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Speaking of nations (and people): “To deal with them, you have to try to understand them; try and see the world from their point of view. A veil of moral superiority obstructs a clear view.”¹

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Greetings again!

Periodically here in our fair city we have events at the Peace Bell, *Maria Dolens*, naturally always promoting world peace. Given the state of the world at the moment, the other night we were treated to a concert by the Haydn Orchestra, the latter based on the northern part of Italy, as a sort of prayer for world peace. The theme for this concert featured artists and music from states with which the West – meaning our governments – are supposedly at war. We were supposed to see the performance at the Peace Bell itself, but the weather was bad and the performance was moved to the local theater here in the city. Our theater was recently renovated and it is quite a beautiful building. It was all the better for us because we could walk to the event and the concert made for quite an enjoyable evening.

Featured in this concert by [the Haydn Philharmonic Orchestra](#) was an Iranian conductor, [Hossein Pishkar](#). He is young, as were many of the members of the orchestra, meaning from 30-something onwards. The performance started with an all-time favorite: Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*. That piece is particularly performed in times of mourning, appropriate for our current day. The *Adagio* was composed by Barber in Italy and was first performed with Arturo Toscanini conducting the NBC orchestra in 1938. If we recall, the world was poised for war in 1938 and it was the decade of the Great Depression. Next up was the *Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 2*, performed by a young Chinese pianist, [Yifan Wu](#), who gave an excellent performance. The concert was topped off by the *Brahms Serenade No. 1*. In his later years Brahms was a great admirer of Haydn, and the

Serenade was meant as a light ending to the concert. The theater was packed that night, with the Haydn Orchestra always being a favorite in Rovereto,

The Shostakovich piece brings up a point: In [the spiel for the promotion of the concert](#) (in Italian), mention was made that Shostakovich composed the piece under Soviet oppression, which is not exactly true. It was in fact a bit of misinformation. [Shostakovich was a member of the Supreme Soviet](#). He composed the piece in 1957 for the 19th birthday of his son, who premiered the concerto for his graduation concert from the Moscow Conservatory. The work was well received, and it remains one of the more popular classical music compositions. It is said to be “an uncharacteristically cheerful piece” from Shostakovich. At that point in the Soviet Union Stalin had been dead for four years and the Soviet Union was quickly becoming a gerontocracy in its leadership. The days of the purges were long gone by then. But the notion persists in the West that the totality of the Soviet era was dark and repressive. It was not always the case. Some of Russia’s and the world’s greatest art came out of the Soviet Union. At least here in Italy we do not suppress Russian art and culture, though there are EU nations who do. There are [still efforts to suppress Russian culture in the EU](#), with the notion that if a nation (meaning a nation’s government) is prosecuting an aggressive war then its culture should be banned. It is a hypocritical idea, as well as being ignorant. Then the question arises as to who was the real aggressor in the present war involving Russia. But we have addressed that in past letters. P2

Great art transcends politics and can do much to transcend social boundaries. But it is common in times of war for nations to ostracize enemy states, including the art and culture of those states. At the same time, if a government wants to ensure that a banned culture receives a cult underground following in their own nation, then the sure bet is for that government to ban said culture. Ostracizing culture produces blowback, as we saw with American citizens of German and Japanese descent during World War II. The detention of the Japanese US citizens was a black mark in American history. Some of those citizens fought bravely on the American side against the Japanese during the war. We are seeing the same thing regarding Russian-speaking Ukrainians now fighting against Ukrainian (NATO proxy) forces on the Russian side in the present war. But that is another story. We will be looking closer at the present state of affairs in Ukraine in the Virgo letter.

Russians: I recall a recent story – a true story – regarding Russians which brings up another point, explained in a bit. The names in this story have been changed to protect the guilty. There was an elderly gentleman living in a high-rise apartment block whose neighbors had vacated the flat next to his. After a while and soon enough, there was a middle-aged couple that moved into the flat. Turns out they were Russian. As the story was recounted, this person began to wonder why a Russian couple would move to Rovereto. The wheels of mental and emotional conditioning were doing their work on this person’s state of mind. Well, to this gentleman’s mind this couple had to have either fled Russia, or if not they must be spies. Of course, these were knee-jerk assumptions but they illustrate the effects of years of propaganda and media stereotyping of specific cultures and people. It helps governments to keep people in line and compliant. Because the couple under consideration is Russian, there must be something wrong, according to the thinking of this gentleman.

Well, turns out this couple had lived in New Zealand for years. I wasn’t told where. They have grown children who are still there. Why would this couple have ‘fled’ Russia to go and live in New Zealand, one might ask? Well, perhaps they didn’t flee. Perhaps when they were still living in Russia they picked up a travel brochure (Were Russians allowed to travel? Did such advertisements even exist in Russia?). Or perhaps they were looking through books in the library – Russia does have libraries, as well as travel brochures – at which point they saw New Zealand and fell in love with the place. And what is not to love, aside from earthquakes? There are people who do want to get out and explore the world. But no, that couldn’t be it. Perhaps this couple’s names are Boris and Natasha ([for people of a certain age](#)). They must be spies. Perhaps there is some secret military

installation here in the city I don't know about. It could happen, you know? In the end the truth is stranger than fiction.

As it turns out, this Russian couple loves skiing. And Rovereto is a nice quiet city, but within reach of quite a few spectacular places to go skiing. On top of that our city is not that expensive. There is quite a bit of culture here too, along with the Peace Bell, a large gallery of modern art, and festivals of various types throughout the year. Again, what's not to like? If you want nightlife, though, one has to be near a larger city where the discos are open most of the night. But people in their 50s are generally not so inclined. Rovereto tends to shut down after 11:00 pm. Perfect! And, we get very few earthquakes of any magnitude up in this region. New Zealand, on the other hand is quite an active earthquake zone. Plus, American oligarchs have been moving to New Zealand in increasing numbers (sorry, Kiwis). Perhaps Boris and Natasha, if those are their names, just wanted a quieter life, one closer to Mother Russia. New Zealand is quite a hop from the more populated areas of Russia. In the end, I have no idea why this Russian couple chose Rovereto to live, and frankly couldn't care less. But I hope they attended the concert and enjoyed the Shostakovich.

