradition, Macron should have appointed someone from Mélenchon's coalition. The move has outraged French citizens, but apparently socialism cannot be allowed in France. [Revolution is in the air](#): "Macron will go down in history as the proud incompetent whose neurosis precipitated the outbreak of the new French Revolution." Can the ['French Joe Biden' steer France through its political crisis?](#) Only time will tell, but time is short for the EU and France to get its act together. We'll have more on why in the next letter, because we are dealing with economics here, at the root of the West's troubles.
- [There was a large-scale \(forced\) resignation of officials](#) in the Ukrainian Rada, all in Zelenskyy's administration. He claims Ukraine needs new energy. This follows on the heels of the Kursk fiasco. The move appears to be political blame-shifting. Zelenskyy is on his way out.
- The Eastern Economic Forum took place in Vladivostok, Russia. It was [the most unreported international forum](#) of the week, virtually unheard of in the West. [Pepe Escobar was there and gave a summary](#)
- Pakistan will soon be receiving an injection of democracy, American-style, due to the discovery of [huge gas and oil fields under its soil and off its coast](#).
- [Russia just expelled 6 British diplomats](#). This is in response to British planning of the Kursk invasion, along with Starmer's promise to Kiev to allow long-range British weapons to strike deep within Russian territory. [Starmer has since walked back the latter](#), as has Biden. Might have something to do with Putin's warning about such strikes amounting to a [declaration of war between Russia and NATO](#).

- [The 10<sup>th</sup> St. Petersburg International United Cultures Forum](#) was held in St. Petersburg, Russia. The theme this year was, “Culture of the XXI century: sovereignty or globalism?”
- Putin traveled to Mongolia, where he was welcomed with an honor guard, instead of being arrested due to the ICC warrant against him. [His visit was economic in nature](#): “Its goal is to increase infrastructural and economic ties between cities including Beijing, Ulaanbaatar, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Yekaterinburg, and Saint Petersburg. The development of the corridor requires significant cooperation from Russia. “This will promote trilateral cooperation within the Russia-proposed Greater Eurasian Partnership initiative, China’s Belt and Road Initiative and Mongolia’s Steppe Road plan” said the Mongolian president.” A few days after Putin’s visit [NATO Military Committee Chairman Rob Bauer visited Mongolia](#) to discuss issues with military modernization of the Mongolian army. There was a bit of contrast between the two visits. I wonder if Bauer enjoyed his [salted milk tea](#)?
- There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> assassination attempt against Trump. He was not injured, but this brings up a darker issue, covered in the next letter, topic titled ‘Blowback’.

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We need to take an aside here for a moment. There was recently [an article in \*Der Spiegel\* regarding Putin’s visit to Mongolia](#). The writer asks the question: Did Putin travel to Mongolia to consult with the shamans? Was that the *real* purpose of his visit? The writer goes on to cite a claim that, “Putin needs the blessing of shamans to use nuclear weapons. Without their consent, he cannot dare to take such a serious step for fear of angering the spirits. And he is said to have returned from Mongolia satisfied.” This information comes from ‘a source close to the Kremlin’. It puts one in mind of Western reporting of ‘sources close to the White House’ or the Pentagon. Of course, the writer of the article for *Der Spiegel* admits his story sounds like a lot of fantasy – no doubt. But apparently the rumor is circulating in Moscow – which *is* doubtful. Where do they get this stuff? *Der Spiegel* is known for its investigative journalism, or at least it was. Methinks this writer has been seriously trolled by his ‘source close to the Kremlin’. The article does nothing to restore faith in legacy media and press. More to the point, the article is an attempt to paint Putin as having more faith in shamans and mediums than in his own reason and consciousness, much less his confidence in his advisors. I wonder if Putin had visions while he was bathing in deer blood? (kidding) From here we come to the main focus on current events as they stand.

**A review** of the two major conflicts is in order here, so that we come to an understanding of the larger momentum of events. At the start of each conflict, in Ukraine and then Palestine, the military analysts in the West were forecasting a quick end to the wars. Instead, what evolved were two wars of attrition. In the West we like our quick victories. But wars have unintended consequences, and other nations outside the Western sphere tend to have much more strategic patience. In Ukraine the Russians have been doing exactly what they outlined – the attrition of the Ukrainian army to the point where it no longer poses a threat to the Russian Federation, the expulsion of the Nazi-riddled and nationalist regime in Kiev and an end to any NATO involvement in whatever will remain of Ukraine after the fighting stops. As things stand, the Russians are well on their way to achieving those three goals. This will be covered more in the Ukraine update (again, in the next letter). Signs of an impending Ukrainian collapse are in evidence. For Israel it is also evident the conflict has become a war of attrition, similarly meant toward the expulsion of the nationalist far-right regime in Tel Aviv and the collapse of the IOF. Bibi Netanyahu and his far right partners are the chief obstacles to a ceasefire and end to the hostilities, and thereby peace in the region, regardless of what we hear about Hamas. There will be more on the latter point in the Palestine update.

There is good reason why these two wars have gone so slowly. It has nothing to do with Russia appearing to be weak or the nations neighboring Israel being afraid of the IOF. Neither case is true. Instead, the reason for ‘[boiling the frog](#)’ militarily has to do with the US primarily and its new planning for its nuclear ‘deterrent’. This was [recently addressed in an online forum put on by the Schiller Institute](#), with Col. Larry Wilkerson, Ted Postol; Amb. Jack Matlock; Col. Prof. Dr.

