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“I don't know why anyone watches any dumb movie. Reality now is arguably the most fascinating thing ever put up.”¹

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Greetings Everyone!

The heat and humidity for which the dog days of summer are known are upon us once again, with the heat rising again after a very welcome cool break. I've been searching for an opening for this letter in the past days, without a proper Leo introduction. Sometimes these things come in strange circumstances. Such was the case for this letter. I was in the supermarket one morning doing a bit of spot shopping and as I was standing in the checkout I noticed an American friend who had just entered the store. He is one of the few fellow Americans here in Rovereto, and always a welcome encounter. We stopped and chatted for a little bit as I was leaving, whereupon he told me about an excursion he and his wife had made over the weekend, to what sounded like a rather mystical experience.

The place he described is not far from here, perhaps an hour's drive. As it turns out, the excursion is on one of the man-made lakes connected with the Mincio River. Said lake is the *Lago Superiore a Mantua*, which as it happens is partially covered by a large expanse of lotus flowers. It is the largest expanse of lotus plants outside of the Orient. The lotus plants bloom in July and August. So I will

see if my wife and I can escape the dogs for some hours and go to experience the [Isola dei Fiori di Loto](#). I have read it is best to get tickets for the boat ride a day or two beforehand.

As you might have guessed, lotus plants are not native to Italy. The stories of how they came to flourish in these particular lakes are still somewhat a mystery. One story goes that some missionaries from Parma introduced them into the area, hoping to make food from the rhizomes, which is used for food in the East. That particular effort did not pan out. That was in 1914. Later, in 1921 a young graduate in botany – one [Anna Maria Pellegreffi](#), who has since gone on to obscurity (I have heard obscurity can be a nice place if one is averse to adoring crowds.) – planted a small patch of the plants in a netted area of the lake with the council's blessings to see if the efforts of the missionaries would fly. It didn't, but she and her lover did after the failed experiment. We do not know what happened to her after that. But the lotus plants loved it there and stayed, much to the delight of Italians. Mantua is now a World Heritage site due to its history and its architecture. The lotus plants are a welcome sideline. Now, [for the legend, it goes as follows](#):

"Legend has it that a young Oriental woman, intent on gazing at her reflection in the lake's waters and admiring its features, slipped and fell inexorably into its depths, unable to escape and save herself. The tragedy is said to have occurred in the presence of her companion, who, devastated by the event, decided to sprinkle lotus flower seeds across the entire surface of the lake, so that they would annually celebrate his beloved. After the operation, he too threw himself into the waters, intending to accompany her on her journey to the afterlife."

Amore, and the things we do for it. The linked article goes on a bit more, stating, "The legend is colored with dark and sad tones, in stark contrast to the colors of the flower corollas, which instead celebrate the beauty revealed in the tale, the strength of a love that endures beyond the limitations of the physical world." Sigh...So, what does all this have to do with our present theme, the sign Leo? We go back to the legend.

Narcissus was a Leo?: The story of the young Oriental woman reminds us of the [Greek myth of Narcissus](#), whose mother was told he would have a long life so long as he did not recognize himself. He was said to be quite a beautiful young man, with very refined features. That would prove to be his undoing. His undoing came as a result of his rejection of the love of [a young nymph, Echo](#), [which](#) drew the wrath of the gods upon him and he instead fell in love with his own reflection. While gazing upon his reflection in a spring, he drowned by slipping and falling into it. Narcissus must have been a Leo, because one of the baser characteristics of Leo is an intense self-adoration. Our friends at the *Isola dei Fiori di Loto* must have purloined the myth of Narcissus to advertise the reason for their large field of lotuses, not that it matters. And just as an aside, there is a centaur asteroid named Narcissus (37117 Narcissus) that is said to show the same characteristics wherever it is found in one's chart. There will be a short discussion of that in relation to current events below. But for now we move on to a more in-depth look at Leo.

Leo, the Lion: We start our look at this sign with a quote from an ancient text:

"In every field of human expression, men and women are becoming definitely self-assertive. The *Old Commentary* refers symbolically to this in the following words:

"The Lion begins to roar. He rushes forth and, in his urge to live, he wields destruction. And then again he roars and — rushing to the stream of life — drinks deep. Then, having drunk, the magic of the waters works. He stands transformed. The Lion disappears and he who bears the water pot stands forth and starts upon his mission.""²

It is said that when the Sun was in Leo, meaning when we were in a previous age of Leo by precession of the equinoxes, our Earth humanity first became self-conscious. This required a definite coordination between the mind and the brain (the two are not the same). We thereafter knew ourselves to be individuals. That marked a departure from the herd instinct. From the quote above, it marked the stage of "the Lion begins to roar". That period was during the Lemurian

period, or root race, some 18 million years ago.³ Roughly 700 ‘ages of Leo’ have passed since then, and with each such age, our consciousness grew, along with our sense of being unique individuals.

During each subsequent age of Leo we have drunk deeply from the stream of life, mentioned in the quote. That stream of life represents the soul path and the realm of experience each life represents. And although we have grown in wisdom through experience through the ages, we have also wrought destruction as we sought to subdue ourselves and the world around us, the latter through our own self-projection. Yet, through experience we have learned and with each experience and the attendant karma, we have slowly grown in wisdom. 18 million years has given us a bit of time to learn and reflect. In some ways it would seem as though we have learned very little, yet our learning and gains in wisdom have been immense if we could realize it. That brings us to the next quote:

“There are two subsidiary yet potent keynotes of the Leo person upon which I should touch at this point if the nature of the influences wielded by Leo are to be clearly perceived. These are the will-to-illumine, which constitutes the driving urge towards self-knowledge, self-perception and intellectual positivity, and also the will-to-rule and to dominate, which is of such a controlling nature in this sign and such a subtle potency in the Leo type.”⁴

The will to rule and dominate brings about the wielding of destruction, noted in the first quote. But as we have progressed over the ages the ‘magic of the waters’ (the wisdom gained of experience) works, also referred to in the first quote. This is accomplished through the will-to-illumine and the will-to-(self) rule. In the early experience of the soul the Leo type will demand to be the center of the universe to the people around them. It starts in the family, where the Leo can be the tyrant of the home. But as experience through time gradually knocks common sense into the Leo type a curious transformation takes place. Instead of demanding to be the law of the house or the land, they begin to follow the Law – the Law of right human relations, which in fact is a fundamental law of the soul. It is then that the Leo begins to radiate and become magnetic. They become exemplars, leading through example instead of by demand. That radiance is the mark of a developed Leo, the mark of an ‘older soul’, if such a phrase is applicable to that part of our nature that is eternal, as far as we can know. All human souls on this planet are old, of ancient origin. But to say one is an ‘old soul’ signifies that such a soul has almost completed its mission of service through the process of reincarnation, after which it moves on to ever-greater modes of service.

