

THE WESAK FESTIVAL 2026 THE LUNATIONS OF TAURUS

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The end will come not with sound and fury, but with a whimper.¹

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G'day Everyone!

And we hope a tranquil Memorial Day for Americans. It is also Whit Monday in the EU. We start this newsletter with a report from my recently concluded trip Down Under. Bear with me, because it will tie in with other parts of this letter. This trip to Australia was planned some months ago, before there was any talk of attacks on Iran. The original flight included a stopover in Dubai and then onward directly to Adelaide in South Australia. I was looking forward to it. I had never set foot in Dubai before and wanted to get a feel for the place. Then the war happened. A few weeks before I was to leave, we heard that the airport in Dubai had been bombed. Not knowing how long the war would last, and seeing that my wife had decided I was *not* going to stop over in Dubai (Hers was the better part of wisdom, but I was curious to see the place.) we changed flight details. I flew over on Qantas Airlines, which included a dogleg diversion going over from London and then directly to Perth. That was almost a 17 hour trip from London.

A point of interest regarding that flight is that instead of passing over the UAE, we passed over the eastern part of Iran, almost directly over the birthplace of the new Supreme Leader of that country. I found the new flightpath to be a little interesting, putting it mildly. However, I also knew that there was actually little in the way of military activity in that part of Iranian airspace, and the trip proceeded without incident. As much as we hear otherwise, the Iranians are not terrorists and they do not target civilian airlines. More to the point, there was a cease-fire at the time between the US and Iran. Throughout the past few months we have seen that the Iranians have held good to their word. We all arrived safely in Australia. And then it was onward to Adelaide.

Having left Australia in 2012 – you know, the year the world was supposed to end – I was keenly interested to see how much the country had changed since I had been gone. Adelaide used to be considered a sort of provincial city, without much to get excited about. I never had that view myself and found Adelaide to be quite livable. Unknown to many people, Adelaide in the 70s through to

the 90s was also a very progressive city in terms of spirituality and occult studies. One of the esoteric groups that was stationed there, now long gone, was the vehicle by which I actually arrived in Australia and stayed. My partner at the time was a member of said group. I met many of those people and renewed ties on this trip and similar groups while I was there this time. It was wonderful to catch up with old friends and fellow travelers on the Path again.

Adelaide was also one of the places where cutting-edge astrology was explored and developed. P2
Sadly, that is no longer the case as the few astrologers still living there who lived through that period now bemoan the fact that astrological practice in Adelaide has returned to what its adherents call 'classical astrology'. I may get taken to task for saying this, but the so-called classical astrology comes from medieval times and as such does not take into account modern discoveries, such as the dwarf planets, human psychology and spiritual evolution in general. Even the current so-called 'evolutionary astrology' is geared toward the mass public in general and as such is not very esoteric, meaning it does not go deep enough into human psychology and a person's soul path. Be that as it may, any path or tradition which leads a person onward toward a deeper understanding of oneself and one's environment is of value.

I was staying with a couple dear old friends during my time in Australia. They took me around to see the city and the first thing I noticed was the sharp increase in traffic compared to what I had experienced there before. A little checking told me why that was the case. When I left the population of Adelaide was a little over 1.1 million. Now the population is over 1.4 million. The population grew by almost 12% between the time I left and the current decade. Most of that population growth came from overseas. But with limited land area remaining for housing in the urban areas, the natural effect of the population growth was the resulting explosion in high-rises which I saw throughout the city. Even the area where I used to live, which had a charm all its own has now succumbed to the pressures of housing. The Norwood Parade I once knew is quickly becoming walled by high-rise apartment blocks. Local residents decry their presence, with comments to the effect that the once charming area is now being consumed by real estate developers and demand for housing. On that note, if one is living in the more urbanized areas of Australia one cannot find a house for less than \$1 million. And in the trendier areas prices can be even much higher. Australia, in common with many Western nations has become a rentier economy, meaning housing is used for speculation rather than providing people with a place to make a home. Housing prices were one of the main complaints I heard while I was there, along with steep rises in prices for just about everything else.

Another thing I did notice that had changed since I lived in Adelaide before was the welcomed increase in the number of coffee places, with a marked Italian influence. I was quite pleased about that. Apparently though, nearly every cappuccino I ordered came with a stripe of cocoa on the top, something which one does not see in Italy. In Italy, they will sometimes ask you if you want cocoa on the top of your cappuccino, but it is not commonly served that way. And of course, coming from Italy and having been gone from Australia for so long, I had to indulge in the obligatory meat pie. Everyone has their preference, with [Balfours](#) being the old standby. But my personal preference is for Vili's. That is my declaration on Balfours (yes, there is a pun there). I used to frequent the main [Vili's bakery](#) for lunch in my travels for work. Their pies always went down a treat. Pies aside, Australians are getting more adventurous in their food, too. Needless to say, I came back home from Australia to Italy with a couple of extra pounds added. That's weight, not British currency.

As for the political situation there, the present Prime Minister, Albo, is now the favored pollie of derision, especially since [the Bondi incident](#). Australians are primarily live and let live on the whole. But we don't like being censored and we know very well the difference between being actually anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist. We don't appreciate being told that to criticize Zionism, Israel and what are obvious moves toward favoring one group over another really is on the nose. Make a note of it, Albo. Australians are now suddenly shocked into the awareness of just how

powerful the Zionist lobby is and has been within Australia. It has been there for a long time, but it has taken events like the Bondi shooting to bring it fully into the public awareness. It also shows the overarching influence of the British and American establishments upon Australian politics, because both of those nations are heavily influenced by Zionist lobbies.

To the news, and watching the evening news, nothing has really changed in Australia from when I was living there before. It's still the same [horror movie](#) (Skyhooks fans) it always was. Politicians are just as annoying and transparent as they ever were, always in campaign mode, always harping on the obvious dog whistle events of the times – immigration, cost-of-living, promises after promises, and always, always toeing the establishment line. And with a strong Murdoch presence in Australian media, the stenographer journos parrot the Western establishment lines. P3

Shortly after arrival in Australia my friends and I went on a road trip to Melbourne, where we caught up with other old friends. It takes all day to travel by car from Adelaide to Melbourne, but the trip is not without its treats. And petrol prices were actually reasonable and plentiful. That will likely change for the worse over the coming months. As to why, that will be addressed in the remainder of this letter. Bakeries along the way to Melbourne always offer great food, including the favorite green frog cakes, pink pigs, yellow chicks and of course great meat pies. The Beechworth Bakery in Echuca has them all. Did I mention they also do a nice coffee, too? Bordertown also has a great bakery a little off the main road. On the way back from Melbourne we took in some silo art and finished off with some you-beaut Thai food from a street cart in Lameroo, done a treat by a young Thai-Aussie bloke. Good on 'im for his entrepreneurial spirit. But it was getting late and we had to be mindful of the odd kangaroo hopping across the road in front of us.