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Understanding the other: The preceding points go toward the words at the lede of this letter. In essence, if we want a peaceful world we have to learn to see through the eyes of 'the other', whoever 'the other' happens to be. And to do that, it helps immensely to understand ourselves and what our own governments have been up to for many years, which means learning a little bit of history. By understanding the past we can begin to glance a vision of the future. Nothing arises spontaneously by itself, and world events are no different. Cause-and-effect is an immutable law of nature. We will skip further investigations into the nature of Leo in this addendum except to examine a dynamic that has particularly affected the United States, which is the interaction of the Leo types who have led the country, in distinction to the Aquarian soul of the nation. The Leo personalities of America's leaders, especially over the past 60 years have been at odds with the will of the people in certain key areas. Those policies of those leaders have served to bring us to our present juncture in the United States, and by extension the West by and large. Leo is the sign *par excellence* of the expression of exceptionalism. And it is here that we start our investigations.

Leo and Aquarius are polar opposites. It is said that to have polar opposites as Sun and Ascendant in a horoscope marks a life as being particularly important.² This is said to be particularly true when the fixed signs are involved. But one's soul quality will also be drawn out – if one is enough self-aware – when a person with those opposite signs prominent comes into one's life. It is the interplay between the opposites represented by the two signs that promote growth through the mechanism of conflicting energy. It is a law representative of the fourth ray, of harmony through conflict. When opposite signs appear in a chart as just described, one of the polarities will be more dominant. Usually the Sun sign is more dominant in our present era, whereas for a person on the Path the ascending sign becomes all the more important, indicating the path to the soul.³ When a person or nation has Aquarius as the soul ruler or the Ascendant the factor of service becomes all-important. Aquarius is a sign that represents the World Server.⁴

There is a nation in particular that has these polar opposites, namely Leo and Aquarius, as their soul and personality expression, that nation being Russia. [Belgium and Ireland](#) also have opposing polarities for their souls and personalities, though all three inclusive of Russia have them in different signs. Russia's spiritual journey has been particularly fraught over the past two centuries, but she has learned faster than the United States owing to the conflicts produced by the opposing polarities of personality and soul. And now after horrendous trials she stands as an emerging World Server, much as our current crop of Western elites and media refuse to admit. It is useful for them to keep Russia as an enemy, especially for military and banking interests. But what if the personality and soul rulers of a nation are not opposites? What provides the grist for the mill of public awakening? It is in that vein that the leaders of any nation who exhibit qualities opposite to the soul of a nation provide a stimulus to draw out the soul of that nation.

Presidential Leos: In a nation like the United States, with its Aquarian soul, leaders who exhibit as Leo types bring a challenge to the fuller expression of the American soul. They bring on the crises that eventually evoke awareness within the public. In what follows it should be particularly borne in mind that these presidents, as expressions of the Leo will-to-rule and particularly in relation to the United States, have appeared at a juncture in the history of the US national evolution precisely to invoke the needed crises that would eventually set the nation on a course more in line with the American Aquarian soul. That said, we return to a consideration in the last letter of [the Leo types who have been US presidents](#) and the effects their leadership has had on the nation.

The lower side of Leo types in leadership roles will tend to serve their own ends as well as the ends of the people who support them. Stroking the ego of a lower Leo type is a sure way to win favor in a Leo administration, as we see in the Trump administration, for instance. Most presidents in general will tend to support the donor class. This is not to say these Leo types have not done any service for the country. They have acted instead as agents of change, but on the whole they have tended to advantage industry, the banking sector and the military industrial complex – the main donor class in the US. When peace breaks out, especially since the end of WWII, America will go to war. We have the following US presidents with Leo Sun or Ascendant, with the italicized items beside their names being the actions that have brought harm to the US and other nations. Those items have instead supported the donor class:

Lyndon Johnson: Ascendant. Greatly *escalated the war in Vietnam*, [with the Tonkin false flag as the vehicle](#) (4 Aug 1964). Congress voted for that war wholeheartedly. He *looked the other way on the Israeli nuclear program*, the latter allegedly one of the main reasons JFK was assassinated. That stands in contrast to his Great Society legislation. [Johnson was convinced](#) that if *he gave Israelis all the arms they wanted* it would stop them from continuing with seeking the bomb. He also presided over the cover-up of [the USS Liberty incident](#).

George H. W. Bush: Ascendant.⁵ The last of the Cold War presidents and the last president of the [Greatest Generation](#). Bush the Elder was tasked with rehabilitating the image of the CIA and was its director. His acts as president were largely covert concerning foreign policy. He [went on to ransack Panama](#) to cover up Washington's criminal activity (drug running) by the CIA. He oversaw the Iran-Contra affair as VP under Reagan, which included large clandestine shipments of cocaine into the US via Panama. [There was also Mossad involvement](#) (archived) in the latter activities. This was during the time of the Iran-Iraq War.

Bill Clinton: Sun. *The Balkan intervention* ([destruction of Yugoslavia](#)), *NATO expansion* (the prime reason for the war in Ukraine), [welfare for work](#), *NAFTA* (offshoring of US jobs), *expansion of globalization*, [media monopolization](#), *banking deregulation* ([repeal of Glass-Steagall](#))

“W” Bush: Ascendant. *The Patriot Act*, *Afghanistan*, *Iraq*, *‘enhanced interrogation techniques’*, *The Surge* (escalation in Iraq), [TARP](#), [9/11](#), tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations, [the fake GWOT](#) (*Global War on Terror*), *No Child Left Behind* (plummeting education standards)

Obama: Sun. *Destruction of Libya*, [expansion of drone assassinations](#), [Citizens United](#), which he actually opposed (campaign funding, removing caps on campaign contributions), *bank bailouts*, [persecution of whistleblowers](#), the [campaign for the destruction of Syria](#). Obama era policies contributed greatly to the migration crises in Europe.

Trump: Ascendant. [Arming of Ukraine](#) with weaponry instead of support equipment and [leaving the INF](#), [assassination of Soleimani](#), [tax cuts on wealth](#), *deregulation* of environmental, financial and energy sectors, *Operation Warp Speed*, [worsened income inequality](#), *CARES Act* (creating a big bump-up in the national debt), the *war on Iran*, which is destroying the petro-dollar and the Western economies. [Tariffs, which had to be repaid](#), largely on consumer goods. The public never saw any [repayments from the required refunds](#) (tariffs stiffed consumers and raised inflation while corporations got their money back). Compromised by Zionist causes. [Education ‘reform’](#). Legalized corruption and nepotism, [the rape of Venezuela being a prime example](#) (first 48 minutes of video).