Wilfried Schreiber; and Lt. Col. Ralph Bosshard, regarding America's new nuclear war planning. In essence, the Americans have enacted a secret plan for a first strike against Russia's and China's missile silos. The American idea of 'deterrence' is not to *deter* a nuclear attack, but instead to preserve its hegemony by preventing a rival from rising, as outlined by Wilkerson in the forum:

“On Aug. 20, the New York Times reported that the Biden Administration last March had quietly approved a new **“Nuclear Employment Guidance” involving preparing to fight and “win” a three-front nuclear war against Russia, China and North Korea.** There are multiple indications that such a war is **meant to include preemptive U.S. nuclear first strikes:** the American decision to place long-range nuclear-capable missiles on German territory; the NATO-sponsored invasion of Russia's Kursk region, to establish the precedent for direct attacks on Russian territory; the impending authorization of providing JASSM and other sophisticated long-range missiles to Ukraine, to carry out such attacks; “super-fuse” and other technical adaptations of American nuclear warheads whose only purpose is to increase the “kill ratio” of a preemptive nuclear attack.”

Bolding added. Do take the time to watch the forum. It is both troubling (to put it mildly) but more so informative as to the direction and the lengths to which the unelected state in the US is prepared to go in order to preserve some semblance of its past dominance. [There is also another view of nuclear warfare equally troubling](#), one that would send the West back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but without destroying millions of lives in an instant. For bringing down the US that would require only one enemy submarine armed with appropriate missiles. You don't believe it? – You may want to do a little research. Even at that, though, the chances of any of that happening are low, regardless of more reactive voices. There are still sane people, and those people have ultimate control over nuclear weapons. But what does all this have to do with the idea of attrition in the current conflicts?

**The reason for the Russians and [The Resistance](#) choosing attrition over ‘big arrow’ moves and quick victories is to prevent panic in the nuclear armed states** – American, European and Israeli – such that they would be more inclined to use their nuclear weapons to prevent (they think) the collapse of their present orders. The fact no one would win a nuclear war matters not to these people. What matters to them is preserving their hegemony – Israel's in West Asia and the Anglo-American empire. But attritive wars are not sexy. They don't give the adrenaline rush that *Top Gun* and other American war and action films provide. They don't generate news ratings. Instead one gets the slow grind and the public eventually loses interest, all the while Israeli and Ukrainian (and NATO by extension) societies are reaching boiling point. Then, people wake up to the collapse of Ukraine, for instance, and ask, “But I thought we were winning!?” Think on what that would mean.

Wars of attrition are meant to defeat an enemy from the inside, slowly, without creating a power vacuum, until the realization dawns on the ruling powers that all is lost, until it is too late to salvage anything from the conflict. This is what we see happening now in Israel and Ukraine. At the same time we see NATO beginning to fracture and the US and Western European powers begin to experience increasing levels of internal turmoil due to the public purse being drained by the wars. To put this in another way, the Russians and The Resistance practice strategic patience, while the Western powers (including Israel) rely on the ‘quick fix’, ‘shock and awe’, and are ill-equipped to engage in extended warfare. There is just not the industrial capacity or the public will to do so any longer. And as a last point, attritional warfare has the effect of never panicking or motivating the Western public to outrage and thus enabling their mobilization by the elites for war. The latter is what Bibi Netanyahu is seeking to foment in the minds of Americans.

**War as spectacle:** [We in the West have been conditioned via Hollywood to view wars as spectacle](#), shock-and-awe, with the US and allied powers as the invincible forces for good. A quick victory in any conflict scenario is our aim and blitzkrieg is our game. Holocaust films have been the sole narrative around anything involving Jews and Germany (meant to ‘keep the Germans down’). Most all of American (Hollywood) films cast the Americans and allies as heroic, while any nation who



stands up to America is cast as the bad guys. There is distinct Islamophobia in American [military porn](#) – as a great many American war films appear to be – while the Russians are most always cast in a dark light and as being somewhat backwards. If there is ever any military content in American films the Pentagon always has to vet the content. Hollywood is an integral and important part of the MICIMATT, the combined ‘war machine’ of the US.

The point here is that Americans and most Europeans have a view of war that is skewed, sensationalized, with overt exceptionalism (we always come out on top) as well as expectations of victory, and which is meant to reinforce the narrative that our military interventions are always justified and for the good. But there is something more dangerous in all this, too, because this sort of media gives the false impression that the military will always keep us safe and that we will be able to enjoy our shoot-‘em-up films in the safety of our living rooms and on our tablets and phones. The Israelis are learning a very hard lesson regarding the military always ensuring their safety – as in their military has turned out to be less than adequate in that regard. The IOF is no longer feared and the Israeli public no longer feels safe. We in the West may be about to experience the same, as [explained in a recent interview](#). [The US is quite vulnerable militarily](#), a fact very assiduously kept from the American public. [Our leaders have apparently placed us on a highway to hell](#).

I remember the old Bell and AT&T commercials with the ‘[reach out and touch someone](#)’ theme song. The Russians and Chinese can reach out and touch the mainland of the US anywhere, any time. This point needs to be driven home: Our leadership is putting us in a very precarious situation, aided and abetted by the media. We have been led down the garden path to believe – as many of our leaders obviously do – that the Russians, for instance, would never *dare* to attack the US mainland. I have news for you: They *can* and they *will* if we start attacking sites deeper within Russia. As Doctorow stated in a recent interview, “The Russians are not bunny rabbits.” [The US mainland is not protected with blanket missile defense systems](#) except in the north to any great degree, and those defenses are of questionable efficacy even then, putting it favorably. And if an attack comes from the south, or even east or west?...I would rather our leadership actually paid attention to the Russians and engaged in détente. But Kursk has changed the equations. With the regime in Kiev wanting to strike deep with Russia, it is now a case of ‘fool around and find out’ with the Russians, with regard to the US facing an attack on the mainland.