Falling into the stream: One could say that Leo leads to Aquarius. The self-serving Leo becomes the world server in Aquarius. Self-mastery and self-study leads the Leo to the gate of initiation, at which point the personal self is cast aside. The Leo ‘falls into the water and dies’, as it were, to the little self (ego), no longer needful of the tedious task of examining one’s features in the minutest detail and thereby discarding the faults of ego. The waters of the astral plane – the desire nature – give way to the burning inspiration to serve unselfishly, to drink freely of the waters of wisdom (buddhi). At that point the ‘soul arises from the stream’ and dips its water jug into the vast ocean of wisdom, ready to slake the thirst of all who wish to partake of wisdom.

In the early stages of evolution, “Leo governs the human consciousness in the human kingdom for the energy pouring through it enables man to say “I am”.⁵ Later, as evolution through the ages proceeds, another awareness occurs, and the Leo begins to recognize that there is another, that one never walks alone. The Leo becomes cognizant of the soul, and thereafter states, “I am That,” seizing upon the revelation. It adds to the sense of ‘specialness’ initially and magnifies the little ego, but that is quickly set aside as the soul begins to impose its will on the Leo type. There is still much selfishness at that point, but the spiritual will thereafter is invoked and progress along The Way proceeds rapidly. The fusion between the soul and the personality is thereafter accelerated.

At the end of the Leo experience, meaning the completion of the graded stages of the Path, when the soul and the personality are completely fused and the soul expresses freely through the personality, the full energy of Leo manifests: “In Leo he will say: “I know myself to be the one. I

rule by Law.”⁶ And at the finale, which Leos so dearly love, the Leo can stand with divine pride and state with full knowledge and wisdom, with no trace of the little ego, “I am That and That am I.”⁷ It is the ultimate palindrome, and one which we, as humans, will all someday state. Further, “Leo indicates the height of achievement of the human soul.”⁸ With these points in mind we move on to the two Leo lunations and our current events.

The full moon took place on the 29th of July at 14:35 UTC (00:35 on the 30th AEST). **The full moon figure** is quite interesting, especially considering the Barbault’s Basket configuration discussed in the last letter. The full moon axis touches the outer boundaries of the Basket. The Sun is conjunct Jupiter and the Moon is conjunct Pluto. Considering the orbs of the Sun and Moon are much wider than one would normally consider for planets, the Sun at 6° along with Jupiter also incorporates the sextile to Uranus and the trine to Neptune. Likewise, the Moon conjunct Pluto incorporates the sextile to Neptune and the trine to Uranus. Thus, what we have in the full moon figure is an amplification of the Basket. But that is not all. P4

Along with the Basket configuration, the full moon axis forms the central axis of what we might call a ‘hard kite’ pattern with the Sun and Jupiter semi-square to Venus and Mars on either side, with both Venus and Mars sesquisquare to the Moon and Pluto at the tail of the kite. This makes for a powerful release point of the energies of the Basket. This happens primarily through the tail of the kite, given Pluto’s involvement there. Kite formations often involve a singleton planet, which sits alone in the chart opposite the bowl, which is the large head of the kite. In addition the Sun/Moon axis also forms a midpoint with Venus and Mars, described as follows:

Sun/Moon=Ven/Mars: + Passionate love, sensuality, desire, a warm heart, descriptive talent, artistic creativity, a lively expression of feelings and sentiment.
- A strongly emotional and sexual life coupled with disharmonious tendencies, the inclination to exaggerate, irritability, the state of being dissatisfied or unsatisfied, excitability, a lack of tact, a sudden outburst of extreme passion or sensuality followed by a quick reaction of coolness.⁹

Given that neither Venus nor Mars form harmonious aspects with any other planets in the chart, we can probably expect that the more negative, strongly emotional expressions just listed will manifest. Venus squared to Mars can sometimes indicate infidelity, along with what we might describe as a hectic love life. Midpoints to Venus and Mars are usually descriptive in terms of intimate human relations. In the case of a mundane chart like this one, we are looking further afield to group and international relations. Given that the Sun rules Leo, we can look for leadership across the board to be strongly affected, for good or ill, both by the hard kite and the basket configuration in combination. In addition, with the Moon/Pluto reflex point at the other end of the full moon axis, old relationships that no longer serve the participants’ soul path are likely to unravel, and old circumstances that no longer serve to come to an end. More likely than not, we will see scandals exposed and betrayals to occur over the coming months.

On the more positive note for this configuration, we see Mercury having just passed its square to Saturn, which gives a strong investigative ability. Thus public awareness across many aspects of human experience can be sharply increased. There will be leadership spills, given the Sun’s rulership over Leo, which would lead into a consideration of the total solar eclipse. Solar eclipses often throw light on leadership. Especially, this one in Leo will do so. There is a special consideration with this full moon for the United States. And from here we must take a closer look at the US, Trump, Leo and Europe because what happens with Trump and the US in particular will strongly affect international relations in the immediate future.

The full moon and the US: The full moon overlays the chart of the US in several important aspects. The full moon axis lies across the US nodal axis, with the Sun and Jupiter at the north node and the Moon and Pluto at the US south node. We will come back to that point. In addition the US is experiencing a Mars return, with Mars having just passed the natal position by a mere four

minutes of arc. Then, we see Venus at the full moon conjunct the US Neptune. Thus, we have the kite just described in the full moon figure overlaying significant points in the US horoscope just described. What this will mean is as follows: the natal Mars/Neptune square in the US chart defines the high idealism of the US, as well as its propensity to speak as though it has divine right. It is an aspect found in leaders of spiritual organizations and the church, and occasionally among military leaders. Mars in the US chart is in the seventh house, which among other things is the sector that rules contracts, partnerships, and adversarial relationships. The Sun and Jupiter conjunct the US north node indicates that the US must find a new and more cooperative and expansive way of interacting with the world. The Moon/Pluto conjunction with the south node is a heavy placement, and shows that the US must abandon its past tendency to arrogance, rule by diktat, wars of aggression, and seeking to impose what would otherwise be Aquarian ideals, but with those ideals being misguided and misused to advantage the United States.

The Jupiter/Pluto opposition in the full moon chart and across the nodal axis gives a particular emphasis on the oligarchy in the United States. Jupiter/Pluto combinations represent oligarchs, as well as indicating immense wealth. But the fact is the United States is facing a mountain of debt, with its proxy kingdoms in the Persian Gulf facing ruin at the point of a missile and with the financial neoliberalism in the United States and across the West facing a crisis that may well mean its demise. From [the Gemini letter this year](#) we note transiting Neptune – meaning Neptune in this full moon chart – still squares the natal Venus/Jupiter conjunction in the US chart with all that implies, as stated in the Gemini letter. The American public is increasingly disillusioned with the rhetoric coming out of Washington, the fact that successive US administrations and Congress in general have not upheld the desires of the American people. And that brings us to a very subversive influence shown in the full moon chart.