The American trajectory: Having cited all the information outlined about those particular US presidents, it should be noted that many of the foreign policies cited have been long established by the Washington establishment and Wall Street. So, when it comes to it, US presidents these days do not actually control very much. They are selected for their ability to implement those policies and to keep the public imbued with the sense that American exceptionalism will continue and emerge victorious. But presidents do have their own agendas, they do have veto power over the Congress and they can act by executive orders. If we look at a timeline from the Clinton years to the present there is a very clear trajectory indicated. The net effect has been toward monopolization in corporations and industry, deregulation, changing campaign laws that have greatly deepened the level of corruption in Washington as well as deepening the influence of special interest groups in Congress. The latter has been particularly noted in relation to Zionist interests in Washington, though there are many others.

The net result domestically has resulted in a disgruntled, distracted and ill-informed public, worried more about how to make ends meet. Yet at every election promises are made for hope and change. Trump is just the latest iteration. And the machinery grinds on. J. D. Vance, yet another Leo, is being groomed for the next round. If elected he would usher in the tech-run state, including mass surveillance. That is another topic for a future letter. But watch the media. He is being touted as a sane voice in the Trump administration now that Trump's approval ratings are tanking.

The monopolization of the media has had an especially deleterious effect on the American public. In addition to the media, the educational system in the US has been increasingly privatized, with the result being that the American public has been subjected to indoctrination and dumbing down instead of education. The American public to the outside world is seen to be increasingly ill-equipped educationally. 'Education' as it now exists in public education has seen a noted reduction in the ability for people to think critically. This was built into American society from the beginning. Given the 6th ray personality of the US, critical thinking is frowned upon in many instances anyway. The 6th ray demands idealistic compliance. And students who go on to higher education are burdened sometimes for decades with onerous student debt.

With all the preceding in mind, one may find it to be curious that there has been this line of Leo types as presidents since LBJ was president. Leo is known for its magnetism. Knowing that all US presidents are vetted before being allowed on the campaign trail, there seems to be a particular purpose in having had these presidents. We note also that each of these presidents had signs other than Leo as their soul or personality, and those provided moderating factors in terms of their performance. But one undeniable fact stands out from examining the factors above – the end result of the past 30 years in particular has brought the United States to a critical point of crisis in the nation's history. This, one would expect from the Leo influence upon the nation with its polar opposite, Aquarius as the soul expression.

With the crisis growing in intensity with each passing day, it would seem, the opportunity for America and the West by extension is also much closer to precipitating a new possible spiritual reality for the planet. But first we have to go through and gain wisdom from the crisis. With these points in mind we move on to the current events since the Leo new moon. The emphasis on what follows will be upon West Asia, with Europe and Ukraine being reserved for the Virgo letter, except for a brief comment on Europe, since this letter is still a focus on Leo.

Leo and Europe: Mention was made in the first part of these Leo letters of [the nations and capitals in Europe that express Leo qualities](#). Chief among those are the four largest economies in Western Europe – the UK, France, Germany and Italy. Just before the turn of the last century a young Kaiser Wilhelm II was the last Emperor of Germany. He decided to fire his Chancellor, Otto von Bismarck⁶ ([Aries Sun, Leo rising](#)) who had unified the German state. [Germany had existed previously](#) as a collection of hundreds of separate principalities and Free Cities since the formation of the Holy

Roman Empire. Bismarck has been remembered as one of Europe's greatest statesmen, making his achievement, "the greatest diplomatic and political achievement by any leader in the last two centuries" (from the same link, above). Wilhelm decided at that point that he had a true empire and that he knew better than Bismarck. Besides, he was Emperor. Bismarck had to be sidelined. That done, Wilhelm embarked on a "New Course" to cement Germany's legacy as a leading world power.

Of interest to note is that [Wilhelm had Aquarius Sun](#), in distinction to Berlin's Leo personality and Bismarck's Leo Ascendant, once again highlighting how the sign of the opposite polarity often leads to a crisis, which lay ahead for Germany. Under Bismarck's guidance Germany was on good terms with all the European powers except for France. He served to coalesce (unify) the disparate German principalities into a unified nation. That was all about to come undone under the Kaiser. As another point of interest Wilhelm had his Sun opposite Saturn and square to Pluto, marking a powerful ambition. That as well as his youthful inexperience would prove to be his undoing. My father, a Leo himself, always used to lament the ignorance of youth. Wilhelm thought he knew enough and better that he refused the advice of his ministers – a fatal mistake for Germany. P6

Wilhelm's "New Course" involved a rapid militarization and industrialization. The militarization focused heavily upon the Navy, which challenged British supremacy in the region and further afield. In addition, Wilhelm was known for making unfortunate gaffes regarding his neighbors in Europe which especially inflamed tensions with London, the latter expressing a Leo soul. Wilhelm also contested French control of Morocco, backed Austria-Hungary's annexation of Bosnia and threatened Britain's access to the Persian Gulf by building a railway through to Baghdad. By the time of the second decade of the 20th century Germany's alienation from the rest of Europe had gone to the point where he could only rely on weaker allies like the Ottoman Empire and Austria-Hungary. What Bismarck had so assiduously created in terms of the German state and its relations with other European powers, Wilhelm destroyed in a matter of a few short decades. That led to the 1st World War. It was a war that was based basically in insanity and lust for power, largely because there were no expedients for it, such as lack of resources, poverty, threats by neighbors, etc. It was a war that was totally unnecessary.

At the turn of the 20th century Europe was fabulously wealthy, and made wealthy through extraction from its colonies. It was the seat of Western culture, was the leading scientific and cultural mecca in the world, and by the time the pride of Europe's young men marched off to war it was all coming undone. The 1st World War – in fact the whole period from 1914 to 1945 – laid waste to Europe and ended its empires, but not its imperial ambitions, nor its memories of past imperial greatness. The United States stepped into the power vacuum that followed from the war and the rest, as they say, is history. See the video by The Duran in Suggested Viewing for details. But on one last note regarding Europe before being continued in the next letter, it would appear that Europe's leadership today has learned nothing from the crises of the past and they seek to march us off to war with Russia, that vast country to the east. The Russian Federation wanted only to be a part of greater Europe after the Soviet state and to conduct peaceful business relations with the Western European states. The American CIA and British MI6 have seen to Russia's turn away from the West instead, much in the way that Kaiser Wilhelm alienated Europe from Germany. From here we move on to our current events.