**Palestine update:** We start here with news of the assassination of the Hezbollah leader, Hassan Nasrallah. On 27<sup>th</sup> of September [the world’s only victims – they are, as they constantly remind us](#) (must see) – loaded up a [squadron of F16I fighters with MK84 guided bombs](#) and leveled six apartment blocks in western Beirut in a matter of seconds, instantly killing an estimated 100+ civilians, creating a 30 meter deep crater and assassinating Nasrallah along with several IIRG commanders and Hezbollah commanders, destroying the main Hezbollah headquarters. What’s a few civilians, right, when you can ‘cut the head off the snake’, meaning Hezbollah? The act was celebrated in the Western press and in the halls of power. Both Biden and Harris, along with Trump, lauded the demise of Nasrallah as ‘eliminating’ a terrorist leader. The United States and the old European powers have all labeled Hezbollah as a terrorist organization. One person’s terrorist is another person’s freedom fighter, as we well know. [Noam Chomsky set the matter out clearly](#) when he called out the true terrorists in West Asia. But the truth is the assassinations will have little effect on Hezbollah. What the West and Israel call a ‘snake’, in their terminology would instead be called a hydra, because the heads grow back, with a [long line waiting behind those](#). [Hezbollah has a horizontal command structure](#), designed to function even if all the major leaders were to be taken out at once. Each commander has the responsibility to train his replacement, in just such a case. Israel’s ‘victory’ celebrations were short-lived and pyrrhic. [All the Hezbollah commanders have already been replaced, including Nasrallah](#). The new leadership, also, is younger, more willing to take risks and now quite motivated to avenge the deaths of their other commanders. Hezbollah continues as before, and continues to fire missiles into Israel unabated. The deputy leader just gave

his first speech. His name is [Sheikh Naim Qassem](#). He has vowed The Resistance will continue as it has done in support of Gaza and defense of Lebanon. He said a new Secretary General will be chosen soon.

By assassinating Nasrallah the Israelis have [created a martyr and a legend](#). He was not only revered in Lebanon, but across the Arab world and Global South for his stand against colonialism and his integrity. Westerners who called him a terrorist will scoff at such a view, but that is how the wider world saw him. Nasrallah recently had a few comments on the various conflicts in the region as related to The Resistance. ‘Hezbollah’ translates to English as ‘Party of God’. Nasrallah noted [the following, from 2020](#): P10

“Look, in our culture we believe in God. And that in His hand is the kingdom of the heaven and earth. And everything is in the hand of God. And we are fulfilling our divine assignment. We are His servants who worship Him. We worship Him in prayer and we worship Him in jihad. And when we obey Him and worship Him we become His soldiers. And when we are His soldiers we become part of all His soldiers in this existence and in this universe. “And who knows the soldiers of your Lord but He.” [From the Quran] Even if you besiege us in a small piece of land, we don’t feel – so that you know who you are killing and who you are besieging – we don’t feel that we are besieged: We have with us the earth, the mountains, the valleys, the soil, the rivers, the seas, the oceans, the clouds, the winds, the sun, the moon, the stars, the seven heavens, the angels and what God has created of what we know and what we don’t know. We feel that you are besieged. America with all its greatness is besieged and all our enemies are besieged. We are not the ones who are besieged. Whoever believes in God cannot feel besieged, even if the entire geography in which he exists is closed off to him! You are fighting a losing and useless battle that will lead to no results. Killing [our soldiers] increases our awareness, stubbornness and determination. And the siege increases our confidence and trust in and connection to the real source of power that leads to victory.”

This is the ideology any invading force faces upon entering any of The Resistance territories. We see in his statement the Mars rulership of Islam. Mars is the great Avenger, but it is also the warrior spirit that lives for battle. This is something the secular Jewish state and the Zionists within it lack, as does much of the West these days. The Russians are rediscovering that spirit with the revival of Orthodox Christianity, the whole of Christianity also being ruled by Mars.<sup>17</sup>

The schism that has developed in Israel over these past months is at a point now where the society is poised to explode internally. To start, [Israel is in an endless tunnel in Rafah](#) (on the Gaza/Egypt border). According to a member of the Israeli Knesset’s Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, “Israel remains far from defeating or destroying Hamas.” He further went on to say:

“With the current operational methods, the matter will never be settled, because for every [Resistance fighter] killed, two more are born; for every injured [fighter], three new fighters are recruited; and for every piece of weaponry seized by the Israeli army, five more are produced underground in Gaza...the method the occupation army uses in the "war of shafts," as described by the head of Shin Bet, cannot lead to defeating Hamas in quantitative terms, referring to the number of fighters and the weapons they possess in Gaza.”