The land on the Melbourne trip was sad, though. I had never seen it so dry. And we could see where fires had ripped through a few regions. The land was slowly recovering but the farmers had been doing it tough. There were a few farmers risking planting in anticipation of rain closer in to Adelaide, and we did finally get rain the last few days I was there. In all we had beautiful warm weather by and large, albeit dry, capped off with cold and rain when I left. Autumn had finally arrived, and no one complained about the rain. I hope the farmers are able to have a decent crop.

We'll have a bit more on Australia at the end of this letter. However, there is an added note to the trip. Upon arrival home and after getting settled back in I had a nasty little surprise in store. A couple of days after arriving I was struck down with an extreme case of vertigo which laid me flat for almost a week, with lingering vertigo and fatigue up to this point, almost three weeks later. At least now the effects are mild and I am able to work and get about. The nearest I can figure is that I must have picked up covid or some sort of bug on one of the planes coming back. It has not been pleasant but at least I can function now. That time in bed, however, gave me pause to reassess the trip, the direction of my life, and a vision going into the future. I am not exactly young and time is telling. And that brings us to our present theme for this letter – Taurus – a sign that in the zodiac is especially associated with Light on The Path. With that in mind we move on to our Taurean theme, even though the Sun has since passed into Gemini.

Taurus: Readers may find some use in what follows on this topic. We begin with the following:

“The constellation of Taurus was called the Mother of Revelation and the interpreter of the divine Voice.”²

As we start to parse the meaning of that quote and what it would mean in human terms, we look back at a subject that has been a recurring theme since I started writing these letters so many years ago. Taurus marks the 2nd of the three major spiritual festivals of the year – the full moons when the Sun is in Aries, Taurus and Gemini. The astrological year starts in Aries at the solar ingress into Aries (the equinox) and finishes at the last degree of the sign Pisces. Thus, we have the idea of a new and fresh start with Aries. In simple terms the three festivals just mentioned, at the full moons when the Sun is in those signs marks the primary motivating processes at the start of the

astrological year. For our planetary collective consciousness this is the reality. For individuals we find what value we can from what is given during those periods. For individuals the three festivals represent archetypal processes, in other words.

The process for the three main festivals is thus: Initiative (Aries), Consolidation (Taurus) and Dissemination (Gemini). The other full moon festivals throughout the year round out the process started in Aries. Aries marks the impression of certain divine ideas (or perhaps directives) on the mental plane, for each person and group according to the pressing needs of the time. Seeds are planted in the collective consciousness then. In Taurus, upon reflection the impressed ideas are interpreted, each according to one's own abilities and are thereby given force (momentum) for materialization. Movement forward as to what must be done for the following months and beyond thereby ensues. P4

Following on from and rounding out the preceding quote, we have the following from *The Secret Doctrine*:

“This constellation of Taurus was called ‘the great city of God and the mother of revelations,’ and also ‘the interpreter of the divine voice,’ the *Apis pacis* of Hermoutis, in Egypt, which (as the patristic fathers would assure the world) preferred oracles that related to the birth of the Saviour” (*Pneumatologie*, iv., 71)...The Taurus [symbol] (which, by the way, is no lamb, but a bull) was sacred in every Cosmogony, with the Hindus as with the Zoroastrians, with the Chaldees as with the Egyptians. So much, every schoolboy knows.”³

From that same section, the taurus symbol was seen to be as a Bull's horns pushing away a Dragon, the esoteric significance of which points to the descent of the divine idea ‘downwards’ into manifestation (material form). Dragons are always symbols for divine Wisdom in esoteric lore. But it works both ways, too. The path toward materialization of an impression can become a vehicle (as in a precipitated teaching), a method whereby we can plot a path back towards divine Wisdom: *Taurus Draconem genuit, et Taurum Draco* (Taurus begat the Dragon, and the Dragon begat Taurus). What we have with Taurus the sign, then, is the energy that leads to manifestation, the momentum needed for ideas to find fulfillment in outer life. Taurus is ever associated with divine momentum. Taurus types are [known for their ability to manifest](#) an idea that has been seized upon.

Taurus is ruled by two planets, Venus in the orthodox and Vulcan esoterically. Venus is connected with the ajna center in human subtle anatomy, manifesting through the pituitary body, the so-called ‘master gland’. The ajna center lies between the eyebrows and is often mistakenly called the ‘third eye’, the latter being the synthetic organ of spiritual perception. Instead, the ajna center is a directing center and ‘organ of integration’, verified physically by the fact that [the hormones secreted by the pituitary body](#) serve to keep the human body in integrity, in health and growing properly over time – according to plan.

The ajna center is the seat of the reasoning mind, at first.⁴ Its ultimate purpose is to integrate impressions from the subtle realms into one's waking consciousness and then to enable one to project thoughtforms outward into material reality. The Bull, after all, is the symbol of force and procreative power. “Taurus is ever a symbol of the *seed* of life, of generative as well as of the destructive force.”⁵ The latter relates more to the Vulcan rulership of Taurus, while the Venus rulership refers to the integrative function of the center – the union of the soul with the higher Self in later stages. Hence we have the association of Venus with love and attractiveness. However, when the ajna center is fully activated and functioning in concert with the two other main centers in the head, then we see the arising of the true third eye, leading to the next quote for Taurus:

“I see, and when the eye is opened, all is illumined.”⁶

The proper functioning of the ajna center is key in that regard, because it serves to integrate the other two centers in the head (crown and alta major) into a functioning station of light within the

head, thus flooding the entire personality with the light of the soul and onward. Experience in Taurus both begins and eventually fulfills that process on the spiritual Path. The fulfillment of that path was outlined by Gautama, the Buddha, himself a Taurus, who exemplified the Taurean quest – Taurus begetting the Dragon:

“In Taurus [the disciple] must be able to say: "I seek illumination and am myself the light."⁷

On a final note regarding Taurus, impression and the Plan, we have the following, noting the ajna center is the controlling and directing point within the third eye, relating the factors stated to our archetypes of the three major spiritual festivals, noted in brackets: P5

“Down upon the level of daily living, disciples are today learning three things: the Technique of Impression, the generating of energy, and the use of the ajna centre. Many are responsive to impression [the Aries phase], but fail to recognise or use the energy of which the impression is simply the forerunner; others respond to the energy, but fail to register the Plan which it is intended to implement [the Taurus phase], and the energy then leads to great but fruitless activity. Still others are learning to use the centre between the eyebrows, standing as silent and poised recipients controlling the third eye, the directing agent of the received energy [the Gemini phase]. It must be carefully borne in mind that the energy to be used is not the energy which the disciple himself generates or his own life force, but is something different, something which he has received from the Hierarchy and of which he is simply the agent or channel. He has therefore to learn to distinguish between the various energies he contacts.”⁸

Ignoring current gender sensibilities in the quote, perhaps the idea is clear enough, and applies across humanity. With these points in mind we move on to our consideration of the full moon just passed and its implications in outer events.