Current events:

- There was a [Mag. 5.2 earthquake in Spain](#), following on the Ceuta provocation, covered in the first Leo letter.
- [Canada walked away from a trade deal with the US](#), claiming the US was asking too much and offering too little.
- [The Mecca Pact](#) was signed between the Saudis, Pakistan and Turkiye. Speculation about what it represents has been high. No one knows the full details, really. Covered below.

- Donald Trump, based on faulty intelligence (read that as you like) was [secretly transferred to another flight after the Istanbul conference](#), based on an intelligence source reporting the possibility that Air Force I was in peril of being shot down by Iran. He was transferred to the other plane, along with Pete Hegseth, in a food cart. The ‘source’ was Israeli, and it was a ruse, meant to embarrass Trump. It succeeded. The resulting memes on social media were merciless, chiding Trump for his cowardice and abandoning the people on AF1 to their fate. [Karoline Leavitt resigned over being abandoned and used as a decoy](#).
- Trump has tweeted on his Truth Social platform that the US is declaring all-out [economic war on Iran](#). He repeated the claims made so many times that Iran’s military and manufacturing facilities have been completely destroyed. This was meant for the US domestic audience in an attempt to bolster his chances at the midterms. His tweet will not age well, for reasons outlined in the remainder of this letter.
- Andy Burnham, The UK’s new Puppet-in-Chief, went on national media and [declared the UK is at war with Russia, effectively](#).
- Trump [announced he is scaling back South Korean military exercises](#), citing that they are too expensive and [demanding \\$10 billion from South Korea](#) in order to do so. Think: protection racket. [South Korean leadership welcomed the fact](#) the US would eventually be leaving.
- [Trump attempted to bribe the head of the IRGC](#) (Major General Ahmad Vahidi), via a back channel. The effort was intended to break up the IRGC from the inside. The golden carrot offering was over \$1 billion. Vahidi refused, of course, and went on to inform all the appropriate leadership.
- The UAE has tried to make nice with Iran. They [sent two planes with two tons of gold and \\$3 billion in cash to Tehran](#). Once Washington found out they [pressured the UAE to cut all economic ties with Tehran](#). It won’t work. The ties will continue covertly. Iran and the UAE have had close economic ties for many years. The UAE, like all the Persian Gulf Arab states, is in a very difficult place, caught between ties with the West and staring down the missile silos in Iran.

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We find the United States in an increasingly difficult position since the start of this decade especially. Its reputation abroad has suffered significantly, with the genocide in Gaza and now the West Bank having contributed much to that. Since February of this year and with the kidnapping of Maduro in Venezuela its reputation has slid even further. The war against Iran has been cited as the worst strategic blunder in American history, one which is rapidly ending its economic power as the world hegemon and with its military being exposed as a paper tiger, seen as such by many nations now. Despite what Americans hear in the news about Iran it is neither collapsing nor weak. Its economy is suffering, fair enough, but that is not causing any particular unrest in the country. Instead, the Iranian public is united firmly with its government. There are rumors now that after the midterms, which are only two months away, that the US will once again mount a large attack against Iran. There are rumors also, both implied and stated directly about the use of nuclear weapons against Iran. But it would help us to understand exactly what is happening with this war and what we can probably expect over the next couple months.

The following is [a good summary of where things stand regarding the war on Iran](#) (must read):

“The US desperately needs to end the Iran war and stop the bleeding. American allies are the biggest victims of the slow-motion economic train wreck caused by the Resistance Axis’s blockade of West Asian oil and fertilizer exports.

In Asia, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan have nearly exhausted their strategic energy stockpiles. And in Europe, whose industrial economy was crippled by the US demolition of the Nordstream pipeline, energy supply shocks tied to the Hormuz shutdown are making matters even worse. Europe is beginning to face escalating shortages of diesel, jet fuel, and heating fuel.

America's West Asian vassals are in equally dire shape. The fragile economies of Jordan and Egypt have been hit with fertilizer shortages and skyrocketing energy bills. And of course America's petrodollar slaves—the UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar—are being strangled economically by the Resistance Axis's control of Hormuz and Bab al-Mandab.

If those increasingly desperate countries try to live on their savings, by cashing in their American bonds, the bond market will implode. The AI bubble, consisting of vast investments without much return, will pop. Economic Armageddon will ensue.

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And then there is the petrodollar issue. US bases in those countries have been devastated by Iranian drone and rocket fire, and most have been all but abandoned. If the Americans don't make painful concessions to Iran, they will be completely driven out of the region. That threatens the petrodollar—and with it, the planet-girdling ring of US bases paid for by the "exorbitant privilege" that allows US oligarchs to print unlimited currency and force the world to accept it.

So the US is faced with a choice between surrendering to Iran and limiting the damage to its empire, or escalating towards apocalyptic destruction. Surrendering while claiming victory is clearly the best option from the US perspective."

The Iranian strategy against the US is fairly straightforward, based on the following points:

- To steadily knock out what remains of the US bases in the region. Those would allow for US force projection within the region and then into central Asia. The US provides ample means for Iran to do this because every time the US strikes an Iranian asset the Iranians bomb these bases.
- To keep the Strait of Hormuz closed, increasing the economic pressure on the US. In doing so that increases the fuel prices for Asian economies, with the result that the markets worldwide drive up the prices for petrol. This effect is presently beginning to be seen strongly for diesel fuel, which [costs almost 56% more than it did before the war](#). The US in the meantime is [sending its refined middle products \(diesel and jet fuel\) to the military and to Israel](#), which further raises the price for the American consumer of the product and keeps the prices and inflation high. Wake up America! Big Oil and Trump donors and cronies in the US are making a fortune on this war while we pay the price for it.
- By continuing to strike shipping trying to run the gauntlet in the Strait of Hormuz shipping costs remain high, with Trump no longer being able to claim that a deal is within sight, thereby being unable to manipulate oil prices.
- By keeping the Strait closed to unfriendly shipping, the economies of the oil-producing states in the Gulf are suffering badly, which in turn puts pressure on the petrodollar and is causing those states to turn away from the United States. The US is now seen by those states as being trustworthy. That in turn puts pressure on Israel.

