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*Every Few Days Trump Does Something I'm Thankful For—However...*

The 'Art of the Deal' may be incompatible with self-evident/inalienable rights, and the future for the US depends on Trump's peace *instinct* as opposed to *banal ideologies*.

Not quite 4 months into a 2nd term, Donald Trump has arrived at a pivotal moment. In a world, undecided as to whether or not Trump is stuck in a 1990's reality that no longer exists, with some sketchy advisors, will his *peace instinct* be able to serve him?

So far, I find little evidence that human rights/justice have any place in the *art of the deal*. Trump is a transactional dealer, with high regard for those who prevail in terms of power and wealth. Does Trump, beyond lip service, consider opponent's security concerns? For the man who would be king, enjoying ruling the world—is it about winning?

Trump's at a crossroads. He cannot fight Russia/China/Iran, together—maybe not individually. And today, Russia and Iran are on the game board. To deal with the war in Ukraine, Trump's actions (to be recognized by Russia), will need to be decisive. Kellogg is back in the picture with an archaic, 1st term cease fire model from Korea—scoffed at by Putin/Russia. No cease fire will be able to alleviate Russian concerns.

Either Trump goes for a grand bargain, addressing overall Eurasian security concerns/accepting Russian battlefield acquisitions—or he'll be the 1 with *no cards to play*.

Though difficult to see Trump's actions as any kind of a strategy (got his butt kicked in Yemen), he did get rid of Waltz, hopefully because Waltz was secretly negotiating with Netanyahu behind Trump's back. Raising the necessity for Trump to take action.

Besides Russia, Trump has 3 impending issues—the most immediate of which is Israel/Palestine/Iran. Fortunately for the world, Trump hates losers—and Netanyahu's Zionism is now a loser on the world stage. Iran is not a security threat for the US, and unless Trump is doing the bidding for Netanyahu, Iran is inconsequential for the US.

Trump can gain global prominence by breaking Israeli control that sets direction for the US—and using his UN veto to create and block resistance to a 2-state solution for Palestine. Then, Iran would give-up nuclear enrichment, pull back on missile development, and quit funding proxies, because, without US support, Israel is a weak nation.

Maybe the taste of a real win through peace with Russia and Iran, Trump could reimagine himself as *viceroy* dispensing justice to the world. He could then consider coming to terms with China. Maybe fire/replace some of his cabinet, and do some visiting in the Global South. Maybe he could loosen his ideologies—and befriend BRICS?

Besides China, Trump needs to come to terms with unilateral tariffs that add to big government bureaucracy. Perennial tariff levels across the globe have averaged 2.5%. Now, even with the 90 day tariff (cease fire), the global average for tariffs is 13%. Until this plays out (as Covid-like supply chains?)—tariff consequences remain obscured.

Trump is a non-dependable, mercurial individual—as with Iran where Witkoff supported peaceful enrichment—now he's back to no enrichment. Will Trump push tariffs into a recession? Indicator: for the month of April, Chinese exports (tariffed), rose 8%.

I'm conveying a somewhat hopeful picture of what could happen. But, along with that, we have to be wary that an indecisive, reactionary Trump could take us in another direction. If his ideologies concerning Israel, China, and tariffs solidify rather than give way to pragmatism, Trump could prove dangerous for the republic—and the world.

No matter how you cut it, Trump's tariffs are coercion—an extension of *might is right*—the opposite of justice. If, say, Honduras were to unilaterally tariff the world, because certain nations sell more to Honduras than they buy, the world would laugh at them because Honduras doesn't have power to back it up. But Trump thinks he has that power. Is Trump stuck in a 1990 paradigm, with an economy/military—that's no longer there?

China, and many nations, partially dependent on American consumerism, have opted to go along with Trump—for now. China has negotiated—without succumbing. As in Yemen, it was Trump, at the behest of American interests, who was forced to negotiate.

It will be difficult for the US and the world to come back from what the US did to it. Things are bad in Ukraine because of what the US did, and is not doing enough to end it. Things are bad in the Middle East because the US backed genocidal murder perpetrated by master race henchman, Netanyahu—for whom the US acts as lackey/bully.

A same flawed ideology has infested the US Congress—just a rubber stamp for Zionism. Maybe worse, institutions (universities), that brought an end to the Vietnam war are so infested with woke as to be rendered politically neutered. Now Trump, stuck to Zionism, has threatened to rain hell down on students who dare to protest genocide.

Trump supporter, Larry Klayman offered some thoughts on illegals and protestors. On illegals he had 2 suggestions, 1st, pay no heed to Obama judges—deport illegals as a constitutional invasion. I support that, but without paying millions to nations to take them in. Simply walk them back into Mexico: *Here's your caravans you sent to Biden*.

Klayman's 2nd suggestion: suspend *habeas corpus* (take away constitutional rights). No way: Trump, with unbridled control over habeas corpus might become a loose cannons. Klayman: 'Pro Hamas demonstrators are busting up campuses threatening Jews and Christians, we see that.' Like Donald, Larry identifies young persons reacting to genocide as pro-Hamas. Students who may not know what Hamas is. But Netanyahu does, having had a big hand in purposely creating Hamas. Trump has little or no idea.

The *art of the deal*, as applies to redevelopment of Gaza, raises the bar of insanity, and turns my stomach. Brandishing a tariff sword at the world's neck, does Trump hold any truths to be self-evident? Does he keep his word without aggressing on another person/property? Does he consider God-given, inalienable rights—or divine justice?

For Trump's 2nd term, keep vigil and be watchful—while hopeful. My son asked why I took a 2% loan rather than pay-off the new car? Yet to arrived tariff consequences, and what my dad told me: economy is making the relative maximum out of the relative minimum. I invested in gold/silver—future valuations will more than pay-off the Honda.

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