The full moon took place on 1 May 2026 at 17:23 UTC (03:23 AEST on 2 May). The immediate standout from the lunation figure is that Uranus has finally passed into Gemini, having left Taurus for the next 76 years. That has several implications and meanings, which will become apparent as we go through the remainder of this letter. The next time Uranus enters Taurus will be in 2102 and at that point the Aquarian energies will be much more pronounced than they are today, as will the energies of Libra, which rules that decanate of Aquarius. Our world will be unrecognizable at that point, having moved well beyond our current chaotic period of transition between ages and cycles.

It is worth noting that in the discussion of Venus and the ajna center, above, Venus is also the orthodox ruler of Libra. Both signs have a connection with integrating and expressing new factors, but the emphases differ between the signs. It is also of note that when one is functioning more as a soul than as a personality, the rulerships of the signs work ‘from the top down’. In Taurus for example Vulcan impresses the need to move forward with plans, taken up in the ajna center. Vulcan was the god of the forge and a constructive agent. In Libra Saturn (via karma) and Uranus (representing change and a new direction) present a kind of crossroads experience and a choice as to one’s life direction. The action of Venus in Libra is to integrate a sense of equipoise and discernment regarding all possible paths to be taken rather than outward movement, as we would instead see in Taurus.

In past letters we have noted that Uranus in Taurus indicates changes in the manner in which humanity manages resources and economics. Of interest to note is that Uranus entered Taurus fully in the last period from 2019. Prior to that Uranus transited conjunct the dwarf planet Eris in March of 2017 when Trump had entered office for his first term. Eris is the planet of discord, and the world – especially the West – entered a discordant period. Brexit negotiations started around that time as well. There was something else that happened when Uranus entered Taurus – the COVID19 crisis. We now know that was a man-made crisis and an attempt at societal and population control. Its original intent was to weaken China, [being introduced there from the US as a bioweapon](#), but blamed on a lab leak from the bio-research lab in Wuhan. However, as we now know the use of any

weapons always have unintended consequences. Some readers may call such talk conspiratorial, but I can furnish many references to the contrary. The pandemic was also part and parcel of a massive wealth transfer to the 1%. On the other side the pandemic also began the process we are now seeing of what is a gradual and large-scale awakening of the general populace to the plans of Western elites. We will not go over old ground here, though.

As Uranus passed the final degrees of Taurus we have borne witness to the development of a true financial reset and basis for resource and economic management, fomented by the unprovoked attack on Iran by the US and its Israeli proxy. The control the Zionists hold over the US is only very temporary and increasingly tenuous, noting that the primary Zionist control comes from within the United States itself via the oligarchy, the evangelical voter base and Zionist-controlled media. With Uranus now finally in Gemini we will see a rapid shift in public perception against Zionism in general and Israel in particular. It used to be that Iran was cast as the ‘evil entity’ while Israel was seen as ‘America’s greatest ally’ in West Asia. My, how times have changed – and so quickly! The perception of the two nations in younger generations of Americans has now completely reversed. Gemini rules the personality expression of the United States, and with Uranus transiting there we will see a new dynamic introduced into the public discourse in the Gemini-controlled nations of the world. Corresponding changes will be noted in Europe as well, where Geminian influence is also strongly noted. The soul of Great Britain expresses Gemini characteristics, with the next seven years seeing sometimes dramatic shifts in the political structures of all nations expressing Gemini. Gemini personalities will come under increasing stresses, whereas Gemini souls will be called forth in increasing measure.

A study of the years 1942 – 1950 might give some indications as to what we might expect with the Uranian passage into Gemini (the birth of the UN, the end of WWII and the Marshall Plan, the demise of the British Empire, etc.). But as to the present days of Uranus in Gemini we have seen the emergence of a new world power, one which has the capacity to reshape the world financial order – indeed to control the world financial system in this interim period. We are speaking of Iran, of course, backed by Russia and China and being *the* key node in the rising multipolar order. That brings us back to the Taurus full moon figure, noting Moscow and Rome both have Taurus ruling the soul expression of the capitals of Russia and Italy, resp. Taurus is also the soul rulership of Canada, Poland and China as nations. The only nation listed in [Bailey’s *The Destiny of the Nations*](#) as having a personality ruled by Taurus is Great Britain,⁹ which had cast its shadow over the entire British Empire while it existed. The British establishment cannot let go of its old imperial hubris. It is said that the intuitive mind of Great Britain ‘needs development’.¹⁰ We might surmise that need from the current political leadership in the UK as it has existed for the most recent decades.

The full moon of Taurus presaged certain events, as we have seen. Since then we have seen the implementation of ‘[Operation Project Freedom](#)’, which produced a skirmish between Iran and the US, which the [US had to scrub so as not to break the US-Iranian ceasefire](#). The skirmish happened as I was about to leave Australia and there were doubts at the time about my flight home. As it turned out we flew back over the same part of Iran as we did going over. But as a result of the skirmish and back-down by the US the Iranians established [the Persian Gulf Strait Authority](#) (PGSA). On the day of the full moon [the UAE left OPEC](#). It is a gamble the Emiratis may soon come to regret. The UAE is increasingly being called the ‘United Hebrew Emirates’ because of its close ties with Israel (see Suggested Viewing), with some comment to the effect that the Emiratis are an Israeli (meaning US) proxy in the Gulf. We will have more on the UAE below. The point here is that the full moon axis on 1 May was in a separating t-square with Pluto at the apex, with Mars in Aries in an approaching square with Jupiter, the latter marking gambles being made by various parties. Mars square Jupiter is the ‘gambler’s aspect’, and we aren’t talking penny-ante.

T-squares with Pluto at the apex often indicate the end of old situations. Well, there is a new sheriff in the Strait of Hormuz and the tenants and old powers don’t much like it. It might be of interest to

know that as it stands today over three dozen ships pass daily without incident through the Strait. In other words, the Strait is open to powers who wish to make peace with Iran. As the saying goes, the rest can suck eggs. The ships that pass pay the toll to the Iranians, there are no complaints from the shipping companies and the Iranians offer the crews food, assurance and safe passage. (see Pepe Escobar with Nima in Suggested Viewing for details).

The Sabian symbol for the lunar degree was of interest for the events that followed from the full moon. It reads as follows: P7

- An official embassy ball (12° Scorpio)

[Rudhyar's interpretation of this symbol](#) related it to ritualized demonstrations of ostentatious wealth and power, with all of the pomp and circumstance associated with such an occasion. There have been a couple of large 'embassy balls' (Putin's and Trump's trips to Beijing), along with attempted displays of power in the Persian Gulf and in Ukraine, neither of the latter which have had any real effect. Then there was the new moon of Taurus, which also produced effects.

The new moon of Taurus showed a turning point in certain efforts, with Ceres (the planet of 'seasonal change') conjunct the new moon and Mars conjunct Eris (the planet of discord). The new moon was square to Israel's Mars and a few degrees away from Israel's natal Sun, as outlined in [Phillip Lindsay's new moon newsletter](#) ("Israel and the Taurus new moon"), which he posted the day before the lunation. There was bound to be an effect from that lunation, as it was also squared to the natal Mars placements of Trump and Netanyahu. And in fact there was an event – in fact several that precipitated from it, and one on the very day of the lunation. At 11:30 pm local time that evening there was [a huge explosion at Beit Shamesh](#) ([chart](#), with blog post to follow at some point) at the Tomer Missile fueling facility, which just happens to be in close proximity to Israel's nuclear weapons stockpile. It would be a safe bet that there is little left of the facility.

