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*An Empire Deserves an Emperor*

There's nothing *imperial* about Joe Biden—a cranky old tyrant. Obama was imperial, but thin-skinned. Trump, in the true spirit of imperial emperors, leaves us wondering whether he presents as benevolent king, or, reenactment of George 3rd, arrogance?

*Star Wars* termed it, *disruption in the force*, referring to uncomfortable changes out there. Trump, wiping-out the left, is a *disruption in the force*. And I am seen as a disruptor, by unquestioning, Trump acolytes, No longer their *curly-haired boy* going after the left. Never a MAGA guy, I'm under fire for questioning who Donald Trump really is.

Most of my email comments are positive, with the occasional 'you have become the enemy'. Never a critique of a fact that I related to other facts. Simply an attack on me.

But you know—I'm not complaining. I love to write, but if Google shuts me out and takes away my subscriber lists (I don't think I've saved them?), I don't mind. If I lose readers, for refusing to knuckle-under about anything—so be it. It's par for the course.

Enough of that—I'll try to not mention it again. But what is it that does matter? In a previous article I posited that Lincoln was attempting to make the US into a fish-trap—one way in/no way out. On reflection, Woodrow Wilson tried to do the same thing with the *League of Nations*. Like the UN, the League (that never came to be), sought to rid the world of nationalism (nations), so as to end strife/wars—contention among peoples.

Same model as the EU: downplay nationalism to where nations do what they're told. A friend pointed to the biggest problem as overpopulation (probably correct). To deal with it he sees the need for stringent rules to limit offspring. Better to let it play-out naturally—avoiding elite control. Human beings, like markets left to themselves—adjust.

Does that sound uncaring? Is it any more uncaring than *a fool's errand* of giving over citizens' power to decide, to elites? Just as free markets, left unobstructed, set economies right, human behavior, facing a hideous reality, sort it best for themselves.

Never thought I'd say it but things like the UN, EU, CIA, FBI, HS, anything that reeks of tyranny, has to go. I read Trump's proposal for cutting spending. It's all entitlements (not that they needn't square with reality), but no mention of cutting defense spending or bringing the troops home from 70-some nations/700 plus bases around the world.

That's because the dude in the red hat is an emperor. His emissary to Ukraine (Kellogg), knows nothing about Russia. He states that Iran has to be stopped because they have been aiding Russia: that the US needs to put maximum pressure on Iran to en-

courage democratic reforms in the Islamic Republic. Is the US a model for democracy? Haven't both Biden/Trump (for different reasons), condemned the US Dept. of Justice?

When Trump says we need to acquire Greenland as a national security interest of *the free world*, is there any credibility in that? Referring to US/West as *the free world* is seen as a sick joke—across the globe. We need Greenland to position the US in the Arctic—and to take its natural resources so as to sustain a dying empire a while longer.

We all wanted Trump to beat-back the *left*—that was our focus. But now, a reasonable person witnessing the run-up to inauguration has to ask whether Trump's Team are there to get a better deal, or, like George the 3rd, do they exhibit (what's politely referred to as *dissociative disorder*), non-communication between the right/left brain?

I can't tell, but I am no longer willing to support—'Go Donald'. I'm full of suspicions—not that he can't get the job done—maybe he can. But getting control of the Canal, Greenland, maybe Canada/Mexico (overthrowing oil states—the Venezuelas of the world), what will be the end game for that? Will the US be great again—rule the world?

Consider what Trump is saying: he wants to stop China/Russia/Iran from unseating the US as the dominant economic force in the world—at all costs. Is that what you want? If so, you are an imperialist, and, an enemy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Trump's plan, in support of *rules-based-order*, is set in stone, and based on what Brzezinski laid out 50 years ago—topple 7 countries over 5 years. The only one left is Iran. Netanyahu has said that Israel will sow chaos across the Arab world, with an intention of taking over as much land as possible. Iran is the last nation to be conquered.

Could the Emperor work things out with Russia/Ukraine, and disassociate with Netanyahu so as to go after the big fish, China? To do that, will Trump take a page from Klaus Schwab (fabricating climate change to take control), by going to war with China over Taiwan, which is part of China? Can Trump pull that off without ending humanity.

The mission of MAGA (Make America Great Again), brings a memory when I asked Phil Knight (NIKE), at a global sustainability conference, to consider changing the logo meme, from 'Just Do It', to 'Let's Do It'. He told me that he'd take it *under advisement*.

Looking back, Lincoln, Wilson, FDR were all *great* men. As did Hitler, 2 of them graced the *Time* cover as 'Person of the Year'. But, is being great something to aspire to when compared with someone who champions due process/equality under the law?

Trump's a deal maker. What he doesn't know about the history of US Foreign Policy is likely the case for not understanding what the BRICS are—and what caused their existence. Or the humiliation faced by Russia in their attempt to become a trading partner with the West? Or, does he understand China's 100 years of humiliation? Or, that there was no way for Iran to function in any role other than as Netanyahu's bitch?

Trump best wake up. What he likely sees as winning strategy could bring the US/NATO down over a long weekend. Like the guy who wins the lottery and ends up bankrupt, there is no way for the US to be great that does not involve facing reality rather than relying on tariffs (sanctions), or auditing schemes to disappear un-payable debt.

A reader suggests that the elite are keeping us from a Constitution Convention where we could put real teeth in a new constitution. Like my friend who proposes draconian policies to curb overpopulation, a constitutional convention in a fractured America would result in elite control, and an end for the republic and liberty we hold so dear.

If you have any sacred cows, get rid of them. Question everyone—and everything.

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