**War called on account of rain:** With his statement, this official reveals the true reason Netanyahu wants his wider war – to draw in the United States in hopes of finally settling Israel’s ‘Palestinian question’ – because the IOF lacks the ability to do so alone. And [he is quickly running out of time](#). The weather turns bad in a couple to three weeks and the IAF cannot provide close air support to ground troops in inclement weather. They either attack in that time period or major war with Hezbollah ([about whom there is quite a lot of disinformation](#)) will be off the table until next year. Even so, the regime still thinks they are in with a chance of fulfilling what they believe to be their destiny. The real storm is still brewing on the horizon, signaled by the hypersonic missile launch from Yemen by Ansarallah. The vaunted Iron Dome is more in the nature of a plastic sieve, with large holes. Israel (as well as the entire West) has no defense against hypersonic missiles. And as to

where Ansarallah obtained the tech for such missiles, that will be addressed in the next letter in the Ukraine update.

In the meantime, Israel is striking further and further north into Lebanon, while Hezbollah responds in kind further and further south into Israel. Bibi hopes that ultimately Hezbollah and Iran would go on to be defeated. But the IOF cannot even defeat Hamas. [Israel has lost the Gaza war](#). And without US support the regime in Tel Aviv would quickly collapse and the Israelis would have to sue for peace with the Palestinians, on terms Israelis would see as wholly unfavorable and unacceptable to Israel. It would mean the end of the Zionist project over time, because Israelis would no longer feel secure anywhere ‘from the river to the sea’. But horrific as it currently is for Palestinians, a quick victory by The Resistance would risk Israel’s use of its nuclear arsenal and most likely ensure American involvement in the conflict, along with condemnation of The Resistance by some UN members. Such a quick victory by The Resistance would also likely result in some sympathy for the Zionists. Attrition, on the other hand, along with American and EU support for the Zionists is increasingly gaining support for the Palestinians, with increasing support in the UN for the Palestinian State. Even facing all that, [the war cabinet in Israel has approved all plans](#), including war, to return the settlers to the northern regions.

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**Sinwar’s strategy:** What then, exactly, did Hamas hope to achieve as a result of its attack on 7 Oct 2023? – [precisely, this](#):

“Within a limited period of months—which I [Sinwar] estimate will not exceed one year—we will force the occupation to face two options: Either we force it to implement international law, respect international resolutions, withdraw from the West Bank and Jerusalem, dismantle the settlements, release the prisoners, and ensure the return of refugees, achieving the establishment of a Palestinian state on the lands occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem; or we place this occupation in a state of contradiction and collision with the entire international order, isolate it in an extreme and powerful manner, and end its integration in the region and the entire world, addressing the state of collapse that has occurred on all fronts of resistance over the past years.”

The latter is what we have witnessed taking place over the past year – “placing the occupation in a state of contradictions and collision with the entire international order.” And the plan appears to be on a reasonable timeline as outlined. Sinwar warned them, but the Zionists were too blinded with hubris to understand or accept it. They have painted themselves into a corner and [trapped the United States along with them](#). Trump supporters would never admit it, but [the policies toward Israel and the Palestinians enacted during his administration](#) were the direct catalyst that ignited October 7<sup>th</sup>. Saying he caused October 7<sup>th</sup> is a bit of a stretch, but he was instrumental in it, goaded into doing so by his Zionist donors, and no doubt strongly advised to do so by his son-in-law, whose family also has warm ties with the Netanyahus. The real cause has been taking place since the beginning of the Zionist project, [cemented by international recognition in 1948](#). Trump – meaning the forces active during his administration – simply lit the fuse. This is not to absolve Trump’s involvement. Paraphrasing [the sign on Pres. Truman’s desk](#) at the time, the buck stopped with Trump. As the chief executive, [Trump bore the ultimate responsibility for igniting Oct. 7th](#).

**Paging regional war:** We will close this topic out with an event that took place just before the eclipse mentioned above at the full moon. [At about 3:30 local time in Lebanon](#) and southwestern Syria, thousands of recently imported pagers simultaneously exploded, injuring upwards of 3,200 at last count, with some 200 critically, and 37 people killed over two days. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day the exploding devices included walkie-talkies, radios, solar panels, smart phones, intercoms and car batteries. One of those killed was a 9-y/o girl. Hezbollah uses such pagers and walkie-talkies, having been told to avoid mobile phones, since phones can be hacked, and many of the wounded were members of Hezbollah. (Hezbollah numbers around 100,000 fighters.) It should be noted, though, that Hezbollah has a civil branch and a military arm. It was the civil branch – logistics, police, etc. – who were using the pagers and walkie-talkies. The military does not use such devices.

Instead the military arm of Hezbollah relies on fiber optics and couriered messages, [recently revealed by Alastair Crooke](#). But also using those same pagers were health care workers and doctors. 10 days before the blasts the staff at the [American University of Beirut Medical Center were told to turn in their pagers](#). The pagers were manufactured in the Czech Republic by a firm headed by a Jewish American. BAC Consulting Ktf was the intermediary that sold them onward, and was, in fact, an Israeli shell company. There were two other firms involved, [one of which in Bulgaria is being investigated. That Hungarian firm has since disappeared](#). This was an Israeli operation long in the making.

In essence this was a terrorist attack, since many of the victims were civilians. [The attack was claimed by Mossad](#), and with great fanfare in Israel and among its supporters as a stroke of genius and a severe blow to Hezbollah. It was nothing of the sort, and it had no effect on the military arm of Hezbollah, as we are seeing. Hezbollah continues its operations undeterred. Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah at the time, [stated the attack was essentially a declaration of war](#). The Lebanese parliament has said it can no longer constrain Hezbollah given the attack. It was a sophisticated operation – electronic warfare – as well as a sophisticated supply chain operation. In fact, [Nasrallah gave a speech on Thursday](#), the day after the 2<sup>nd</sup> attack, where he addressed all matters related to it and has stated that Hezbollah operations against Israel continue unabated and unaffected. It was a successful Israeli tactical move. But the response by Hezbollah is likely to be quite painful to Israel. The attack did not affect Hamas. Hamas uses Huawei phones (no back doors, Chinese-made) and [uses a system of notes and couriers for communication](#). What does the attack mean for us, though?