The usual Israeli spin is that the blast was a planned event, as those things happen. No one believed it. Looking at the event chart of the blast it was obvious this was no planned event, but it certainly sent a message. Probably the blast was caused either by sabotage, failure of machinery or gross negligence. There was an immanent attack on Iran planned for that time, which was quickly called off by Trump, who tried to spin the scrubbing of the attack as the result of a request by the Gulf monarchies. No one believed that, either. As it turns out, [the Iranians had figured out the flight timing](#) of American planes and the Pentagon called the halt. The likely date for the next attack was [revealed by Washington mouthpiece Axios](#), which puts the time in the Memorial Day Weekend. Mars will square Pluto over that period, and on Memorial Day itself exactly. It has proven to be an interesting weekend, covered in a bit.

Netanyahu called Trump after Trump called off the attack. The call was 'robust'. We might expect so, seeing that the new moon squared both of their Mars placements. Netanyahu left the call furious. [Trump went on to say Netanyahu does whatever Trump says](#). No one believes that, either. Trump wants out of the war, though, and he is between a rock and a hard place with Iran. Desperate people do desperate and often stupid things, referring to both Trump and Netanyahu. The Iranians are not desperate. They are happy to bide their time. Trump claims that a deal with Iran is within sight, but the Iranians deny it. The day after the new moon a generating plant at a nuclear facility in the UAE was struck by a drone. Perhaps that was a message to Trump, who has significant business dealings in the UAE. And we see more of what has just been described regard the two lunations in the preceding points as follows in the current events, below.

Current events: The following major events have taken place since the last full moon (Aries) letter:

- There was [an attempted coup in Mali](#), which was repelled. This is an ongoing saga.

- The UAE left OPEC in an attempt to set its own pricing – in reality, most likely an attempt to bring down oil prices, prompted by the US and other powers due to the crisis at the Strait of Hormuz. The move will likely have little effect, except to hurt the Emiratis.
- The US enacted a blockade of Iranian ports, which is itself an act of war in the midst of a ceasefire. The blockade is not doing so well. The US is interdicting a few ships for show, but otherwise dozens of Iranian ships are circumventing the blockade daily.
- Pakistan has opened six overland transit routes to and from Iran, bypassing the Strait of Hormuz and the American blockade.
- The indigenous population of Bolivia has sought to oust the American puppet government, the latter who has sought to sell off Bolivia's natural resources to multinational corporations. The Trump administration stands with the government. This is an ongoing struggle. The aim in the US is to turn Bolivia into the next Argentina.
- China has enforced blocking statutes against US extraterritorial sanctions. The gist is that China chose to push back on recent efforts under the so-called "Operation Economic Fury" to dramatically ramp up enforcement of existing sanctions on Iran. This is a big deal, probably the financial equivalent of what happened with rare earths last year, in the sense that this is China taking a major step to push back against a U.S.
- The Global Sumud Flotilla in its most recent iteration was stopped and boarded by Israeli authorities. There were 50 vessels and 428 participants. After their interdiction many of the participants were beaten, raped and tortured by the Israeli authorities. This is by their own accounting and corroborated among those hundreds of participants. Ben-Gvir was particularly noteworthy in his dismissal and mistreatment of the captive members. Western media said the testimonies of the captives were 'alleged'. The Israelis deny any wrongdoing. Is there a pattern there? Upon returning to their respective nations they were generally welcomed to applause, except in Spain. Basque police forces greeted the participants with truncheons and brutal beatings. Basque police have received funding and training from Mossad. And now people are marching in the streets demanding the ouster of Spanish PM Sanchez. That is another story.
- Tulsi Gabbard resigned as head of Intelligence, reportedly to take care of her husband, who has bone cancer. There are other speculations, of course, as in she was fired, or was forced out, or just had enough of the place. Her replacement, though, was chosen immediately and is a hard-nosed Zionist who makes frequent trips to Israel. The Trump administration has gone full speed pro-Israel. The move does not bode well for peace in West Asia. Gabbard was against the Iran War and repeatedly asserted the fact that Iran is not pursuing a nuclear weapon – a fact the Iranians continue to assert.
- Thomas Massie was ousted in his run for Congress – by a factor of only a few votes. It was a coup within the Republican Party, funded by Zionists to the tune of millions of dollars in 'donations', and sealed by a sudden rush of mail-in ballots, all of which were votes for the opposition candidate. Remember all the scandal about mail-in ballots in the 2020 elections? You know, the one that was reputedly stolen from Trump? Well, it seems that two can play that game. Federal and Congressional politics is as corrupt as it comes, heavily influenced by foreign powers and corporate interests. Republicans and the Zionists have scored what will be a pyrrhic victory with Massie's ouster, but it will come back to bite them hard.
- The Ukrainians bombed a dormitory with four successive drone strikes (a 'quadruple-tap' strike), killing 28 sleeping students and injuring scores more. The strike was an intentional act of terrorism. The Western press said 'Putin alleged' it was a Ukrainian attack. In fact, it was a NATO strike, which is part of a salami-slice approach that has taken place over the past 4+ years, meant to provoke the Russians into a massive reactive strike against Europe. The Russians responded with what has been called the largest ballistic attack on Kiev since the start of the war. There will be more on this below. The Ukrainian provocations are aimed at keeping the US involved in the war there and in Europe.

- [Trump went to China](#), at his request, accompanied with his gaggle of tech giants, all of whom played tourist. [Rubio marveled at the ceiling](#) in the Great Hall reception dinner, pointing out features to interested compatriots. [Musk posed for selfies](#). There was little interaction between the American delegation and Chinese business people. Xi did a classic maneuver as one would do with any baser Leo type during negotiations – he stroked Trump’s ego, while at the same time schooling him on what was needed for US-Chinese relations. Basically, [Trump left China empty-handed](#), without signed contracts, instead with promises of Boeing aircraft and soybean sales. The trip was more about trying to salvage something for midterms in the American heartlands than it was about anything of substance. And as to hopes of China influencing Iran? – forget about it. The Chinese have a 20-year \$400 billion strategic partnership with Iran. They are not going to help Trump find an exit ramp from his war of choice on Iran. Then, a few days later Putin landed in Beijing, with Xi planning a trip to North Korea.
- If you want to see contrasts as to who matters to the Chinese, watch the videos of Putin’s visit to China in contrast to that of Trump. Putin got the full treatment of an honored world leader in China. It was his 25th visit to China. Trump left China without anything being signed, whereas there were 40 agreements signed between Russia and China. We begin our look at current events with this item.