Mendacity afoot: There is a particular midpoint in the chart about which caution is advised. It is Neptune at the Mercury/Mars midpoint, described as follows:

- **Nep=Mer/Mars:** “The pursuit of fantastic plans, speaking without acting, **not keeping of promises. - Hopeless plans, the tendency to harm others through falsehood or underhanded behaviour, the process of undermining another person's position.**”¹⁰

This could happen in any of a number of areas. The possible and perhaps probable manifestations of that midpoint will be discussed in Part 2 of this letter under American planning for its war against Iran. But the midpoint can also easily apply to the newfound British government, which has all the makings of an administration even worse than that of the Starmer government, especially regarding the British economy and its relationship with Israel. That Neptune midpoint can also apply to the leadership in Brussels, which is completely misrepresenting the course of the proxy war in Ukraine against Russia.

From here we must take an extended and deeper look at Leo, the nations and Trump because what happens in those nations and with Trump over the next few months may provoke a worldwide crisis if foolish and violent measures are taken by the aforementioned nations and Trump, or we might move more gracefully into a new order of a more just representation of international relations if more radical and reactionary elements in the nations that follow can be offset or held in check.

Leo and the nations: All of the positions of leadership just described have blindly set about busily undermining themselves and their respective publics, all the while still seeking to cling to power. We get the sense from all this that something has to and will soon give. This is not difficult to see, given [the Leo rulership of nations and capitals](#):

- **Italy** soul
- **Romania** soul
- **Brazil** soul
- **Russia** personality

- **France** personality
- **London** soul
- **Berlin** personality
- **Rome** personality
- **Geneva** not stated, but soul is conjectured, which is more likely¹¹

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There is [a map that shows these interconnections clearly](#) (scroll down for Leo) All of the nations and capitals above, with the exception of Brazil, have been involved in the war in Ukraine, and most of them with the war against Iran in one way or another. With the exception of Brazil, Switzerland and Russia, all of them are NATO centers. The three major Leo belligerents against Russia have been London, France and Berlin – the E3. And virtually all of the Leo centers have been arrayed against Russia, with the exception of Brazil, which is a BRICS member along with Russia. Geneva has been an alleged outsider, seeing as it is situated in Switzerland. But Switzerland has not been neutral in any of the major wars, really. It has been used as a money laundering hub to finance wars on all sides [by providing a safe haven for illegally gained funds](#). To counterbalance those centers, the Aquarian centers are few, but powerful – The United States and Russia, along with the Netherlands having soul rulerships, and with Moscow and Switzerland having Aquarius as their personality rulers. The Leo rulership of the E3 remains problematic, with each in their own way seeking to dominate Russia and Europe as a whole. Their triangle of Leo energies represents:

“...a triangle of force which conditions Europe most potently. It is between these three that the destiny of the race of men in the immediate future [post-WWII] lies, and again the question arises: Will the coming decisions be based upon the good of the whole or upon the good of a part of the whole?”¹²

It seems obvious to the public that the ‘good of the part of the whole’ has been favored over that of the general public. There is something to keep in mind as the decades unfold, specifically regarding Leo, and affecting and conditioning those major centers in Europe:

“Passing as we are into the Aquarian Age in which the spirit of Aquarius will be exemplified in its universality and its sense of "general distribution," it is inevitable that a point of crisis should be reached. The true Leo type must react in a new and unique manner to the proffered opportunity, and when I say type, I refer to those people whose Sun is in Leo or who have Leo rising. The reason for this is that Leo is the polar opposite of Aquarius...”¹³

Are we not in such a crisis now? Try as they might the Western powers try to hide that reality from us. The tendency especially with nations expressing Leo personalities, but equally to misapplied soul force, “negates in them the more Aquarian tendency to universal consciousness.”¹⁴

The role of the E3 nations should be to lead their populace to the Aquarian understanding just stated as we move more fully into that age. What we are seeing instead in this moment of our history are moves in those nations toward isolation, nationalism and the sentiment that they must somehow *dominate*, instead of setting examples of wise leadership. This is especially true in the UK and France. Germany and the UK have become particularly repressive of suppression of public discourse regard the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia. It is worth noting, too, that a national soul expressing Leo qualities – or we should say, *seeking* to express those qualities – does not necessarily work out as wisdom in the personality expression of a nation. It is said that London does not especially express the spiritual potential of its Leo soul, for instance.¹⁵ It is to a large extent subsumed into the Taurus personality of England, expressed through the materialism of the City of London. See the Krainer interview in Suggested Viewing for more detail.

The British Commonwealth was supposed to be one of the guiding lights in the advancement of human consciousness in the post-war years, along with the US and Russia, because those three centers represented large melting pots of people – attracting centers, in other words, where the confluence of cultures would produce rapid evolution of consciousness and advancement toward Aquarian cooperation, advancing the greater good of humanity. The UN was supposed to be the vehicle for that.

Those three centers instead succumbed to geopolitical power struggles. The Cold War ensued and the Anglosphere set itself the task of bringing an end to the Soviet Union, much to the disadvantage of Europe. The [Soviet Union finally collapsed on its own weight](#), as was predicted.¹⁶

The myth of victory: The US and UK thought they had won a great victory with the Soviet collapse, not realizing what had actually happened. In their hubris they had thought they were the main cause of the Soviet collapse. The world's intelligence agencies misread the entire situation around the ending of the Soviet Union instead. It was not a victory of democracy over autocracy, the myth which we are told, but was instead an organic, internal decay within the Soviet Union itself due to a confluence of factors. With the Soviet collapse, though, the US saw itself as the supreme power, and in its hubris and lack of maturity set about bringing itself undone instead as the world hegemon, which is in process. If one watches the video at the link in the preceding paragraph one will see that many of the factors that brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union are now at play in the UK and the US. In the post-WWII era the British Empire finally died, but its financial empire was consolidated (via the City of London – Leo, again). That, too, is coming undone, especially as a result of the war against Iran (see Krainer, again). P7

Leo and Russia: The collapse of the Soviet Union was a tremendous event for the Leo personality of Russia. Not only did it represent the dismantling of an empire (the Soviet Union), but it also resulted in the Russian Federation being brought to its knees for a little over a decade. No sooner had the Union collapsed than the Western carpetbaggers and the Russian oligarchs moved in and began to dismantle the state institutions and infrastructure. Boris Yeltsin oversaw much of that along with his cronies. And then to everyone's surprise and eventual dismay he recommended Vladimir Putin to take his place, which duly happened. Putin and the more patriotic Russian leadership he gathered around him turned the Russian ship around and restored its sovereignty. The Western powers have hated him ever since, and thereby we were told to hate him as well, along with anything Russian. But the Leo personality of the Russians learned from the experience of the '90s and turned to a more Aquarian expression, little as some readers might believe it. That brings us to the new moon. We must consider the coming total solar eclipse in Leo in relation to the preceding points. That comes at the new moon on 12 Aug 2026 at 17:46 UTC.