**Exploding tech?:** Firstly, there is disinformation and scaremongering in social media about ‘the dangers of mobile phones’, which it is claimed can explode. Also, pagers and walkie-talkies are regional and would not affect anyone outside Lebanon or closely surrounding areas. We can state this categorically: **A phone or any other electronic device will only explode if it has been compromised and loaded with explosive materials.** The only possible danger from commercially available mobile phones – any solid state electronics – especially newer models is the very small possibility they can overheat and catch fire. But they will not explode. It is speculated it was the batteries in these devices in Lebanon that were exploding. Uncompromised lithium batteries in devices that use them are vented to prevent the accumulation of gases that might explode. What about the pagers in Lebanon, then? Those pagers had been interdicted in the supply chain after manufacture and had explosive material added, probably PETN, one of the most explosive materials known. Only a few grams of such material will produce the kinds of explosions we are seeing in social media. What this attack has done is to draw the regional governments together in solidarity with Lebanon. It has unified Lebanese society. All but 14 states (the ‘usual suspects’ plus 41 abstentions) have [voted to sanction Israel in the UNGA. Neighboring states have rallied to help the Lebanese](#). Iran and Iraq have sent supplies and doctors to Lebanon. Syria has given what help it can. Jordan has offered medical help. What the Israelis intended – panic and civil disruption in Lebanon along with an attack on Hezbollah – has failed. Experience from wars in which civilians have been bombed is that the populace becomes hardened, their resolve stiffened. In the long term this attack will only work against Israel. But there is one more point.

This sort of attack is often seen just before an invasion, as recently [outlined in an interview with Elijah Magnier](#), a war correspondent for West Asia. We know Israel has planned to attack Lebanon, and with an attack of this sort we should be seeing IOF troops moving into Lebanon. But it is not happening, which suggests the pager attack was unsuccessful, or ill-timed. An American official has stated the attack should have taken place during the invasion of southern Lebanon, but a couple of the defective pagers were discovered and the original plan had to be scuttled. What happened instead was a now-or-never event. At the same time, Israelis can now expect a major blow against Israeli territory by Hezbollah in accordance with the escalation agreement they have had between them for years – a sort of tit-for-tat exchange that has kept the two sides from engaging in major

escalations. That may be set to change now. Nasrallah has flatly stated, due to the attack, that the [settlers will not be returning to the north of Israel](#). Mossad has played its hand, and Hezbollah will be quickly hardening its communications network against future such attacks. Now it is in Israeli hands, and it would appear it is 'game on'.

**Paging an update:** As things stand between the IOF and Hezbollah since the 'Motorola massacre', no sooner had Nasrallah given his speech, than the IAF started massive bombing raids into southern Lebanon, in an attempt at what Netanyahu has called 'de-escalation through escalation'. What it means is that he thinks that by committing to such bombing that Hezbollah can be pushed back past the Litani River to the north. That is not going to happen. Bibi is hoping Hezbollah will overreact and thereby give the Israelis a *casus belli* to declare war on Lebanon. What is happening instead was outlined by Crooke at the link in the topic above, 'Paging regional war'. Now a million settlers in the north of Israel are hour-by-hour being warned to hunker in their bunkers – a million settlers who have lost their security in addition to the tens-of-thousands already evacuated from the north. Hezbollah is steadily moving the Israeli settlers to the south, without provoking the regional war. But as Israel terrorizes the Lebanese by hitting civilians, Hezbollah is hitting strategic Israeli military assets and outposts. You will never hear that in the Western press.

It is starting to look like the strategy of The Resistance is to attrite Israel to the point of collapse. Meanwhile there are miles-long traffic jams of families fleeing southern Lebanon to Beirut and [a few going onward into Syria](#). And the latest from Netanyahu is [the claim that Hezbollah is launching, hiding or storing rockets and missiles in people's homes](#). He made that claim in English, which meant the Lebanese were not the target audience. Instead it was meant for Americans. As far as I know the average Lebanese does not speak English. The aim with that claim is to justify (to Americans) bombing people's houses in order to depopulate southern Lebanon and claim it as Israeli territory eventually. Sadly, a great number of Americans and British will probably believe him. Netanyahu's claim is untrue, but the Western powers and Israel may have a hidden agenda – [claiming the Levantine Basin gas reserves](#), once the Lebanese are gone.

[There are currently 40,000 US troops in the Eastern Mediterranean area](#). The carrier group Roosevelt has just set sail to the Mediterranean and the Pentagon is sending an additional small number of troops to the region. I see increasing numbers of Americans on social media who are questioning why we are sending our troops to protect Israel when we have our own issues at home, all the while [Israel is attacking Christians](#) as well as Palestinians. [The latest claim from Haaretz is that around 40,000 Arab fighters are gathered in Syria](#) just outside the Golan Heights ([the Haaretz article](#) is paywalled), waiting for the word to move in. This could be fog of war to justify an Israeli incursion into the Golan or a start to concertedly bombing Syria. In fact in the article the Israelis say they may have to move into Syria if they feel threatened enough. In fact, the Israelis have already started bombing Syria in a limited manner, apparently after Russian radars and ammo dumps.