UN principles revisited: The Putin-Xi summit was historic, in contrast to that of the American visit. Whereas the American summit focused more on China wishing to restore a semblance of stable relations with the US, [the Russian summit focused on several factors](#):

- Deepening of the Russia-China strategic partnership amidst the ever-deepening friendship pact between those two civilization states. This latter distinction gives important context, to be outlined below. The two nations are ancient neighbors.
- The rapid expansion of trade corridors bypassing the Suez Canal and the Malacca Strait. The Power of Siberia II pipeline will be finished next year, as a goal (accelerated completion, in other words), the Northern Sea Route receiving special attention
- New security architectures for Asia (to start) and Southwest Asia – minus the US, UAE and Israel. All transactions between Russia and China are done exclusively in yuan and rubles, completely discarding the American dollar

Xi and Putin held a closed-door two hour tea ceremony where among the items most likely discussed (from what little we can know) were the wars in Ukraine and Iran, what was discussed between Xi and Trump and what to do about NATO. At the end of the summit the leaders issued a joint declaration, the highlights of which are as follows:

- Russia and China will work toward an era of polycentrism. Hegemony will be rejected into the future world order.
- There is a danger as the old order further slides in decline to the return of the ‘law of the jungle’, a clear reference to the US and Israel.
- Indivisibility of security, especially important to note:
“It is necessary to pay due attention to the rational concerns of all countries in the field of security, to **focus on cooperation on security issues, to reject bloc confrontation and zero-sum game strategies, to oppose the expansion of military alliances, hybrid wars, and proxy wars**, and to promote the creation of an updated, balanced, effective, and sustainable global and regional security architecture (...) It is unacceptable to force sovereign states to abandon their neutrality.”
- Hegemony should be prohibited
- Global governance, meaning nations abiding by international law: “...it is necessary to adhere to the principles of sovereign equality, the rule of international law, multilateralism, human-centeredness, and results-oriented approach.”
- Strengthening the United Nations according to its founding principles, stated otherwise in the preceding points.

- And finally, in Point 4 of the Declaration, we have:
“The spiritual and moral system of any civilization cannot be considered exceptional or superior to others. All countries should advocate a view of civilizations based on equality, mutual exchange of experience, and dialogue, and should strengthen mutual respect, understanding, trust, and exchanges between different nationalities and civilizations, promote mutual understanding and friendship among the peoples of all countries, and protect the diversity of cultures and civilizations.”

In other words, the era of empires is to be drawn to a close. Are the preceding points not the original spirit of the United Nations? Cynics will scoff and say the joint declaration is so much blah, blah, blah, with no teeth. But it flies in the face of the old thinking that whoever has the most and biggest guns makes the rules. In the declaration we see the Taurean souls of Moscow and China, having grasped the increasingly impending Aquarian world order, and seeking to implement them according to their own needs, starting in Eurasia. There will come a time in years hence when the hubris of the old powers will be dashed on the rocks of their own follies and they will have to accept the principles of the Aquarian age, outlined in the foregoing points. Some will do so willingly, often out of necessity, while others will be dragged in while still trying to hold fast to the past, defiant to the very end. So, given the so-called Global South looks up to Russia and China, representing the bulk of the world's population, we have an emerging vision for the world going forward. What stands in the way?

Looking in the mirror: Before we go further into expansion on the current events, there is a phenomenon which we in the West really do need to understand. The Western powers have been in dominance roughly for the past 500 years – two cycles of Empire as we have covered in past letters. This is a sub cycle of the 2500 year cycle of the fourth Ray that is now slowly starting to come in. We have examined many times about the crossroads at which we find ourselves, with power being transferred from the West to the East. The current conflicts we are seeing, primarily in Ukraine and West Asia, are about the outer manifestations of the shifting powers and security structures within the human realm. We in the West commonly have little understanding of what is happening, the direction events are taking us, and especially why. There is a good reason for that.

We have looked many times in these letters about how our Western legacy media is controlled by a small group of oligarchs, with their own biases and their own narrow interests at heart. Those interests are based in the past power structures, including economics, of the past century especially. As is the case with any collapsing society or Empire, the powers that be will try their hardest to keep the public online with their objectives, albeit while the public at large is experiencing the increasing economic hardships incumbent upon keeping the old order afloat and the thick fog of misinformation necessary to keep the public ignorant of what is really taking place. The personality of the West, being ruled by the fourth Ray, tends to direct the elites in the West to see everything in terms of conflict, and thus ‘the other’. When the elites in the US, for example, look at a nation like China and see the rise of that society, while not conforming exactly to the wishes of the Washington elites, the Chinese are seen as an enemy power that must be confronted and reined in. This is pure psychological projection on the part of the United States military-industrial complex, meaning the Washington and Wall Street elites. But to do this, and making China the enemy, this is used as justification for military spending, for financial capitalist market manipulation, and a constant drumbeat of ‘bad China’ in the news cycle.

The old narrative: With the fall of the Soviet Union 12 years after the Iranian Revolution (the two events were not related) the narrative was spun that the United States had won the Cold War and had somehow forced the collapse of the Soviet Union, with some comment to the effect that it was Reagan's Star Wars Initiative and the space race that so drained the Soviets that their economy collapsed. [It is a myth of course.](#) The real causes of the Soviet collapse were corruption within the system, satellite states of the Russian Federation draining the economy, the Russo-Afghan war having drained and demoralized the military, among many other factors, not the least of which were failed domestic policies. The Soviet Union collapsed because of its own internal dynamics and poor

decisions. There was also the work of the CIA in the ex-Soviet satellite states in promoting ‘Western values’ along with an unhealthy dose of misinformation regarding opportunities in the West – keeping in mind that at that point the neoliberal economic model was already well underway. It was turbocharged during the Clinton years. It is a long story, but it points to what is happening in the Anglo-American Empire at present, which mirrors the Soviet experience in many ways.

The preceding paragraph points toward a certain culture that has pervaded Western think tanks and intelligence agencies since the end of World War II. As stated above, the end of World War II established the Anglo-American Empire. That culture maintains – and you can see it through Hollywood films – that the West always prevails, that its military is invincible, that the world outside the West is somehow backwards, and likened to a jungle, as the now disgraced EU diplomat [Josep Borrell once quipped](#). In short, there is a culture within the Western establishment class that refuses to believe that the West can be defeated, that Western society is the best for the world and is exceptional, and more, that it must prevail. ‘Enemy states’ as the oligarchs perceive them are always underestimated, whereas their own abilities are always held up to be superior to those enemy states. And we see this in action with the opening salvos of Operation Epic Fury and Operation Roaring Lion, which we have addressed since the Pisces letter. P11

Taurus and the world momentum: Of interest here is the Chinese collective soul rulership by the sign Taurus, and they definitely have a vision for their future. That vision seeks cooperation with the United States, via their Libran personality rulership, while not being under the thumb of Washington and Wall Street. I have heard many times from a cross-section of people that “China is out to take over the world”, that China is causing this or that disruption in society, that China is somehow an aggressive power that simply takes over wherever they come into a country. In some cases that may be true but such cases are the exception rather than the norm. By and large, the main thing the Chinese want to do in any sphere is to do business, a practice at which they are very good. And they are quite persistent. The Chinese soul expresses the first Ray of willpower, whereas the personality of China is ruled by the third Ray, which is associated with business. It would pay everyone reading this to listen to the interview with former ambassador Chas Freeman, listed in Suggested Viewing. If anyone knows China in the West, it is Chas Freeman, who accompanied Nixon when the US made its forays into business ties with China. The Chinese saw the opportunity and they have run with it. The results are all too evident today, for anyone who has taken the time to study China and even to travel there. I was there almost 20 years ago, and even then I could see the progress that China had made.