All these points combined will strongly affect the outcome of the midterms in the US. However, make no mistake – whatever happens with the midterms the foreign policy of the US will not change. The one result that many people desire instead might be that the Trump administration becomes a lame-duck administration after the midterms – a Donald Duck administration. But even that is not assured. Voter apathy would be one of the major causes of the status quo remaining in Congress instead of a landslide for Democrats. And you can probably bet that the midterms will be rigged in certain key areas. When it comes to Iran and Israel, neither Trump's ego nor Zionist influence will allow the US to pull up stakes and walk away from the Persian Gulf. The war will be decided on the battlefield, much as we see in Ukraine. From here we take a deeper look at why the United States finds itself in its peculiar position regarding the Persian Gulf.

Geography and logistics: US Pres. Harry Truman used to have a sign on his desk that read, "[The buck stops here](#)." Passing the buck appears to have become a pastime in Washington, whereas in point of fact the President as the Chief Executive bears ultimate responsibility especially for foreign

policy. Foreign policy is the purview of the US President. Donald Trump, through a combination of miscalculations, sycophants not pointing out obvious poor intelligence and not wanting to tell Trump any bad news for fear of losing their jobs, have led the nation to its catastrophic defeat in Iran. Coupled with that, compromising information in the possession of foreign powers which they might have on Trump or because of his own grandiose fantasies, the United States finds itself in a position where its only viable and honorable course is to walk away from both conflicts – in Ukraine and the Middle East. The US provoked both of those conflicts and Trump played a large role in both. Of course, Washington had help in those endeavors, through European powers and Zionist influence.

There are two primary reasons why Washington finds itself in its present position with regard to the two conflicts and those two reasons are the title of this topic. There are many other important reasons why the West is losing both wars, but in military terms geography and logistics are the predetermining factors. Both of these wars are being fought far from home, meaning from American shores, in unfavorable terrain, with a military-industrial complex that fails to supply what is needed, and above all against enemies whose cultures they have failed to understand and who have been battle hardened through years of conflict. We must come to understand this.

You may be familiar with the old saying that an army marches on its stomach. What it means is that so long as Army can supply itself – feed its troops, replenish ammunition and so on – it is able to remain in the fight, so to speak. One of the primary aims of any defending force is to attrite the invading army, to the point where the aggressor is no longer able to continue its objectives. We are commonly told that we in the West are defending ourselves against aggressive forces, when in fact the opposite is the case and nations like Russia and Iran see their respective struggles as being existential. Of course, the Western public, by being fed misinformation about the causes for the conflict in Ukraine, see Russia as the aggressor force. We won't belabor the point here. What is more present for our consideration is the situation with the war against Iran. Iran is a prime example of a nation defending itself against aggression, with its primary means of winning such a battle being to deny the aggressor forces of their resupply. The war with Iran has turned into a war of attrition against the West in general.

Sailing on one's stomach: We have recently heard about the dire situation aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, where sailors have had to subsist on ½ cup of rice and two tortillas every day. They hadn't been resupplied in a long time and they had not seen land for over 200 days. They have only recently made port in Malaysia for a much needed rest and resupply. This length of time at sea is unheard of in the history of US naval warfare. And the biggest reason for this lack of resupply is because the Iranians have destroyed all the warehouses in the Persian Gulf region that were normally used as logistics hubs for Western forces. As it stands, the closest logistics hub now as a US base is in [Diego Garcia – a tiny little atoll](#) in the Indian Ocean, on average of around 2000 km from any land base. It is one of two critical US bomber bases in the Indo-Pacific region and is nicknamed the “Footprint of Freedom” by the U.S. Navy because of its location. Because Diego Garcia lies so far away from the Iranian coast and because the US bases ringing the Persian Gulf have been rendered unusable or have been destroyed, for any military action against Iran the US has to rely on European bases and Israel for logistics. Any further major attacks on Iran would likely involve Israel, which the Israelis are currently trying to avoid. They would rather the Americans do their dirty work.

The Iranians have been very calculating in their war of attrition. In the opening phases of the war they struck the radar installations, which removed the eyes and ears of the Western militaries. The next phase was to deplete the antiaircraft batteries, in which they have been quite successful. That has also depleted the same antiaircraft batteries in Ukraine and in the Persian Gulf states. That happened because the interceptors were pulled from Ukraine and other allies and used in the effort to defend Israel. Once that was done the Iranians began destroying the American logistics hubs in

the Persian Gulf. Also in the opening phase of the war, Iran closed the Strait of Hormuz, which has denied unfriendly powers – largely Western – a vital supply of sour crude oil and other raw materials, namely fertilizer, helium and sulfur. We have covered this in past letters.

Mars and Ceres: Noted in [the post on the 12 August eclipse](#) was the conjunction of Mars and Ceres at the Cancer World View point. News of the dire situation on the USS Lincoln carrier strike group near Iran started being widely reported after the eclipse. In describing that conjunction mention was made of Ceres governing supply, with the meaning that due to military action supply would be constrained or there would be a crossroads reached regarding logistics, which would also affect security architecture. This is precisely what we have seen with this carrier strike group. But the situation is also evident in the Ukrainian theater, where the Russians have been aggressively striking supply lines, fuel depots – supply lines to the Ukrainian military – to great effect. With the port at Odessa now being effectively closed, we see yet another manifestation of the dwarf planet Ceres, because Ceres is associated with grain. With the closure of the port at Odessa and other Ukrainian ports, Ukraine is no longer able to export its grain, and likewise to support itself financially. Odessa was one of the main economic lifelines for Ukraine. With this in mind, we return to the carrier strike groups. P10

The United States has [11 active carrier strike groups](#), which have been seen as essential for the projection of power and the prosecution of any military action lasting more than a few days against a nation. Those aircraft carriers generally carry between 70-80 aircraft and without them, along with the aerial refueling tankers that are based elsewhere on land the US cannot maintain an air war for any length of time. Those air bases for the tankers and other support aircraft have been progressively pushed back away from Iran as the war of attrition proceeds and base after base is destroyed by Iran. As it stands, out of the 11 aircraft carriers, only three are available at any given time and the Lincoln was just removed from the standoff with Iran. It will be replaced by the USS George Washington, currently underway to the region. Given what has just been described, we return to the old saying about an army marching on its stomach. [Regarding the logistics woes on the Lincoln consider the following:](#)

“The images were mundane in a way that made them land harder than any battle footage: half-empty meal trays, a gray slab of processed meat, sailors rationing food among themselves so no one got more than anyone else. Through the spring and summer of 2026, the crews of the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and the assault ship USS Tripoli contended with food shortages, long chow lines, broken toilets, mold in the showers, dead laundry machines, and shortages of basics like soap and toothpaste — aboard warships operating in the Arabian Sea and the wider Indian Ocean after more than 250 days at sea. The strain told on morale, and in the worst cases on the safety of the crew.”