The new moon/eclipse is covered as to its mundane details in [a separate post at the blog site](#). But for our purposes here a few points are relevant. Firstly, the eclipse axis is sextile to the US Mars, which would tend to suggest that the US would feel more confident in its assertions internationally. That could mean military action or perhaps not. But the culmination lines for the eclipse and Jupiter run through the United States, with the eclipse culmination running through the Eastern US. The main planetary lines likewise run through the US. This implies a more optimistic outlook in US policy, which would seem contradictory given the present circumstances. Regarding military and security matters, there is an interesting conjunction between Ceres and Mars at 0° of Cancer, the latter being a World View point. This marks a change in the military outlook geopolitically. Mars falls in Cancer, showing that any militarism exhibited at this time will mark a crossroads in the strategic outlook for the regions where such activities are undertaken, as well as for the nation or parties that provoke them, noting especially who has provoked the wars. Ceres in mundane charts indicates a 'change in season', as it were. And with Ceres falling on a World View point, a decisive turning point in world affairs with this eclipse is in the making.

Trump and the lunations: Given Trump is a Leo type, the question naturally arises as to how these two lunations will affect him. And before we come to that and just so you know, 37117 Narcissus has been transiting at 24° Scorpio, on Donald Trump's 4th house cusp, opposite his Midheaven. The whole [debacle and drama around the Reflecting Pool at the National Mall](#) is very symbolic in that regard, as Trump's psychological roots are reflected back to him in his public policies. And he doesn't like what he sees, or at least the public and media response to it. At the full moon Mars was conjunct Trump's Gemini Sun, emboldening his outlook at the same time as it could make him

more belligerent. We saw that in his reaction to the Iranian bombing of the American command center at the air base in Jordan. He threatened to bomb Iran to smithereens (he used other vernacular). Trump is extremely reactive now.

The day before the full moon he met with Zelenskyy and Netanyahu with all three attending Lindsey Graham's funeral. It was more like a meeting of mob bosses. The confluence of meetings at a funeral might suggest that certain matters may be laid to rest along with Lindsey Graham. But with Mars conjunct Trump's Sun, it can also represent a test of his leadership. The Sun at the full moon is also close to his natal Pluto, which itself is a troublesome midpoint for him in terms of health, as well as being one that makes for his outbursts of rage and or the possible intervention of a higher power. Our greatest hope would be that he tells both Netanyahu and Zelenskyy to go pound sand regarding the two wars that they want and instead brings the troops home and focus on America. Given past behavior, it is a slim hope at best. But stranger things have happened. After all, he did TACO a few days after the full moon following a phone call from the Saudis. That will be covered in the follow-on piece to this letter.

There is one last point regarding Trump and the full moon, however. His health is not good. He displays increasing signs of a particular type of dementia, which families across the US who have experienced it in loved ones are increasingly noticing. He is backed into a corner with the war against Iran and is under tremendous stress. Such crises are often a test of one's soul. These next months leading up to the midterms will take a heavy toll on Trump with the stresses involved. See the Robert Barnes video in Suggested Viewing for more details on Trump. And we haven't really gone into any depth about Europe yet. With these points in mind we move on to our current events.

Current events: the following events have taken place since the last letter:

- The [British establishment has appointed a new government](#). Borrowing a song line, "Meet the new boss. He's the same as the old boss." It is beginning to look like Burnham and the Old Bailey three ring Circus.¹⁷ The British people are not amused.
- [The ASEAN member states met in the Philippines](#).
- There has been a battle in Congress to [earmark part of the \\$350 billion in extra Pentagon spending to combat communism](#) in the United States. This is simply absurd and indicates instead the growing unease of the oligarchy in the US over the failure of the neoliberal system to provide for their desires over the needs of the American public.
- The [American media is incredulous of reports from the Trump administration](#) that the military capabilities of Iran have been completely destroyed. How is it, then, the Iranians continue to fire very accurate ballistic missiles into American bases in West Asia? Perhaps journalism in the United States is not completely dead. This will be covered in a separate topic below.
- The Russians have [completely liberated the Lugansk oblast](#) in Novorossiia. Russian forces are advancing across all fronts. This has the Europeans, meaning the elites, in a real panic. Hence we see posts and media about how we have to forego our social programs and spend big on war. Thankfully, the larger European public is having none of it.
- Congress has just slipped in a measure into the defense appropriations act that links Israeli and American logistics. It has yet to pass the Senate. People are up in arms (no pun intended) about it, but in reality it only puts a rubber stamp on what has been the reality between the Israeli and US militaries since 9/11.
- [Spain won the FIFA championship](#) despite the heavy favoritism shown by the referees and management of FIFA. It was also a very symbolic victory, because the Argentinian team was heavily favored by Zionists, whereas Spain has continually backed the Palestinian cause. The Argentinian team were very sore losers. Trump tried to photo-bomb the trophy presentation to the Spanish team. The Spanish team photo-shopped Trump out of their

victory photo. But now, there is no distraction from Epstein, the war against Iran, and Ukraine.

- [Ansarallah has blockaded Saudi shipping in the Red Sea](#). This indicates a serious moment in the escalation of the war against Iran. That blockade will also seriously affect oil prices over the coming weeks.
- There are [major wildfires in Canada, the US, France and Spain](#). 'Tis the season, but these fires are truly catastrophic. There are also catastrophic fires in South-Central Africa.
- We see flash flooding in China, Turkiye, West Virginia and Texas.
- Karim Khan was dismissed from the ICC, based on what many saw as trumped up allegations of sexual misconduct. [Venezuela withdrew from the ICC shortly thereafter, citing](#): "...the "court's actions reflect a demonstrated geographical bias, which disproportionately concentrated its work on African and Latin American countries, to the detriment of the Global South." There is likely a lot of truth in that. This is covered below. Khan's dismissal came on the heels of his pressing for the arrest of Netanyahu, at which point the US started talking about dismantling the ICC, to which the US is not a signatory.
- [Ukrainian forces fired on an Iranian ship in the Caspian Sea](#). This was a PR stunt in an effort to show strength as a means for attracting more funds to be forwarded to the Ukrainian black hole. The Iranians have vowed a response.
- There was [a provocation against Spain when the Moroccan government](#) convinced 60,000 to Moroccans to cross the border fence into the Spanish enclave of Cueta, with promises of entering Europe proper. Cueta is at the northern tip of Morocco, across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain. Around 48,000 have since returned to Morocco, citing there is nothing for them in Cueta. This is covered in a separate topic below.
- The Americans [called a halt to their bombing of Iran on Friday the 24th](#) after 13 days of intensive bombing. This has caught people off guard, wondering if some greater attack was coming or if some deal had been reached behind the scenes. More likely, it had to do with markets and the depletion of weapons on the American side. This is covered in more detail in the next letter. Trump threatened again at the full moon with massive destruction...and then TACO.

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Are our present leaders on The Path? From here we move on to a closer examination of events. But before we do, consider the following:

"I would suggest to modern astrologers that they cast the horoscopes of the dominant world figures at this time, with the planets which I have given you as the esoteric rulers; **all advanced people and those of major importance are on or nearing the path of discipleship and the influence of the esoteric planets is becoming, therefore, increasingly powerful.** It might prove most illuminating and teach them much. The tendency to fusion, blending, amalgamation, and the spiritual counterpart of this unity is stronger today than heretofore and **the types which produce this exoterically must have Leo somewhere in a prominent position in their horoscopes or the Sun controlling in some important house. If the horoscopes do not prove this, it is because the exact hour, moment and day of birth has not been accurately ascertained.**"¹⁸

From the quote, "people of major importance" are those people who raise the lot of humanity, either who raise public consciousness through movements, inventions teachings, etc., or who liberate public consciousness through the destruction of forms and institutions that enslave human consciousness. Take what follows in the next two topics as a mental exercise rather than as a judgment on character. Given the Leo presidential types we have had in the US it will be difficult to reconcile what we see at a personal level with them in terms of some larger or higher purpose.