The second most populous city in Europe, Moscow, also has Taurus as its soul rulership. The Russian establishment in Moscow also has its vision for Russia’s future, and lo and behold, it closely aligns with the Chinese vision for China and Eurasia at large. As it turns out, this is actually a natural development, but as has been the case with Europe and the US for over a century Russia is seen as an enemy of the West, and is constantly demonized in the Western press. If we look back through history, especially in terms of cycles of Empire, we note that the Mongol empire stretched from Moscow all the way through to the Pacific coast of China just prior to Western emergence into power. There is another viewing the Suggested Viewing with Sergey Karaganov, a Russian historian, who explains the cultural roots and influences of Russia over the years.

As it turns out, Russia is a Eurasian power, with its cultural roots more in South and Central Asia than in Europe. The European influence in Russia is only recent in Russia’s history. Hence it is widely misunderstood by the Western powers, who consistently fail to take into account Russia’s history, its resilience, and its long multicultural heritage. Russians, like the Chinese, have made immense contributions to the world’s cultures. Yet we see those peoples as being backwards, as peasants and barbarians. This must stop if the world is to move forward peacefully into the Aquarian age. We can choose to understand these countries, or we can fight against change and

against hope, much to our peril. And we should add, Russians like the Chinese simply want to live in peace and to do business with the world while looking out for their own internal development.

Russian culture is unique and is widely misunderstood in the West. Russia has long been a place of blending of many and diverse cultures. Yet, our Western leadership sees fit to project our European (including American) values onto Russia. How can this be resolved? We have no idea from where the resilience and independent nature of Russian society derives. It is not until [we begin to understand Russian history](#) – far older than that of the US – that we can come to understand Russia. From a recent interview, Russian historian Sergey Karaganov had the following to say: P12

“We took our external cultural roots not from Europe. We took them from Palestine, from the brilliant Byzantine, from the Muslim world and from the Buddhist world. And their political and external political core of our society and of our culture came from the great Mongol Empire.”

See the interview in Suggested Viewing for more. The current borders of Russia and the founding of Moscow happened under the rulership of the Golden Hordes of the Mongol Empire and the local populations’ eventual reaction against them. We in the West are apt to see only the brutal aspect of Mongolian invasions, rather than [the society that developed after](#). The Mongol Empire can be seen as an Asian corollary to the Roman Empire with the developments the latter empire introduced. It has only been in the modern era, from the late 19th century, that Russia had turned somewhat toward Europe. Given the current relations between Europe and Russia, such a turn toward Europe is increasingly being seen as having been a mistake within Russia. Russia is returning to its historical roots. Even in its early days from the Golden Hordes onwards Russia’s esoteric motto has been extant: “I link two ways.” Vladimir Putin, whatever one might think of his leadership, has been instrumental in overseeing a renewal in modern Russia of its historical cultures, including Byzantine Christianity.

The Russia, Iran, China triangle: When it comes to Iran also, the projection of that nation as an enemy has been all too evident, especially since the 1979 Revolution. We were not given the rays and astrology of Iran in Bailey’s *The Destiny of the Nations*, but there appears to be an astrological simpatico, especially with China. And now we stand at a precipitous point. The relationships between Russia, China and Iran go back at least a thousand years and what we see developing today is simply another natural development, with many similarities in their cultures, and many centuries of cooperation, trade and exchange between them. To anyone who has been in those cultures and who understands them, it is simply astounding why these peoples and those nations are so demonized in the West. Well, I can tell you from the little bit I do know about those nations and cultures is that they are far more resilient than Western peoples. Those nations see the long game, they understand the West very well, and the main thing they have to do to ensure their success is to simply stand firm and wait us out. That is exactly the strategy that Iran is employing at the moment in its final major conflict with Western powers. As for itself, Iran has emerged through this war as the very definition of a world power. Through its control of the Strait of Hormuz, it affects entire economies across the world and thereby the fate of Western democracies especially.

The evolving security structure: Russia and China are currently working with regional powers in Southwest Asia to form an overarching security structure for the Persian Gulf region. This involves talks with Turkey, Egypt, Pakistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia primarily. But the aim is an overall non-aggression pact that respects everyone’s rights. Recall that China had negotiated a rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran a short time ago. None of the Gulf monarchies want to see their infrastructure destroyed in another flare-up of the war. On the part of the Israelis and the Americans, they couldn’t care less if chaos reigned in the region. In fact they desire it. But the overarching security structure being negotiated between these states excludes entirely the involvement of the United States and Israel. Such a security structure would involve iron-clad agreements – for which neither the Israelis nor the Americans are capable of keeping – for mutual cooperation between the states in the region. The destruction of the American bases in the Persian

Gulf has been far greater than has been reported. Given the nature of the conflict thus far it is doubtful that any of the Gulf monarchies would allow the Americans to come back and reoccupy and rebuild those bases in any meaningful fashion. That has further implications.

Without the large US military installations in Southwest Asia, the United States loses one of its primary logistics hubs for projection of power into Central Asia. It would be a major blow toward any efforts at Washington's desire to halt the rise of China and to stop the new transport corridors being set up across the region. The United States would be pushed back toward using the European powers as their primary logistics hubs for power projection into Eastern Europe and beyond. Currently the United States sees Europe not so much as allies anymore, but instead as a huge logistics hub and as a cash cow as a result. This may sound very cynical to many readers, but the Western European powers have long been occupied nations since the end of World War II. P13

The supposed fear of Russian invasion is used as a narrative tool to keep the European public afraid of Russia in order to justify military spending and the maintaining of American bases in the European Union. But the European public has watched what has happened especially since the start of this decade and serious questions are arising regarding their relationship with Israel, first, and America by extension. The younger generations especially are not very keen on seeing the US maintaining a foothold in Europe. And they increasingly see the technocratic leadership in Brussels as acting against their own national interests. Another development of the war in Iran will be political upheaval within Europe as the shortages resulting from the closure of the Strait of Hormuz really begin to hit. Western European states in particular are not seen as being very friendly by the Iranians, except for Spain. This is something we will have to discuss in future letters.