The hasbara coming out of Israel is thick and heavy. As [Col. Larry Wilkerson once stated](#), one cannot believe anything that comes out of Jerusalem because the Israelis are inveterate liars. There is one truth they acknowledge, however, [coming from the Israeli military leadership](#) (which very often has more common sense than politicians): "No solution can be found on the northern front without a ceasefire in Gaza." Hezbollah will not be defeated militarily by the IOF. There is even discussion among NATO members about a ground invasion of Yemen. Ansarallah will welcome them with open arms if they try, meaning the Houthis will relish the fight. NATO may want to reconsider. There is a strong 6<sup>th</sup> ray emphasis in The Resistance via Islam. We recall the description of the 6<sup>th</sup> ray type in terms of battle: "As a soldier, he hates fighting but often when roused in battle fights like one possessed."<sup>18</sup> This is what is facing the West and Israel if they try to invade Yemen or Lebanon. The world has changed since the 1990s in terms of the Shia factions in West Asia.

They are no longer pushovers. The Israelis found this out in 2006, much to their astonishment. They invaded Lebanon then and were promptly pushed out

Those in The Resistance have stated time and again there will be no cessation of hostilities until there is a permanent ceasefire and Israeli forces leave the occupied territories. In their arrogance the Zionists have put forward their points for a ceasefire to Hezbollah – Hezbollah’s unilateral cessation of its missile barrages, leaving southern Lebanon and moving north of the Litani River. Of course, Hezbollah flatly rejects the Israeli ‘proposal’, which would be tantamount to Hezbollah’s surrender. So, the escalations continue. Netanyahu and the regime have walked into their own trap and now face the consequences, all the while trying to shift the blame for hostilities onto Hezbollah. A ground invasion of southern Lebanon by the IOF now looks to be a foregone conclusion. Norman Finkelstein (whose knowledge of Israel and The Resistance is encyclopedic) gave [a recent interview \(must see\)](#) where he stated Israel relies on air power, and the Israelis – high above the land where they are safe – delight in killing Arabs. The IOF is hopeless as a land force, on the other hand, except against unarmed civilians. They fear going into Lebanon against Hezbollah, the latter having their [headquarters and armaments deep within well-engineered tunnels](#) (another must see). Recall that Nasrallah invited the IOF to invade. Finkelstein (and many others have as well) stated that an Israeli invasion of Lebanon would be catastrophic for Israel. And in the meantime, Iran was waiting for the opportune moment to respond to the assassination of Haniyeh. Any US Marines who land in Yemen will meet the same fate as the Israelis, should the latter choose to finally enter Lebanon. Yemen would be a war in miniature in comparison to what the Western powers would face if they chose to after Iran.

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The Telegram channels for [The Cradle](#), [Al-Akbar English](#) and [Vanessa Beeley](#) are showing a side of the conflict the Western media does not want us to see. “But, can you trust those sources? Is that not just propaganda?” Can we trust our mainstream media? How about our own reason and consciousness? The Israeli claims of strikes and little victories are either exaggerated in the case of successes, much like we hear from the Kiev regime in the case of Ukraine, or face a media blackout when Hezbollah strikes sensitive areas in the case of Israel. For every Israeli bombing run, Hezbollah is hitting key military sites in Israel. And they have yet to use their precision missiles. Listen to Crooke’s entire interview, previously. It is quite revealing. And we will never hear such updates in the West. Israel is in big trouble. It therefore may be in our interest to take a little deeper look into the Zionist question and what it reveals about Israel and more especially what it will bring in the long term.

**The Zionist question:** The American media at the outset of the Gaza genocide was asking two main questions of interviewees: Do you think Israel has a right to exist, and do you think Israel has a right to defend itself? We have gone well past that stage now as we are facing regional war at Netanyahu’s insistence. [Ambassador Chas Freeman recently had this to say on the matter:](#)

“When you agree Israel has a right to exist you are agreeing with it that there can be no self-determination for Palestinians, and that was the question. The savagery of the last 10 months or so in Gaza and in the West Bank which is less reported but equally brutal have changed that question. The question became, “Does Israel deserve to exist, given its behavior?” We’ve seen a series of International Court decisions in The Hague which charge Israel with all kinds of illegality, including the supreme illegality which is genocide. Now the question post-assassination [of Haniyeh] I think has been changed yet again: Can the world tolerate the existence of a state that has shown that there is no criminal act, no act of depravity that it is not prepared to carry out? That is now becoming the active question. So, Mr. Netanyahu has led Israel to the abyss, and this is terribly ironic because the founders of the state of Israel saw it as a safe haven from European anti-Semitism, which was a horrible phenomenon...Mr. Netanyahu's actions have now brought Israel to the point where there is a very real possibility that it will be destroyed, either by emigration of people of conscience, and the fearful. Nobody wants to live under constant fear of rocket attack or assault...”

He went on to say this about Netanyahu:

“Mr. Netanyahu has put in jeopardy his own country. The question is, does he care? Many who have known him over the years have observed that he doesn't seem to care about anything except himself. It is a sad day to see, you don't know. There are many decent people in Israel, despite the fact that the majority appear to support genocide. There are many who don't and who are decent people and he's put them in jeopardy. He has also put the world's Jews in jeopardy because this is all reviving anti-Semitism, which was, you know largely gone, [but] not completely. Human beings always have others that they detest, but it was largely gone. It's coming back and this is the result of Mr. Netanyahu and his extremist colleagues...”