Leaders and discipleship: When he was running for his first term in the US presidency there was quite a bit of speculation online about the spiritual standing or not of Donald J. Trump in online forums. At the time, Trump was gathering a large and devoted voter base, largely because his campaign rhetoric spoke to the American public, who had seen their hard-won social gains over the

past century steadily dissolve, especially since the Vietnam War. With his Gemini Sun he spoke truth to the American people, whether he intended to stand by his words or was lying just to win election. However he was speaking truth to power then, which is what won him the 2016 election. Americans heard him, regardless of the character of Trump's personality. His message was a vehicle that stirred America to seek answers. From the quote above and his standing in the world, if one believes the quote, then Donald Trump is either on or nearing the path of discipleship. Given his present standing, the forces arrayed increasingly against him and his flagging support numbers, people would naturally question such an assertion from the preceding quote. But there are several things to keep in mind, regarding anyone who rises to importance in this world. And there is one important point to keep in mind regarding people on or nearing The Path:

- Regardless of their actions and associated events, people on the path, infused by the soul, will seek to raise the consciousness of the people around them and free them from the tyranny of their own minds. Such is the Leo path, whether the Leo type acts destructively or if they gather a positive movement around them – whether that personality is conscious of the soul's intent or not.

As we will see presently, none of the Leo types to be mentioned were of sterling character. People either tend to admire or loathe Leos. Everyone has their time in the sun, meaning there will be a period or periods in one's life where they rise to prominence and affect their greatest service. Those moments come at times of world crises and will call on the souls of those people. Some readers might say that Donald Trump's time in the sun has apparently passed, though his supporters would hasten to differ. Given the present world situation, we *are* at a point of profound crisis. How Trump responds to it and the means by which he can galvanize a response or not will show the measure of control or not his soul holds sway over his actions. The crisis has yet to fully materialize.

It is worth noting that not all disciples come in to build. There are times when old structures need to be dismantled. There are disciples who work along the line of the destroyer as well as those disciples who come in to usher in great and humanistic enterprises. Donald Trump would appear to be of the former class rather than the latter, if he really is on the Path. We recall one of his campaign slogans in his first presidential run was to 'drain the swamp,' meaning to bring the unelected 'deep state' to heel. That he has failed in that is obvious, but it has brought awareness of it to the American public. Perhaps that was all that was needed. Awareness is the first step toward corrective measures. And the process of what has happened in the US since Trump's first term we see a growing number of voices who are calling upon Americans across the board to build bridges and engage in dialogue, especially with people with whom we may not agree.

Looking back across his two terms as President thus far, Trump's major contribution would seem to be that he has been a primary catalyst in the breakup of the post-World War II liberal order. To his supporters, Donald Trump is doing God's work. To his detractors, who are growing in numbers, he is seen increasingly as a person of low moral and criminal character and a bumbling fool who would be best removed from power. The history of his legacy has yet to be written. But it has to be said that Donald Trump came in at a time when the imperial ambitions of the United States and its lesser cohorts in Europe and Asia were no longer serving the public good, as most people in the West can now attest. The time has come to begin to dismantle the martial phase of the waning Piscean age, with the primary exponent of that phase being the United States military-industrial complex. The 6th ray of the Piscean age is co-ruled by Mars and Neptune, after all, both transmitting the 6th ray of devotion/fanaticism.

The other Leos: Bill Clinton and Barack Obama were both Leo types as well as Trump, as were Napoleon, Herbert Hoover and Mussolini. LBJ and "W" Bush both had Leo rising. There has been [a line of US presidents with Leo Sun or rising](#), and Americans don't seem to note shades of grey when it comes to their opinions on any of them. Those presidents are either loved or hated. But when it comes to the present day, who is to say whether or not Donald J. Trump is exactly what the US needs

now? He is definitely leading us into a new era for the US, one where it is no longer the dominant power, where its currency as the world reserve currency is being supplanted, where its financial and military empires are collapsing, splashed across our phone screens. Those factors in themselves are leading middle powers and the so-called Global South to look to cooperation instead of dependence and toward shared values. Seen in that vein Trump is a person of importance in the world.

Herbert Hoover led the US into the Great Depression. Perhaps Donald Trump will lead us into the next one, which will also produce a needed crisis. It will be needed because America will not vote itself out of it. As to the other Leos, LBJ is said to have been connected with the JFK assassination and escalated Vietnam. He also was strong on social programs in the US. Clinton and Trump were both connected with Epstein, with endless posts about the alleged criminal activities of the Clintons. Clinton also oversaw the destruction of Yugoslavia. “W” was said to have had foreknowledge of 9/11 and took us into two disastrous wars. Obama bailed out the big banks, destroyed Libya and was known for increasing the use of drones for extraterritorial assassinations. And these were just a few points. But they were important figures in American history, rose to high office and were quite dominating figures. Who is to say whether or not Trump is a world disciple, is nearing the Path or is an anomaly to the quote above? It is not for me to say, though people will certainly have strong opinions on the matter. But Trump has certainly been a person of major importance for the trajectory of the United States. And that trajectory has all the appearances of a failing and falling empire now.

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Turnberry: This is old news, but it showed a trend early on in this Trump presidency. [Trump made a trip to Turnberry](#) in Scotland to one of his golf courses at the end of July of 2025, ostensibly to meet with European leaders about trade and other matters. The trip was replete with a large – the BIGGEST EVER – retinue of protective services in golf carts to watch his game. His trip is illustrative, in that what transpired was anything other than a serious meeting with European leaders. Trump met with Ursula and Starmer for a total of just under four hours combined. His round of golf lasted more than four hours. In his meeting with the two leaders, his conversation was more about his beautiful golf courses – he owns two on the main island, one in England and one in Scotland – with his typical word salad approach, more beholden to New York real estate salesman than as a President of the United States. [He met the President of European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, too, not to negotiate trade terms](#) but to announce the conclusion of what Trump called:

“probably the biggest deal ever reached in any capacity trade or beyond trade;” [speaking of [the trade deal with the EU](#)] also, “the biggest deal. People don’t realize. This is bigger than any other deal. We have, uh, great countries, great countries. Uh, I’m familiar with many of ’em, so are you. And, uh, this is really the biggest deal. This is the, I guess we’re the biggest, uh, out there.”

Speaking to Von der Leyen,

“It’s an honour to have you,” he told von der Leyen on Sunday, “at the new ballroom at Turnberry... today I’m playing the best course I think in the world, Turnberry, even though I own it, it’s probably the best course in the world, right?”