Rethinking Ukraine: Increasingly heard among the members of the Russian establishment is that the war in Ukraine needs to be ended, as in this year. Enough is enough. Ukrainians want this too, meaning the average Ukrainian on the street. They are beginning to realize that they are being used and hard done by their government. Another interview in the suggested viewing is the Tucker Carlson in an interview with the former press secretary to Volodymyr Zelenskyy. That war has dragged on for more than four years, and if it goes on for much longer Ukraine itself will cease to exist. We can probably expect some major military moves by the Russians over the coming months. The Russians are already picking up the pace of their offensives in Ukraine. The increasing number of drone attacks from Ukraine into Russia, using the air spaces of several NATO countries, is causing increasing pressure on the Kremlin to finish what was started in 2022. The recent bombing of a school dormitory which killed numerous students was a targeted NATO provocation, meant to enrage the Kremlin toward taking some sort of rash action that could be used to drum up fear in the European public. NATO leaders should know by now the Russians never react rashly. The Russians have responded by a fierce bombing raid on military targets in Kiev and surrounds. Actually, the causes for that war go back to Ukraine's independence in 1991. But we won't cover that here, as it is old ground.

The memories of the general public are generally short, but when this war started and – even though it is still classed as a police action – the propaganda machine of the Western powers went into overdrive, casting Russia as the villain, even though the major Western powers had been pushing provocation after provocation against Russia until finally the threat of placing nuclear weapons in Ukraine sealed the deal. Even now, Russia is banned from the Eurovision song contest for example, among other events, [because they attacked white European people. Say it isn't so](#). Israel on the other hand, came in second in this year's Eurovision spectacle, for example, while Russia has been banned. Never mind the genocide, and never mind that the Israelis cheated. Israel has invaded neighboring countries for years and continues to do so. Israel's national chart shows Taurus Sun (personality), the esoteric motto of which is "Let struggle be un-dismayed." With Israel's natal Sun squaring Mars, the personality motto fits quite well. At least the Bulgarians won the song contest this year. The UK came in last, as if making a statement.

When the Ukraine war started Zelenskyy was held up as some sort of national hero figure, with celebrities pouring into Kiev to virtue signal along with a steady stream of Western politicians looking to shake hands with the West's poster boy against Russia. Now it appears Zelenskyy is not so squeaky clean and people are tired of the drab green outfit, the man looking increasingly drug addled. The point is this: Once the war is finished and information begins to come out, the Ukrainians are going to realize the extent to which they have been sold out by the Western powers in a brutal, criminal manner, abetted by a totally corrupt regime in Kiev that has laundered vast amounts of money and sold military equipment on the black market, money and resources that should have gone to support the war effort and the Ukrainian public. The stench and sting of this betrayal of the Ukrainian people – and of the Russians, we must add – will last for generations. Along with that, when Israel finally collapses and the war with Iran is finished non-Zionist Jews will begin to realize how they, too, have been used in West Asia in a manner similar to that of the Ukrainian people.

Rethinking Israel: When it comes to Israel in its current situation the regime in Tel Aviv finds itself in a now or never situation. It is very similar to what Trump finds himself confronted with in Washington, caught between wanting to get out of the war in Iran and at the same time beholden to his donors and what is rapidly turning into a political and domestic quagmire from which he looks to be unable to extricate himself. Americans have yet to realize the effects of the supply chain disruptions this war has caused. Prices and shortages will begin to hit in the summer. The Iranians are happy to bide their time and to keep the current situation in place, because they know the pain that is coming to the United States. The monarchies in the Persian Gulf are facing a very similar situation and they need the Strait of Hormuz opened, for transport and business to continue unencumbered. If the Israelis try to relaunch the kinetic side of the war the Iranians have promised a severe retaliation against any participants. Most likely the Emiratis as a viable state would disappear, along with Israel and probably a few of the other Gulf monarchies. Those monarchies will be covered in the next letter. Oman and possibly Qatar would survive, as they have had friendly relations with Iran in the past. The last days of this month look to be very telling regarding a continuance of the hot phase of the war, with Mars squaring Pluto and certain midpoints that indicate complete destruction. We recall that midpoints were evolved as an astrological measure for indicating bombardment, though they have many other uses in a chart.

Sharp divisions are arising within Israel as it seeks to subdue Hezbollah in Lebanon. In fact, Hezbollah is holding its own and is dealing a very heavy blow on the IOF. Further to that, the Israelis are facing yet another defeat at the hands of Hezbollah in Lebanon. We do not hear that in the mainstream media, but sober analysis from people who know Israel and the region shows that Israel is in a very precarious position at the moment. It has been stated that in order to be able to prosecute all military action that the regime in Tel Aviv would require at least 7 to 9 times the level of current IOF forces. What do we see happening behind the scenes, then that may give some indications for a path toward peaceful relations within Eurasia?

Iran has always been seen and has been for centuries as a major trading hub, a gateway into Central Asia, as well as a shipping hub to the wider world. The Russians and the Chinese know this very well and they have made their plans around the fact that the integrity of Iran will remain intact. Thus far, the Iranians have been holding their own against the Israeli and American onslaught. And they are making major progress in their goals of first weakening Israel and pushing the US out of the Persian Gulf at the same time. Hezbollah has reentered active military participation in the conflict and they are now working in concert with Iran. The first goal of The Resistance is to exhaust the air defenses of Israel and the Western powers. That in turn leads what remains of coalition forces entirely defenseless from air attacks. It also leaves the Persian Gulf states across from Iran virtually defenseless. The Americans want to control the narratives about the war, but the realities are forcing more realistic dialogue to take place among the states in the region. The Iranians have had decades of watching American and Israeli strategy across the region and they

have learned much from Israeli successes and failures. Now we see the results of Iran's intelligence and assessments. If the next hot phase in the war ensues the Iranians have stated the conflict will extend outside the region, will involve the underseas internet cables that pass through the Strait and that the Bab el Mandeb Strait will be closed, meaning shipping through the Suez Canal.

Rethinking the Resistance: The Axis of Resistance has done something in the past days that no one ever expected – they have become a unified, coordinated bloc of military forces. Those forces are steadily pushing the US out of the region and which have begun pushing the Israelis even out of their northern settlements, not to mention southern Lebanon. Talk in Israel and the US over the past year was that Hamas and Hezbollah had been neutralized, that the Israelis could push into Lebanon and take all the territory south of the Litani River. The reverse has happened. The Israelis are losing territory in the north of Israel. The morale in the IOF is at rock bottom. Among American troops it is much the same. An increasing number of US forces are saying that they do not want to go to fight and possibly die for Israel. Well, it is not actually Israel for whom they would be fighting, taking the wider view. In fact this war was pushed by and is being fought for the Western oligarchy and the military-industrial complex. Israel is secondary, remembering that Israel was primarily set up as the US military base in the region, with the story of the Holocaust as the cover. 'Israel' will be the last US military base to close in the region. And if we do not believe the Americans will leave Israel high and dry should it come to that place, then one needs to study history.

The Gulf monarchies are rethinking their position within the US-Iran War, having been suddenly shocked into the reality of their security – mostly their lack of it. The current Persian Gulf states were formed over about a century first under British rule and then in the 1960s and 1970s becoming independent states themselves. These Gulf regions and peoples had [long coexisted and had come under the rule of one empire after another](#) until finally after WWI the British and the French divvied up the region under Sykes-Picot with the fall of the Ottoman Empire and in cooperation with the Saudis and Kuwaitis. Oil was discovered in the region shortly after WWII and then their troublous journey with the United States began. [Iran had been occupied by the US off and on from 1941](#), either directly or via proxy until the 1979 Iranian Revolution which threw out the Shah and proclaimed itself the Islamic Republic of Iran. They re-nationalized their oil, which greatly peevd the United States and the Western European democracies. They have been trying to reassert control over Iran ever since with the use of their proxy Israel. Note the wording.