Regarding the safety of the crew, there were reports of six sailors trying to jump off the Lincoln, in other words to commit suicide. The families of the 5000 sailors aboard the Lincoln were naturally quite alarmed. The first reaction of Central Command was to deny there was any problem. The same is true of Trump, who quipped in a response to a question on the matter that everything was fine and that [“the ship is being beautifully maintained.”](#) Right at this moment it resembles a rust bucket. In another Q&A he quipped that the sailors [had not been deployed for long enough](#). In other words, CENTCOM and Trump were lying through their teeth and were covering up the gravity of the situation. Insider info from family and friends of the sailors estimated that the number of attempted suicides was much higher, with 30 as a median value and as high as 60. We don’t really have information on conditions on the Tripoli as regards to morale, but we might suppose it was similar to that aboard the Lincoln. For more info on the conditions at sea see the Larry Johnson interview with Danny Haiphong, below.

Aside from the distance and geography there is another reason why these ships are not being properly resupplied and that has to do with the merchant Navy supply ships, the number of which

have been cut back in recent years. The most essential of these ships are the fast supply ships, of which there used to be four. Now that number is only two. This is explained in the same article from which the quote, above was taken. But there is one last consideration to be counted with regard to surface navies and these large strike groups: They are legacy systems and represent 20th century ideas on warfare. The world has moved on from that.

From Pisces to Aquarius: It used to be that whoever ruled the seas ruled the world. As the Piscean age fades from memory, so does the role of naval power when it comes to military adventurism. Naval power has been essential for the rise and fall of empires in the Piscean age. The great seafaring nations of Europe were the major colonial powers, ruling over vast imperial outposts. However, with the advent of drone warfare in this century, surface naval fleets have become obsolete in terms of projecting power. This is an important development in terms of human progress. The use of drones in warfare is now ubiquitous. The use of drones represents telepathy via the radio – the projection of thought to affect outcomes. In another respect it moves the primary means of warfare from the astral plane (the sea) to the mental plane (fire), with technology (Uranus, ruling Aquarius) as the instrument for doing so. This marks a transition point between the Piscean and Aquarian ages. Warfare will never be the same after these two wars are decided. And it may be that once again we as humanity may have to rethink whether or not warfare is even worth the effort any longer. Speaking of supply, there is another important development that deserves mention. P11

The bonds that tie us: America's economic collapse has started. We do not quite see it yet, but economists do. This is not to sound apocalyptic or to sow panic – nothing of the sort. Instead what follows is a description of the beginning of the end of the economic system that has made the elites in the West very wealthy and which has enabled the US to enjoy its exorbitant privilege, most notably since the 1970s. For those readers who follow such matters, the national debt of the United States just passed \$40 trillion. That has doubled since Trump first ran for office – since 2016, largely because of the pandemic and foreign wars. Concurrent with the \$40 trillion mark, the Japanese yen began to collapse. The [European bond market is also approaching similar levels of stress \(archive\)](#). This was an even more alarming signal to the economic managers in Washington and Wall Street. And it came at a time with less than three months to go to the US midterms. This was a black swan just taking flight.

Japan was the prime holder of US treasuries, which in fact are IOUs on American debt. The UK is the 2nd-largest holder of US debt, just so you know. Japan began a large selloff of US treasuries, calling in the debts the US owed. Scott Bessent had to bail out the Japanese with euros for the first installment, but it didn't hold. Now the Japanese economy is collapsing again and this time the US has to buy back its own debt. Why? – because nobody else will. In other words, the writing is on the wall. And, pray tell, how does one buy back debts when one already owes money? We can hear the money printers firing up the machines. And that means inflation coming at us, and fast.

When the 10 year and 30 year bonds go above 5% this is when the alarm bells start going off in the financial sector. As it stands currently, both of those types of bonds are above 5%. There are several factors that are causing this. One of the prime catalysts for this sudden earthquake in the financial sector has been the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Japan relies on the Strait for its energy needs. With the supply suddenly gone energy prices in Japan have risen sharply and it caused an already weakened Japanese economy to begin finding solutions. But to clarify a bit, [Japan's economy has been weak for decades](#), starting with the Plaza Accords, among a variety of other factors. This brings us back to Iran, the Strait and economic pressures.

Iran update: [Iran's current national chart](#) shows Sun in Aries conjunct Eris with Leo rising. The Leo rising of Iran challenges Washington and presents an opportunity for change for the American people. The Sun conjunct Eris can be the master strategist, continual malcontent or both in varying

measures. It is a fearless combination. And the great majority of Americans have opposed the war against Iran from the start. The war has provoked a crisis in the United States.

The Iranian chart shows an indomitable nation, with the capacity for great wealth, which the Americans and Europeans have worked very hard to prevent. American escalation against Iran is ongoing. But Iran is not showing any signs of weakening or backing down. In fact, we see quite the opposite. For every American strike, the Iranians respond in kind and now more severely. The Iranian ultimate strategy at present appears to be to completely destroy the American bases in the Persian Gulf – notably in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and now Jordan. The most recent Iranian strikes against American assets show that they intend to keep the American naval presence far from Iranian shores as well, and for good. The Iranians have also struck the Al-Tanf base that borders Iraq, Jordan and Syria, [as well as Camp Titin](#) in the Gulf of Aqaba. The Al-Tanf base was being used to train US and Israeli backed terrorists for use against Syria and other regions. The original intent for those terrorists was for them to be sent back into the Xinjiang region of China to destabilize and radicalize that region. [There were about 3,500 Uighur fighters in Jolani's brigades](#). Now those same terrorists are cooling their heels in Syria and are being used to 'cleanse' Syria of Shia and Christian Syrian citizens, among other minority groups.

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Al-Tanf was founded on 3 Mar 2016, effectively closing the main road from Iraq into Damascus. That road was a major logistics road from Iraq and Iran used to support Assad. Al-Tanf [was a key US base in the region that was used to control a large area of West Asia](#). Clearing that base will open a pathway for Iraqi resistance groups to enter Syria and Jordan. This was a significant strategic strike at the US presence in West Asia.