At the end of that press conference he was asked a planted question:

“You’ll be visiting your Irish golf course anytime soon, Doonbeg?”

“Trump: I will. I love Doonbeg. I, I’ll go, so not in this trip, but I’ll go soon. Okay. Thank you very much.”

Why does any of this matter and what does it have to do with today’s events? There are several points to this. Firstly, one of the purposes of Trump’s seeking the presidency was to cement his family dynasty’s business holdings. His two oldest sons own the two golf courses on the main British island. They also have significant business dealings in Arab countries in the Middle East. Knowing that, it is not hard to imagine why one of Trump’s first trips overseas was to Qatar and Saudi Arabia. Another reason why this matters is because, as a New York real estate salesman, Trump is applying the same business tactics that he uses in New York in his dealings with foreign

leaders, one of which can only be called bribery, or a deal they cannot refuse. Of course, that is very common in American politics and politics in general. It is called 'greasing the wheels' and 'robbing Peter to pay Paul', not to be too cynical about it.

The United States, like Trump's golf courses is facing very serious financial difficulties. In his trip to Turnberry he was seeking a buyout. What he has done with the EU is very similar, in that he has cajoled the leadership in Western Europe into financing the war in Ukraine, which he is keen to offload, thus avoiding blame. (So he thinks.) Further on, Trump sees the EU more as a business opportunity than as a partnership in world affairs. That is plain to see more and more as his presidency continues. Lastly, though he may not realize it at the moment, with the way world events are unfolding the Trump name/brand is quickly becoming box office poison. P12

The scent of Musk: We can go back even a little further, however. Rumors are beginning to surface that Trump or his handlers somehow rigged the 2024 elections which saw him elected for a second term. How he would have done so is not that far-fetched. Looking at his inaugural speech all of the tech bros were lined up, seated in a row behind him. Elon Musk was the most prominent among them, whose DOGE unit set about scouring up all the data in Washington they could possibly lay their fingers on, to eventually be fed into the explosion of data centers we are seeing in the US. The US does not use paper ballots. It uses voting machines, which can be hacked. If it ever was truly revealed that the election was stolen it would be a monumental scandal and would discredit his entire enterprise. Such a revelation would also upend the voting process in the US. We would have to go back to paper ballots, which in the end would be a good thing.

It has been stated that Trump got himself reelected for three reasons – to stay out of prison, to make a lot of money for himself and his family and friends, and to seek revenge on his enemies. The reasoning behind how he would have stolen the election lies partly in the swing states, who could not have all fallen in behind Trump. The presidential race in terms of the entire popular vote was close – basically half-and-half. At this point, it is important to realize that what has just been outlined could have happened, or not. The truth will eventually come out. At the same time there is also enough smoke to suggest that Biden and the Democrats stole the 2020 election also. Our politics is the best democracy money can buy. The important thing is where the country stands now.

The first foreign travel in Trump's first and second terms was to the Persian Gulf, where his family has business interests. Trump has particular business interests in the UAE. Those are under threat of being destroyed now. The major focus of this administration has been upon pushing digital currencies, AI, the data centers appearing across the nation, tariffs, and seeking to coerce the EU into funding the war in Ukraine. And those tariffs, which have just been ruled illegal (they have to be approved by Congress) are an interesting story in themselves. The government has to pay back billions to the companies that had to wear the tariffs. The rise in costs due to the tariffs was passed on to the American consumer. Have you seen your refund checks yet? We are not likely to see any, nor are we likely to see the prices come down, either. Corporations tend to be selfish that way. And there was a wider reason Trump is in office now. Donald Trump was installed as president ([US presidents are decided behind closed doors](#)) for his second term precisely for the prosecution of the war against Iran. He is beholden to the Zionists, with the wealthier upper crust of the Zionists now being called the Epstein class in social media. And his family and his immediate circle of people around him [all have business interests in the Persian Gulf region](#), not to belabor the point.

Places like Dubai have been seen as [vacation destinations for the rich and famous](#), as well as [what might be called an Arab 'sin city'](#). We won't go into details as to why. There are [rather humorous satires](#) and sometimes nauseating accounts of wealthy people who were stuck in Dubai and in various places across the Persian Gulf because of the war, lamenting the fact that the lifestyles of the rich and famous have now been, shall we say, [inconvenienced by the war](#). There is also an account of [tens of thousands of Western citizens who could not leave the region](#) because the airports

were closed. The wealthier people were having to pay very high prices for SUVs and private jets from smaller airports to take them out of the region. [Riyadh in Saudi Arabia was the major exit point](#) from the region. The Persian Gulf will no longer be seen as a safe and desired holiday destination should the conflict continue as it is. Dubai was also somewhat analogous to the old Las Vegas and was [a major tax haven within the Persian Gulf](#) region. People went to live there because they could live there practically tax-free. Instead of living in a tax haven they sought haven in bomb shelters as the war progressed.

There is another and wider reason why Trump was chosen to prosecute the war in Iran, too and it has to do with a long-held US strategy. From here and to finish this first part of our exploration of Leo we pivot to a particular initiative of the American think tank blob – [control of the world's choke points and thereby of energy flows](#). When it comes to the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab al-Mandeb Strait it is policy that has already failed. The reasons will be explained in the 2nd part. We begin with one of the world's best known maritime choke points.

Cueta: Americans may remember [the little nursery school rhyme](#), “In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.” Or maybe most Americans don't remember, but in my day we learned it. For the indigenous peoples of the Americas that year would live in infamy. Americans are taught Columbus discovered America. Well, more to the point he discovered the Bahamas and Cuba, but never landed in North America. Columbus (Cristoforo Colombo) was from Genoa, in what is now Italy. But I digress. 1492 is a year that will live in infamy for another group of people, too: It was the year the Jews were expelled from Spain. They had until July of that year to either convert to Catholicism or leave – or face less than favorable consequences, we might say.

The [Alhambra Decree](#) ended over a millennium of Jewish settlement in the Iberian Peninsula. Those Sephardic Jews, as they came to be known were dispersed throughout Europe and North Africa. They found their most favorable reception in the Ottoman Empire – among Muslims. Over time the cities of the Ottoman Empire became the heart of the Sephardic world. They settled in the eastern Mediterranean countries dominated by the Turks, especially in Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria. The colonies they founded still exist. [Roughly half of the Jews in Israel today](#) are descendants of Sephardic (Iberian) Jews. “[The Sephardis never forgot the land of their parents](#), harboring mixed feelings for her: on the one hand, the resentment for the tragic events of 1492, and on the other hand, as time goes by, the nostalgia for the lost homeland.” That brings us to today.

