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Assumptions Can Make You Bankrupt—Or Make You Dead

If you read my articles, you know I advocated for Trump over the left and I voted for him. But that was before I saw him come out, uncomprehending the reasons the world verges on armageddon, and identifying with the mission of the uni-party war machine.

It's a confusing time. The *Home Depot* CEO, after 5 months of the Trump Administration, who refused to support/vote for Trump, is now on board with who may be the greatest president. Over that same 5 months, I've lost confidence in Trump. Go figure.

There are those in the power structure who align with Trump. The new NATO head, Mark Rutte, stated that Ukraine is inevitably going to join NATO, while referring to Trump as 'daddy'. A definitive Trump analysis, below the surface—needs exposed.

Again and again, Trump advocates an end to killing while he views the entire world as a trading platform, without any necessity for ethical consideration. Consider: he can bypass Congressional appropriations by having Europe buy and distribute weapons to Ukraine. And, in that way he can hang on to the fiction that it's Biden's war—not his.

The Constitution provides the president no mandate, without Congress declaring war, to provide weapons for foreign conflicts. Also, the president has nothing to do with the levying of tariffs and sanctions. The levying of tariffs is mandated to the Congress.

Trump's foreign policy acts to provoke tensions around the world. And because the US is bankrupt, to have others pay for it. That's the idea behind missiles from the EU to Ukraine. That's also what's playing-out in the Pacific where Trump insists shaky allies declare that in any potential military engagement with China—they will back-up the US.

This is a destabilizing chess-match being conducted by an administration that can't play chess. The world sees it for what it is: a last gasp at empire by the US before facing economic and military bankruptcy. Erstwhile allies in the region no longer see the US as an honest broker or able take on China, now or in the future. They balk at having to alienate China in favor of an event, not on the table—they will be asked to fund.

My MAGA friends had best *wake the f... up*. Contention within MAGA brews over the *Epstein Files*, which Trump contends is a hoax. MAGAs, holding on to that hoax are seen by Trump as weaklings he no longer needs. In point of fact, *Epstein Files* pales next to Trump viewing the world as his trading platform—in which lives are negotiable.

Unwillingness to recognize international security concerns, while hanging onto rules-based order bullshit, puts all human life at risk—about which Trump is apparently obliv-

ious. And the talk of striking Moscow (then taking it back), while EU loonies go after Russian ships in the Black Sea, somehow based on a premise held by Trump (and EU fanatics), that Russia can be defeated militarily, shows no concern/understanding for international security. It makes me wonder if Trump is exhibiting, genetic Alzheimers (father/sister?). If not that, is there another certifiable lunatic roaming the White House?

BRICS divided the world, in response to the US weaponizing the dollar/Swift to control/cancel nations from trade—outside the dollar. BRICS is not intended to confront the US empire. Instead, it provides a systematic alternative to dollar/SWIFT hegemony. BRICS documents, based on sovereignty/equality/fairness, seldom mention the US.

Consider another aspect to Trump's tariffs. The world has long been divided into manufacturing nations as opposed to developing nations. But, developing nations are not *developing*—instead they are colonized exporters of raw materials to elite nations. Unable (because of tariffs), to export to the US to get dollars to service dollar-denominated loans, powerless nations (with US trade deficits), render as slaves to empire.

Jeffrey Sachs (someone I admire), suggests the West is not in decline—the rest of the world is catching up. In fact, the West is in acute decline—as the rest of the world catches up. And until the decline (causes therein are recognized)—the beat goes on.

Unquestioned assumptions function as platitudes: *Israel has the right to defend itself; the Middle belongs to Israel; Putin is a thug, are each—tiresome* at best. Here's an unquestioned assumption from Matthew Piepenburg (one of the good guys), in a long ZeroHedge article—basically making 1 point: 8131 tons of US gold (some 260 million ounces), priced \$42 oz. would give Uncle Sam some \$850B in instant new money to pay off some debts. He goes on: what if gold were revalued from \$42 to \$4K/\$40K?

As with all assumptions, it doesn't necessarily reflect reality. There would first have to be an audit to see if the gold exists. Not addressing that, Matthew's *playing his book*.

Something else to consider: unless you know where to look and who to trust, the internet is a maze of assumptions from which there is no escape. I have to admit I get pulled-in, but now, after coming to terms with the personality in front of me, who allows assumptions underlying his whole preside to go unchallenged—I know to move on.

If one assumes, as I do, that 2 more weeks of missile attacks on Israel would have broken it, and because of that Israel pleaded with the US to save them, is the reason behind the US attack on Iran, then one has to admit the global game-board has shifted.

The East/West divide is now more pronounced—and dangerous. China and Russia will not allow what happened to Syria to happen to Iran. What did happen to Syria? Syria is being chopped-up (balkanized), by the US/Israel/Turkey/ICIS. The US began the process during Trump 1, taking control of the oil/agro portion of Syria. Lebanon is next, with a plan to go through these liberated territories to invade and break-up Iran.

Russia know this and has issued a warning to Trump—raising the stakes for WW3. Russia/China, from this point forward, will be stalwart in not trusting Trump and meeting him face-on. Iran and Russia, with the stakes raised, know they have to *mind the red lines* because the West has been taken over by lunatics carrying nuclear suitcases.

Trump, and the EU, using Russian assets to arm Ukraine, moves the minute hand closer to midnight. Next up could be a reaction from sanctioned nations, sinking NATO ships rather than submitting to searches. Meanwhile, Yemen is paralyzing Israeli life.

Trump's Press/Sec referred to him as leader of *free world* and *whole world*. Really?

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