Why not bomb Israel?: Otherwise, the Iranians are clearing a pathway for unobstructed strikes on Israel. This will be the end result of this phase of their operations. And there is little that the Americans or Israelis can do about it. People rightly asked why the Iranians are not bombing Israel at the moment. The simple reason is that Israel is not bombing Iran. But further on from that, the Iranians are sitting back and watching as Israel destroys itself from within. [The Israeli military is collapsing](#), being overextended, and having been hit very hard by Hezbollah. We hear the Israelis are having serious problems with its water supply. It appears the leveling of Gaza was an Israeli own-goal because the untreated wastewater from Gaza has caused [a severe algal bloom](#) in the Israeli waters of the Mediterranean, which has [clogged five of their six water desalination units](#). There is no easy fix for that.

A new exodus: [Israelis are fleeing Israel for various reasons](#). Liberal Israelis – meaning secular Israelis – are leaving because they say there is no longer any democracy in Israel, as if true democracy ever existed there. These secular Israelis are settling in various places around the globe, notably in the Sesia Valley, Italy ([Valsesia](#)); around [Hickory, North Carolina](#), with some of them seeking to settle in [Cyprus](#) and [Greece](#) and so forth. [Most of those expats are settling in English-speaking countries](#). Netanyahu faces court and jail if he loses the election in October. His health is terrible at the moment. He was recently rushed to hospital once again, reportedly for [his heart problems](#). His most recent visit was his sixth visit this year thus far.

Trump has had to dial back the strikes on Iranian civilian infrastructure, no doubt under pressure from the Gulf monarchies, who fear Iranian retaliation against them in kind. The Iranians recently struck a power station and water desalination plant in Kuwait which sent a strong message to the monarchies. The Iranians have [targeted two Amazon data centers in the UAE](#), which are used for money laundering aside from general logistics and data collection. It has recently been revealed that the [Israelis and the Emiratis had a secret plan](#) to destroy Saudi Arabia's role as the main power broker in the region, the main reason that the Saudis turned against the Emiratis. And there have been rumors of family and political infighting in the Saudi kingdom, with moves against Mohammed bin Salman. As the escalations against Iran continue by the US, the Emirati port at

Fujairah has been shut down, removing Emirati oil from circulation. And that brings us to the next most important escalatory matter. We are very close to seeing the Bab al-Mandab Strait closed to all shipping. Why might that be?

Ansarallah: The Saudis had seen fit to bomb a runway in Sanaa, Yemen in order to prevent an Iranian airliner from landing in Yemen with a delegation. In essence, the Iranians broke an aviation blockade on Yemen which has been in place for 11 years, this along with a naval blockade against Yemen as well. When the Saudis bombed that airport – the Iranians landed safely at another airport – Ansarallah (which the Americans call the Houthis) responded in kind and struck the main Saudi airport. There were fears of a major escalation from that, and the war between the two has restarted. But at present the Saudis appear to have backed down. As a result, though, Ansarallah has imposed its own blockade of Saudi shipping from the Red Sea. This has removed another 5 million barrels per day of oil from circulation. Ansarallah is playing tit for tat with the Saudis, the same as the Iranians had been doing with the United States. But this exchange between the Saudis and Ansarallah has put the Pakistanis in a very difficult position. The Pakistanis have established close ties with Iran, but they also have a military security agreement with the Saudis. From appearances, though it would seem that the United States had coaxed the Saudis into foolishly bombing the airport in Sanaa.

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Nuke ‘em!: The latest rumor is that as Trump become more frustrated with the fact he cannot bring the Iranians to heel, he is threatening to use a nuclear weapon against Pickaxe Mountain (Kolang Gazla in Iranian) in Iran in an effort to destroy an Iranian nuclear enrichment facility deep within that mountain. In doing so he would be able (in his mind) to declare victory and to move on from Iran. We recall that Trump had insisted he obliterated all of Iran’s nuclear facilities in the 12 Day War. At least, that is what he continued to say for some time. The use of any type of nuclear weapon against Iran would mean the utter destruction of Israel, according to the Iranians. Such a weapon would probably not even touch the facilities within the mountain. On top of that, the weapon used would be a gravity bomb, meaning that either an F 35 or heavy bomber would have to fly into Iranian airspace to deliver it, a very risky mission at best given current capabilities of Iranian air defenses. And to top all that off, it is not known for certain what the Iranians have deep within that mountain and if it is even operational. Plus, destroying the facility would not destroy the know-how, the engineering capabilities, and the people in Iran with the experience needed to operate such a facility. The final nail in that coffin would be that using such a weapon against Iran would most assuredly ensure that the Iranians left the NPT and would quickly become a nuclear-armed state. They could do so in a matter of a few weeks, according to Ted Postol of MIT.

Saudi nukes?: Then we hear that Trump and the Saudis have signed a deal for building uranium enrichment facilities in Saudi Arabia. Now, this supposes that the Saudi kingdom survives this war. On top of that, it would take years to build such a facility. It is also [contingent on the Saudis joining the Abraham Accords](#), which the Saudis have thus far refused to do. The Americans and the French are the only Western powers with the capability to build such a facility. The uranium needed for the process would have to come from Russia. And if the world economy goes into a depression, well, as much as people might be alarmed at such an agreement being signed between the US and the Saudis, it looks to be a pretty far-fetched idea. This is Trump grasping at straws and continuing the grift with the Gulf monarchies. But it is more, and quite insidious [once one peels back the veneer](#): “This is less a treaty than a geopolitical obedience course: sit beside Israel, distrust Iran, step away from Pakistan, and receive your reactor.” In essence, the deal is designed to pull the Saudis back under the American wing. The Saudis have strayed too far for Washington’s comfort. Losing leverage over the Saudis means losing OPEC, losing the petro-dollar and control of a large chunk of oil revenue.

To finish this topic for now, Trump has been calling the Pakistani General Munir daily seeking an off-ramp from this war. He had been pressuring the Pakistanis to find him some way that he could save face so he could walk away from the escalation in which we currently find ourselves. The Iranians, for their part had said they were open to a 10-day cease-fire. An Iranian delegation went to Islamabad and talked the matter over with Pakistani officials. The deal was that, yes, there could be a cease-fire, but the Americans would immediately have to reenter the MoU and start delivering on the 14 points of the MOU on the spot. This was conveyed to the Americans and Trump immediately rejected it. So, the war continues. What does this mean?