Spain, the US and Israel: Spain has been a thorn in the side of Israel and the US ever since the start of the genocide in October 2023. More specifically, it has been the government of Pedro Sanchez that has riled Washington and Tel Aviv, as well as the EU. Diplomatic relations between Israel and Madrid and Washington and Madrid have soured considerably since. Pointedly, Spain could close the Strait of Gibraltar, and legally so, since it has territory in both sides of the strait. That is where the present troubles with Spain arise. The Strait of Gibraltar is [mandated by treaty to permit unhindered freedom of navigation](#) through it, thus marking it as international waters. However, in times of war treaties do not appear to count for much. The United States would like to see the two Spanish enclaves (Ceuta and Melilla) on the Moroccan side of the strait kicked out, with total control given to Morocco. Morocco would then technically be able to control half of the strait if need be, like we see in Hormuz with Iran and Oman. Morocco has been a supporter of Israel since the Israeli state's inception. It was one of the first Arab states to recognize Israel, and one of the first Muslim states to sign the Abraham Accords. Given the preceding facts, it is not difficult to figure out what has just happened at Ceuta, outlined in the bullet point above.

The Israelis had promised Spain a lot of pain because of their refusal to send weapons to Israel for their genocide of the Palestinians and allow transit of weapons to Israel through the Strait of Gibraltar from Spanish ports. And given Spain's recent victory over Argentina in the FIFA cup, that

has just rubbed salt into the Israeli sense of entitlement. The Israelis and Washington were big supporters of Argentina, given Israel's antics in Argentina in trying to set up Israeli colonies there. However, we must be clear: Spain does not have clean hands when it comes to Israel. They are the 4th-largest importer of Israeli weaponry and they have a mine that supplies the white phosphorus that has been used against Palestinians in Gaza. The vast majority of Spain's people oppose the genocide and Israel. But the Spanish establishment is another matter, much like we see in many nations. There is a concerted effort underway now by the 'usual suspects' to unseat Sanchez as a result of his words and actions, not to mention his proposed legislation to grant citizenship to undocumented migrants in Spain, which would allow them freedom of movement throughout the EU. This has riled nationalist sentiments across Europe.

Freedom, anyone?: So, on 31 July, in the full moon period Moroccan authorities brought ca. 60,000 Moroccans – mostly young men and some women and children – to the border fence at Ceuta, and promised them passage to Spain. 40,000 of those people were petty criminals who were dumped out of Moroccan prisons and promised freedom in Europe. It didn't work out very well. And they probably neglected to tell those poor souls Ceuta is not part of the Schengen area of the EU. Landing in Ceuta does not give automatic access to the EU. Would-be immigrants described passing bodies floating in the water as they tried to enter the enclave. Once they were there, they reported there was nothing there for them. Not even a hamburger. What else were they going to do? The vast bulk of them returned to Morocco, either voluntarily or by force. Not a single soul in this provocation passed the Strait of Gibraltar into Spain. And now they are beginning to find out they had been used as pawns in a game of geopolitics. So, what else is new?

The Strait of Gibraltar is one of the world's major chokepoints. It is the main ingress into the Mediterranean from the Atlantic Ocean. The only other waterways that enter the Mediterranean are the Suez Canal and the Bosphorus in Turkey. It is a major American military doctrine now to wrest control of all the major shipping checkpoints worldwide in order to be able to control the transport of energy. Since Ansarallah has closed the Bab al-Mandeb Strait to Saudi oil going to the Mediterranean, the Strait of Gibraltar has become a major concern. Enter Spain.

The US Congress recently passed a bill through the House that earmarks some \$40 million in an effort to enable Morocco to wrest control of the two Spanish enclaves and incorporate them into Morocco, thinking this would somehow solve their problem with the Strait of Gibraltar. The provocation appears to be part of an effort to produce a situation similar to what we see in Hormuz, where the US is trying to open an Omani pathway at the Persian Gulf. With the Spanish enclave gone Morocco could lay claim to the Moroccan half of the Strait if Spain ever decided to close the Strait, a scenario that is not even feasible. Even if successful, Spain would still control the northern half of the Strait. Those two Spanish enclaves have been a part of Spanish territory since the late 17th century, and presently by agreement between Morocco and Spain, though Morocco would like to take them off of Spain's hands. But the reaction of the EU states has been revealing.

Europe vs. Spain: In Europe 22 of the 27 EU states [signed an open letter to Brussels](#), alarmed at the mass crossing and igniting a firestorm within the bloc over immigration reforms and enflaming nationalist sentiments. This 'alarm' was obviously pre-arranged because the day after the provocation [the 22 most pro-Zionist EU states held an online meeting](#) called by the Greek PM. The EU does not move that quickly when it comes to meetings. [Italy temporarily closed its borders with Spain](#), much to its shame. The move was unnecessary and was done solely for domestic politics. Meloni won election on immigration reform. Italy and Spain are two of the EU nations most easily hit hardest by illegal border crossings – Spain from Morocco and Italy from Libya. Spain and Italy have since engaged in [tit-for-tat border restrictions](#) on their citizens, which only further aggravates the situation.

The main agendas at play with this provocation appear to be 1) the removal of Pedro Sanchez from power, 2) revenge by the Zionists against Spain for refusing to supply Israel and denial of allowing the use of Spain's air bases in attacks against Iran, 3) to seize control of the Spanish enclaves on the northern African coast of Morocco, 4) to punish Spain within the EU regarding its migration policies. But there has always been a simple solution to the migrant crisis, and that has been to stop bombing and destabilizing the regions from which those migrants hail. See the Reason2Resist video in Suggested Viewing for details on the Ceuta crisis. From here we move to the next, yet lesser known choke point.

Europe's North Korea: One of the saddest tales in modern Europe is that of the tiny nation of Albania. Since the end of World War II and its absorption into the Soviet Union, Albania disappeared. At the close of World War II Albania sought to remake itself via communism. Its leader for over 40 years was Enver Hoxha. Over time Hoxha's leadership turned into a dictatorship, one of the more repressive and brutal dictatorships in Europe. What began as hope for the nation became impoverishment for the masses, with all but the few at the very top seeing any sort of wealth. This is common for dictatorships, whether communist or fascist. With the fall of the Soviet Union Albania reclaimed its independence. The nation had been occupied variously by Italy in the 20th century. Mussolini even had a villa on the island of Sazan during the fascist years. Italy and Albania share a somewhat troubled history. They also share the Strait of Otranto, a strategic chokepoint, giving whoever controls it also control over all maritime traffic to and from the Adriatic Sea. The fact that Albania disappeared and was under a dictatorship for over 40 years gave rise to the appellation of Albania of being the North Korea of Europe (see video by Imperial, below).

North Korea rising: As an aside, it may interest you to know that [North Korea's economy is booming](#), compared to a few years ago. For North Korea that is a big deal. It is growing at its fastest rate in 8 years, at close to 4%. That surpasses the growth rate in most Western economies. North Korea is coming out of the cold, largely due to its growing relations with Russia and China. Satellite pictures show that the [nighttime lights in North Korea are 3 times more luminous](#) than what they were even five years ago. 10,000 homes have been built in Pyongyang in short order. It is still an impoverished country, but development on that trajectory will soon enough see it move from survival to development. Kim Jong-un has just revealed a five year plan, which apparently is modeled roughly after China's approach – call it 'socialism with North Korean characteristics'. [The new five year plan is coined](#)¹⁹ as a "phase of stabilization and consolidation, a phase of gradual and qualitative development" centered on stable and sustained economic growth and substantial improvements in living standards." Removing the populace from poverty is the first step in greater freedoms for North Korea's people. It is something to watch going into the future. North Korea will play a significant role in the emerging economic order and security architecture of the Far East. It has a long way to go, like Albania. With that seed planted, we return to Albania.