The entire interview is revealing, from one of America's most august ambassadors, back when we had real ones. A few other points he made are also relevant here: Regarding Netanyahu's address to Congress, it was,

“...a defilement of our legislature and it was a national humiliation. I don't think that emulating the People's Congress in Pyongyang [making a comparison] in its slavish devotion to Kim Jong-un is worthy of any legislative body...This is a product of the slavish finality of our Congress which depends on campaign donations and is careerist. Very few there are willing to stand up for principle, so this is a discrediting of American democracy globally. The world saw that and does not admire what happened. Nor do I and I think many other Americans agree with me that our political elite is out of touch with popular opinion, which has turned decisively in a different direction.”

Hear! Hear! But there was one remark he made that clearly resonates with our Virgo theme, because Virgo is the sign that rules the soul of the Jews:

“...Israelis need to rediscover their conscience [the soul of Judaism] and that means they need to recover Judaism in my view because I think **Zionism has become the very negation of Judaism**. Everything that was good about Judaism, which inspired both Christianity and Islam and which created our culture at its finest has been overtaken, overthrown, erased, forgotten, reversed. You know I hope that – I'm not Jewish although I have Jewish grandchildren – I hope very well that the world's Jews outside Israel will talk to their co-religionists and help them realize what they have become...”

One just doesn't hear wisdom like that from our elites these days. The Jewish plutocrats, by and large – the materialists – have made Zionism their religion, echoing the Talmudist view by Jews as the master race. Perhaps that rings a bell, harking back to WWII.

**The new McCarthyism:** It is increasingly the case in the West that it is taboo to speak in criticism of Israel and Zionism. [Such talk is bad for business](#), you see. The same is true if anything positive is said about Russia, or that Russia is winning, or that it was NATO expansion that brought matters to a head in Europe in February of 2022.

In the past weeks, even, we have seen deplatforming of major independent journalists – YouTube bans such as [Mark Sleboda](#), [Brian Berletic](#) and [Double Down Geopolitics](#), [arrests of or legal actions against independent journalists](#) ([Medhurst](#), [Ritter and Simes](#), [Sarah Wilkinson](#), to start). [Assange was freed](#) in a rare event, though he was jailed for his journalism for years. [Telegram founder Durov was arrested](#) in France. [RT, Sputnik and all Russian state media are now banned](#) on Meta platforms. That is not a cause for celebration, by the way. [YouTube is throttled in Russia](#). Hillary Clinton would want to see people jailed for any positive comment on Russia. [Larry Wilkerson had a choice world for her](#).

Even at that, light is beginning to break through, at least in some nations. For instance, [hundreds of billboards have appeared across Italy](#) stating “Russia is not our enemy! Enough of sending money to Ukraine and Israel. We want peace and we reject the war.” [Article 11 of the Italian constitution](#) is cited. [CNN reports the billboards are pro-Russian](#), but being anti-war is hardly being pro-Russian. Last I heard Italy is not at war with Russia. Across the US and Western academia, though, there is a reason why we do not hear, and if so only barely, expert analysis on Russia. The same is true of

Iran, China, Syria, *et al.* In fact, such experts do exist in the West, but they are cowed into silence in what has become a new version of McCarthyism. [This was recently outlined by one Russia expert, Gilbert Doctorow](#), who is based in Belgium:

“...where are the Russian experts in the West, who know the language and culture as well as I do? We do not hear from them. The work of commenting on the war has been left to folks who are highly skilled geopolitical and military experts but who lack the in-depth area knowledge and the language skills essential if they were to test what information they are being given by their sources before passing it along to their viewers and readers.

Yes, such Russian experts do exist. I am not alone in a vacuum. There are several hundred if not thousands of them in the United States. Nearly all are serving as professors or instructors in universities, where they will be fired at once if they open their mouths and say what I say in public. At my age that is not a problem since I no longer have to work for a living. Others of them have jobs in think tanks, like RAND, where the very notion of resistance to the Washington narrative is heresy.”

Normally, from here we would move on to our look at the evolving situation in Ukraine, which is increasingly dire for the Ukrainians and thus for NATO. But we will have to do that in the next letter. There is another event that has just taken place that demands a look and which could now rapidly spin out of control.

**They promised:** In April of this year Iran fired hundreds of drones into Israel, followed by a few ballistic missiles, the latter hitting their targets, which were military but of no great consequence. The US, Israel and Western allies were notified of the strike, [codenamed ‘True Promise’](#) by the Iranians beforehand, enabling the Israeli-allied forces to shoot down all but the ballistic missiles. The west crowed that Iran was weak and that True Promise failed. Such was not the case. The fact the ballistic missiles got through the Iron Dome defenses untouched sent a message: the Israelis could be hit by Iran at any time, with accuracy. They ignored the message in their arrogance.

In May of the same year Raisi died in what was claimed to be an accident when the helicopter he was in went down in inclement weather. There are now high suspicions he was assassinated, but it was covered up due to the sensitivities of the situation. His successor, winning by a comfortable majority in the ensuing Iranian elections, was Masoud Pezeshkian, a moderate, with no experience in foreign policy. At his inauguration the Israelis assassinated the political leader of Hamas, Haniyeh. The Iranians vowed revenge, as it was a slap in the face diplomatically and it occurred in the Iranian capital. [Pezeshkian was promised by the Americans](#) that if there were no retaliation for the assassination there would be sanctions relief and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. It was a ruse. In his naiveté Pezeshkian believed the Americans. Washington, as much of the world knows by now, is not agreement capable. Neither are the Israelis. Then Nasrallah was assassinated.