The American media is beginning to show a few signs of having some measure of journalism left in its legacy media. There were recently questions for Trump as to how the Iranians were able to continue to fire missiles into American bases when Trump had said that their military capabilities have been completely destroyed. It's a valid question, one which Trump really refused to answer. The Iranians are still producing missiles and drones in the middle of this war. The accuracy of those drones and missiles has proven to be exact and deadly. And yet Americans – establishment Americans, we should say – appear to be at a loss to be able to explain how the Iranians keep going as they are and why the American pummeling seems to only make the Iranians even stronger, and angrier, and more united.

The Persian Gulf states could actually end the war, however. There is talk now of the four main Gulf monarchies – Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait – [are reassessing their relationships with the US](#) as the toll from the war with Iran mounts. [This includes financial investments](#) according to the *Financial Times*. They are citing budget strains which are mounting due to reduced income from energy, shipping and tourism. These factors could cause those nations to reassess their investment commitments to the United States, [which amounts to roughly \\$3.6 trillion or more](#). That would put extreme pressure on Donald Trump and the tech billionaires, because the investments from those four nations are [being used to fuel the AI boom in the United States](#), and the AI boom is what has [been keeping the stock market and the GDP measures afloat](#). With those investments gone it will collapse the AI boom as well along with the stock market. That would also mean that the Trump family businesses in the Persian Gulf region would evaporate like a drop of water in hot sand. The Trump administration would already be feeling that pressure and would be looking at it warily. That will be the so-called nuclear option for the Persian Gulf states regarding this war. Over the next weeks we can expect the pressure on Washington from Israel and the Persian Gulf Arab states to mount significantly.

Of Palestine: The big question before many people's minds as a result of all the preceding is what will happen to the people of Gaza and the West Bank? As well, what will become of the Zionist regime in Tel Aviv? As it is, Tel Aviv and Haifa have been wrecked, missile strike after missile strike. The few reports that come out that are allowed report of major damage in those two sites. And the Iranians have not really begun to hit them hard yet. Hezbollah is back in the picture, having thwarted every attempt at an invasion by the Israelis. [Lebanon stands on the verge of a major internal conflict](#) between the Lebanese government forces and Hezbollah. And there is a concerted effort by Hezbollah and Iran to fully exhaust the air defenses over Palestine. It will be at that point that the situation there becomes the most dangerous, because Israel possesses nuclear weapons and they have threatened to use them if matters go too far. But this needs to be parsed a little bit.

There is much in the way speculation as to how this war will end. Pro-Israeli and pro-Western sources claim that Iran will eventually collapse, which is a questionable conclusion, given past history. However, Western intelligence services especially in the United States do not study history. If the Iran-Iraq war is any indication, Iran will survive this intact and move on. Yes, it will be quite painful. The Iran-Iraq war was also very painful, with Iranians and Iraqis having lost almost a million people in that war. But Iran learned from that war, which led to them putting most of their

major military assets underground, deep within their mountainous terrain, which American and Israeli bombing will never touch.

If the Gulf monarchies survive this war, and considering that Israel as it has been will not survive, with American bases gone from the region, what do we expect to eventuate? Well, the monarchies will have to make peace with their large neighbor across the water, meaning Iran, or be absorbed into larger states. And the United States will have little say in the matter.

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In conclusion, the next few years will be testing of the mettle of people's souls. As nations we find ourselves in our present situation because our Western leaders have failed in their responsibility to understand the point of view of other nations. A thin veneer of morality, as it is impressed upon us, covers over the materialistic pursuits of the vested interests who actually control our nations. There is no one exceptional nation, people, belief system, what have you. And there is nothing that says our Western values are superior in any way to those of any other nation. Every nation exists for the spiritual evolution of its people, as difficult as it might sometimes seem. If we want to move into a more respectful and just world, we must drop any pretense of correctness, subtle sense of superiority and moral grandstanding. We must either relearn or cultivate the art of seeing through another person's or nation's eyes. So, we stand in the midst of yet another world crisis.

The opportunities presented for human advancement will be great in the present crisis. Along with that, the times will likely be harder for many of us. But the changes that are happening now will more likely than not set the world on a more spiritual course, a course in which expressing one's spirituality will be more important to the average person than the accumulation of wealth or even just surviving. These tests will come through many avenues – economic, environmental, political, and so on. There is nothing to fear in this and everything to be welcomed. A profound karmic reckoning is already upon us.

Most of us, meaning you who are reading these letters, came into this present time steeped in the mythology of the West and arriving in an environment of at least relative comfort. To be taken out of one's comfort zone is not a bad thing every now and then. Those times present us with a different perspective, one more encompassing of a greater sense of the human condition and the opportunity to more fully express our spiritual inclinations.

Call me a dreamer if you like, but having been born in America in this life I envision a time into the future, after I have left this present incarnation, when the current militant and personality-based national anthem of the United States (“[The Star-Spangled Banner](#)”) will be replaced by [one more fitting of the American soul](#). This might happen, say when the Aquarian age is more fully upon us, when people learn to converse instead of argue, when technology becomes our servant rather than our controller, when economic conditions are more conducive toward meditation and study, when government is for the people instead of vested interests – well, you get the idea. It won't come in a hurry, but that day will someday come. We should have faith in the human soul to guide us rightly through any adversity. The human soul does not know any sense of separation from others. As souls we all exist within the vast ocean of consciousness that embraces and nourishes us all. May we all quickly attain to that state of Being.

Further Leo blessings,

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³ Ibid, p. 18

⁴ Ibid, p. 268

⁵ Birth time is disputed. [Astro.com gives a birth time \(rated BB\) of 10:30 am](#). In appearance and demeanour he appears more Virgoan than Leonine. He is included here to illustrate the trajectory of US presidents over the time period examined. It is also worth noting that his policies were not as overt as those of the Leo types. He was very Mercurial, as would be suggestive of Gemini Sun with Virgo rising.

⁶ Bismarck was said to be an expression of cosmic evil (Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 298), the man who cemented the focus upon materialism among nations, at least in the West. [His diplomacy was based in realpolitik](#), which simply stated means whoever has the biggest guns makes the rules. It is a diplomacy based in power and the realization of circumstances rather than in morality, ideals and ethics. Henry Kissinger and George H. W. Bush were two of the biggest American proponents of realpolitik.