Albania post-WWII: Life under the Hoxha dictatorship was not easy. The man was delusional and paranoid, expecting an invasion of the country for the length of his tenure. As a result Albania is dotted with 175,000 mushroom shaped bunkers, all dug out and manufactured by hand. There was very little modern machinery in Albania during his rule. Those bunkers are now a tourist attraction, with the locals trying to make the best use of them as they can. Hoxha tried to make Albania into a fortress, for an invasion that never came. The people were trained from a young age in military matters, again for Hoxha's paranoia of repelling the invading forces. Albania's population is only just shy of 2 ½ million people. If there ever had been an invasion of Albania the nation likely would have fallen very quickly, given its lack of modern infrastructure, small population, and lack of facilities. That brings us to Sazan Island.

Sazan Island has been recognized as a strategic outpost for many centuries. It is also part of a large nature reserve. Given that it overlooks the Strait of Otranto, it has served as a military outpost throughout the centuries. During the Italian occupation, the island began to be converted into the

modern military outpost that it became. Under the Soviet regime the island was variously strewn with mines, riddled with miles of tunnels and deep bunkers, as well as a submarine shelter. The remnants of the Soviet use of the island are still in evidence, whereas the infrastructure has obviously fallen into a very dilapidated state. After the Soviets left the island was looted for its iron and whatever could be scavenged from it. So, what would Jared and Ivanka Kushner possibly want with such an island? This is where the story becomes interesting.

The narrative being sold to the general public is that Sazan Island was recently ‘discovered’ by the Kushners while they were aboard Nat Rothschild’s yacht. That is a tall tale to say the least. [The island is well known and has a long history](#). It seems to be an accursed place in reality, like it wants to be left alone. Every empire that has claimed it and tried to develop it has only come to abandon it after a few years. The current story goes that the Kushners landed on the island and walked barefoot to the top. If you have ever seen videos of the island you know right away that narrative is an attempt to sell us a bill of goods.

Ivanka has tried to sell the purchase of the island to the public as [her having had almost a sort of spiritual journey](#) to find the place. It is her [Eat Pray Love](#) story. Hers is the spiel with appeal – for those of a certain persuasion. The Kushners’ story is that they want to turn the island into an exclusive resort. Just picture it – an exclusive resort replete with miles of tunnels and deep bunkers, an exclusive playground for the rich and powerful – in other words, in what many comments are pointing out, another Epstein island. The island itself sits in the middle of what is one of the largest smuggling corridors between Albania and the coast of the Italian region of Puglia. Now, Puglia is a lovely place. It is very bucolic and quite historic, as is Albania. It is worth seeing if you get a chance. I have been to Puglia and many of our dogs came from kennels there (that’s another sad story). But it is also home to the Sacra Corona Unita mafia group. Having said that, the mafia-type groups are a small minority in any country, but they do exert influence on politicians and thus influence policy.

Fraud and Sazan: The [actual story of the purchase of the Sazan is quite dark](#) (must read) once one begins to dig deep beneath the surface, and there is big money behind it. Albania is one of the poorest countries in Europe. As such it cries out for almost any type of investment, the largest part of which has been tourism up until now. However, it turns out the tiny [nation sits atop projected huge reserves of oil, natural gas](#) and, of interest, hydrogen, which bubbles up out of the ground through an old chromium mine. [The reserves of hydrogen there are said to be massive](#). But Albania’s corruption rivals that of Ukraine. With the fall of the Soviet Union, along with the fact that the nation was so impoverished Albania naturally gave rise to organized crime groups. [The Albanian mafia](#) came to be known as one of the most powerful and brutal organized crime groups in the world. It has [its tentacles spread throughout the Western world](#). It is a very clannish organization, run by families, but they all share their common interests and have worked out their own territories. Their main activities are money laundering, human trafficking, drug trafficking and smuggling.

Albania itself has been run like a criminal organization for years, and is only now beginning to work to free itself from the influence. It will take perhaps generations before it is finally free. But because Albania is part of Europe, it has sought accession to the EU, and more importantly is a member of NATO. It has also become a tourist destination, as well as being [home to the MEK](#) terrorist organization, which Washington has tried to use to destabilize Iran. Where does all this bring us, then, and why even bring it up at all, given Albania is not connected with the war on Iran – or is there more to it?

There are several storylines running concurrently with the attempted sale of this island. Firstly, there is the story of the Kushners themselves. Jared Kushner has been groomed from an early age by Bibi Netanyahu. Jared used to have to give up his bedroom when Bibi came to stay at the

Kushner home. He has long been known as an Israeli asset, along with being an avowed Zionist. What has happened in Albania around the sale of this island resembles what the settlers have done in the Israeli-occupied territories. The land in Albania was summarily fenced off with no consultation, with families who had lived on the land for generations suddenly being told their land was no longer theirs. This is one of the primary reasons the Albanians are so up in arms about the presence of the Kushners in Albania. The current prime minister is also pro-Israel and the Israelis have been making inroads into Albania in recent years. The next storyline that is running through this relates to the old biblical story of the Exodus.

Since the 12 day War and the current war with Iran Israelis have been leaving Israel in search of safe havens. The destruction of Israel by Iranian missiles has been massive, as recounted by an ex Israeli naval officer. That, along with the activity of Hezbollah in the north of Israel has removed the illusion of the IDF providing security for Israeli citizens. As a result, Israelis have been buying up land in Argentina, Peru, the Greek islands, Cyprus and even southern Italy. There are parts of Ukraine that are being set up as Jewish enclaves for Israeli expats who are leaving Israel for good. They see what they consider to be the writing on the wall. They no longer see Israel as a promised land.

Keeping in mind American interests in the region, the old story of the US seeking to control energy reserves across the world, the Eastern Mediterranean and Adriatic are proving to be rich reserves of oil and gas. Having control of the Strait of Otranto is yet another storyline that is emerging. With American control of that Strait the planned Chinese Belt and Road maritime routes up to the port at Trieste would be under American supervision, shall we say. When the Five-Star coalition was in power in Italy they signed contracts with the Chinese to develop the ports in Trieste and Genoa. When Meloni came into power those contracts were canceled. Meloni is known to be a Washington asset in Italy. So, the story of Albania and the plans for a resort in the prime Albanian wildlife areas are not so cut and dried. There are many factors at work, and while the Albanians might just win this round and have the Kushners ejected from Albania, [the story is far from over](#). And on one final note, what is now called Kosovo used to be a part of Albania. The US has clear designs on the entire Balkan region and Albania is desirous to become part of the EU. All are part of NATO expansionism, countering Russia and countering China in the long term. We wish the Albanians well in their efforts to retain their sovereignty and to once again become a prosperous country. In Part II we will move on to consider the more important phase of Leo, Europe and the Middle East.

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