Already we are hearing that the Gulf monarchies are saying that [the Americans have abandoned them to the mercies of the Iranian counter strikes](#). Fingers are already being pointed. [Israel is being blamed for this war](#), for which the Israelis are calling foul. [Iran is being cast as the aggressor](#), when they are the ones who had been attacked by Israel and the United States. It is probably best at this point to outline the emerging scenario, so that we become clear about what is most likely to be the outcome of this conflict.

Where things stand: Before the world can begin talking about renewing the UN or replacing it and new security structures favorable to all, the two major wars must be ended in a way that such conflicts will no longer be possible. This is the aim of the Iranians in the Persian Gulf region and West Asia. Neither the Israelis nor the Americans can abide such a turn of events. It would appear that a final battle must take place that definitively ends the possibility of a future such war taking place. In that, the Iranians have the upper hand, aside from the use of nuclear weapons. Even then it is doubtful the war would turn in favor of the Zionists, for reasons we will not outline here. Safe to say, the use of nukes in the region is a zero-sum game for West Asia and one which would rapidly escalate out of control.

For the Russians they must reassert their formidable deterrence capabilities, including nuclear weapons. The fear of MAD (mutually assured destruction) was actually a great stabilizing force between NATO and the Soviets. Since the end of the Cold War the Western powers have been

lulled into a state of belief that the Russians would never dare to go up against NATO, much less use their nukes. Unfortunately for Russia, the manner in which the war in Ukraine has been prosecuted by them has lent itself to such a belief. Thus far Putin, meaning the governing body in Russia, has been reactive in the SMO instead of moving forcefully against the Ukrainian (meaning NATO) forces in Ukraine. This has been done to minimize civilian casualties in Ukraine and Russian military casualties. Added to this has been the assertion by Putin that Zelenskyy would not be targeted. That assertion is due to the legalese of the definition of the SMO (special military operation). Unfortunately it appears that this misconception of Russian weakness and lack of resolve must be shocked out of American and Western European leadership before any serious talk of a stable security structure in Eurasia can be attained. The Empire must be called to account and to see the reality of Russia as a viable partner instead of an obstacle that must be overcome on the West's quest to re-establish supremacy. The latter is already a lost cause.

Should the Russians reassess the SMO as being an anti-terrorist operation instead, the gloves would come off and Zelenskyy and his cohorts would be fair game. Karaganov, mentioned earlier, has stated that Russia should start hitting military targets inside NATO countries as a means of re-establishing deterrence, starting with conventional weapons as a means to get the message across to the obvious ~~hacks~~ leaders in Brussels and the UK who think they can simply go on provoking Russia without fear of retaliation in NATO countries. The fact that Kallas is posing as the Foreign Minister of the EU should speak volumes as to the level of 'statesmanship' that exists in Brussels. Her home country may be one of the first to experience a 'visit' from Russia on one of their military sites, as that nation's airspace is currently being used to launch drones deep into Russia.

In Southwest Asia [Saudi Arabia is pulling Europe toward a 'Gulf Helsinki deal' with Iran](#) because Washington has failed. It would be a non-aggression pact between the Gulf monarchies including Iran and Europe, while bypassing the US and Israel. Is such a deal even feasible? Time will tell. Meanwhile behind the scenes the Russians and the Chinese are using diplomatic channels to seal a security structure similar to what the Saudis envision. The resulting security structure would include Türkiye, Iran, the larger Gulf monarchies and Pakistan, with the guarantor being Pakistan, supplying the nuclear umbrella. The US and Israel would be excluded. Pakistan has excellent relations with China, as does Iran and Russia. Pakistan has a defense treaty with the Saudis. The key to the security architecture for Eurasia lies with missile capabilities, which means Iran, Pakistan, Russia, China and North Korea (See Escobar in Suggested Viewing). There would be many Americans and Europeans who would call such a grouping an 'axis of evil' or of autocracy, a 'dark or dystopic turn for the world', but the truth is it would instead eventually turn out to be a huge economic bloc based in diplomacy rather than conflict. The Western powers would of course be invited to participate, but they would have to leave their weapons at home, whether kinetic or economic. This will no doubt take a few years to come to pass. But it could also happen rapidly.

In conclusion, my trip to Australia highlighted many aspects of the world as it exists today for me. It showed the fragility of the West's just-in-time and neoliberal economies, which the panic the war in Iran introduced across the West. The disruption of supply chains, like we saw with the pandemic can take years to heal. If there is another hot phase of the war in the Persian Gulf the disruption of primary goods from the region could spell disaster for many national economies. That next hot phase could come as early as the end of this week, after the Muslim Eid holiday. Just to be clear, there is no deal in the works with Iran. People in the know with Iran are calling bullshit on that one, mate. That's just Trumpian bizzo. If there is another hot phase of the war, certain fuel supplies may disappear for a while. Most of the time people do not pay much attention to fuel prices, for example, but they sure did while I was in Australia. The end stages of neoliberalism were also apparent when I was there, with high prices for housing and goods, largely due to speculation and market manipulation, with the Australian public now having been made acutely aware that their government, like so many others, is overtly controlled to a higher degree than realized by foreign

governments. That affects pricing and housing, too. We don't have to name the governments, as we all know who they are now.

Yet, the Aussie spirit is alive and well. Community matters, and it gets people through hard times. Like all governments now, hard choices will have to be made in the immediate future. Australia is closely tied to East Asia by geography and by demographics, far more than some people may realize. It makes much more sense to be on good terms with one's close neighbors than it does with old powers thousands of miles across oceans. And given what we have seen out of London and the US recently, does it not make sense to have a little rethink about where essentials actually lie? This is not to say nations like the US and UK should be forgotten or sidelined, but a little spine shown to both of them can go a long way toward a fresh outlook on Australian priorities – like caring for farmers and families instead of thinking about how much one can gain from the sale of houses and land. Corporations and the stock market are not the economy. People are. Put down your phones, get your mates together, have a few beers around the barbie (or coffees in the mornings) and gain a fresh perspective on what is important for Australia and the world. The same goes for anyone else reading this. And to my American friends and family, remember what is at stake as the Fat Cats and vested interests try to take us to war again on this Memorial Day. P17

Lest we forget...

Taurus blessings,
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The Gemini letter should be out almost on schedule. The Goodwill moon is on Sunday, May 31st. I am basically back in the saddle now as far as writing.

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¹ Regarding the Empire. Heard in a lucid dream by the author, explained in the text of the letter. It is obviously cobbled from the famous last lines of T.S. Elliot's poem "The Hollow Men" and the [soliloquy from Shakespeare's Macbeth](#). The subtle worlds speak to us in symbols and language we can ultimately understand.

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