Everyone since the assassination of Haniyeh was wondering where the Iranian retaliation was coming and how. It was an embarrassment for Iran, as Pezeshkian had been overly influenced by Zarif, who had a soft spot for the West. With the assassination of Nasrallah, Pezeshkian had to go on Iranian TV and apologize for his lapse in judgement. There were riots outside the Iranian parliament calling for his resignation. In the meantime [the Israelis were in barbaric glee](#) over Nasrallah’s death on September 27<sup>th</sup> and their ‘great tactical victories’ with the pagers and assassinations of other Hezbollah officials. Their glee came to an end on October 1<sup>st</sup> with the Iranians executing Operation True Promise 2. That evening [Iran fired 200 ballistic missiles into Israel](#), with the great majority of them hitting their targets – all of the targets being military. There is no mention of civilians having been killed. [There was a video with Col. Larry Wilkerson explaining many details](#) on that very night.

There was no warning for True Promise 2. All military airfields were hit. The airbase at Nevatim, where the US sends their bombs and our tax dollars used to kill Palestinians and now Lebanese, was



‘rendered unusable’ – destroyed. It was said 20 F35 jets were destroyed or damaged in the attack at Nevatim. We do not really know. The Israelis were caught flat-footed. They claim, like the Ukrainians, that most of the missiles were shot down, which is simply denial and propaganda. There were videos across social media of the missiles coming in untouched and hitting the targets. There were also videos of Israelis hunkered in gutters and watching stunned as the missiles came in. The entire airspace of Israel was shut down. Netanyahu was whisked out of the country when warned of the incoming barrage. He only had minutes to leave. There were also videos of Palestinians in Gaza and elsewhere dancing in celebration of the strikes. As far as we know one of the gas platforms in the Mediterranean was hit as well. Pezeshkian had finally earned his keep, pressured on all sides to execute the retaliation.

The Western response was predictable. [Jake Sullivan said there will be "severe consequences"](#) for Iran after the missile attack. I wouldn't be so sure, Jake. There is too much at stake for the US, what with the election, economic woes and so forth. Starmer in the UK went on air and stated "[We stand with Israel](#)". I don't know who this 'We' is to which he referred, because most of the UK stands with the Palestinians. Washington's 'severe consequences' will probably relate to sanctions, and little more. Iran had reason to respond under international law to the Israeli aggression against Haniyeh, IIRG commanders and a long list of others whom Israelis have assassinated over the years. [Sky News interviewed Prof. Marandi](#) from the University of Tehran after the attacks and schooled Sky News about spewing the Western propaganda – “most of the missiles shot down”, “the operation failed”, “it was a humiliation for Iran” (must watch). But here is the point on which we will end this letter: The Iranians have stated that if the Israelis mount a counter-counter attack against Iran, Iran will strike Israel's entire infrastructure. Israel will collapse. [The Iraqis are saying if a wider war breaks out 'not a drop of oil will leave the Middle East'](#). Economies will collapse, especially the Western neoliberal economies. Washington now has some very serious and fundamental decisions to make, as the Washington establishment wants to avoid a regional war. They like their slow, simmering conflicts. It is the opportune moment for sound leadership to step forward in the West. Is there anyone listening? Is there no one in Washington who will say enough is enough, collar the Netanyahu regime and bring them to heel?

**In conclusion:** We have entered new ground. The rules of war have gone, shredded by the Zionists. We need some good, solid Virgo analyses here with hard facts on the table if we are to find a just resolution to these conflicts. And we in the West need to come down off our moral high horse, take off our blinders when it comes to other nations and leaders we have been conditioned not to like and actually begin talking to all sides, whether we like them or not. We need *luminosity* here, breaking through the darkness and fog of propaganda. As much as we are able, stand in the light and meditate for peace. Now is the moment. To be continued in the Libra letter...

Virgo blessings,

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<sup>1</sup> *Occult Chemistry: Clairvoyant Observations on the Chemical Elements*, Annie Besant and Charles Leadbeater (1919) London, Theosophical Publishing House

<sup>2</sup> The Author, *The Full Moons: Topical Letters in Esoteric Astrology* (2014) Boston, Appendix 6

<sup>3</sup> Heisenberg, Werner. *Physics and Philosophy*. New York: Harper, 1958

<sup>4</sup> In other words, if the master raises our kundalini for us, which is not the normal way of things.

<sup>5</sup> Bailey, Alice A. *Esoteric Astrology* (1951) New York, NY, Lucis Publishing, pp. 255, 256

<sup>6</sup> Rinpoche, Patrul (author); Brown, Kerry (ed.); and Sharma, Sima (ed.)(1994). *The Words of My Perfect Teacher*

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<sup>7</sup> The first experience of the clear light in the process of ‘taking death onto the path’. The quote is from a commentary given in Adelaide in 2007, as yet unpublished.

<sup>8</sup> *Esoteric Astrology*, p.256

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid*, p. 255

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid*, p. 277

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid*, p. 263

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid*, p. 273

<sup>13</sup> From *The Full Moons*, appendix 6 (see fn 2)

<sup>14</sup> *Esoteric Astrology*, p. 284

<sup>15</sup> Bailey, *Esoteric Healing*, p. 231

<sup>16</sup> *Esoteric Astrology*, p. 260

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid*, p. 212

<sup>18</sup> Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology I*, p. 209