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“Madman Across the Water”

You know what happens when a war starts? Everybody rallies around the flag. Any who had been critical of the government had best be careful. That said, given the present circumstances, with Trump/Netanyahu poised to attack/regime change Iran, with no hopeful outcome for peace negotiations, who is the bad guy/madman here?

Is it Iran—subjected to US starvation-sanctions for more than a decade? And what was it Iran did to suffer that penalty? Was it their support for a 2 state solution in Palestine? Was it their membership in BRICS? Was it their participation in BeltRoad? Trump and Netanyahu know that Iran is vital to BeltRoad, and without Iran it’s not viable. Or, is Iran in the way of an Israeli mission to own the Middle East—from Nile to the sea?

Is Iran, in any sense criminal, or is Iran simply out of step with US/Israeli madmen desires for rules-based empire? Which begs the question: if during the next week the US/Israel attack Iran, who is the bad guy here? I’ll leave the question with you.

But this begs another question or 2. When, in the Oval Office, *Trump and his Flying Circus* discuss plans, do they go beyond how to do something and ask if that something ought to be done? Or, is it assumed that if Trump/Bibi want it done—their wish is the command?

Consider the outcome. War with Iran will close the Straights of Hormuz—through which passes 1/3 of all oil transport. If that weren't bad enough, Iran is involved in negotiations with the Trump Administration—which on Trump's part are likely bullshit. Also, allegedly Jared Kushner has met with those who are in waiting to take over Iran, once regime change is accomplished. So, why is Iran sitting on its hands and waiting?

One would think by now that Iran would take the initiative and go first—what have they got to lose? But no, they are a measured counterpuncher when they ought to take the initiative. Have they forgotten that Israel has gone after its neighbors in unfathomable shows of horror? Have they forgotten Trump attacked Iran during negotiations?

What about Russia and China? Russia is involved in an existential war with NATO in Ukraine, so any help for Iran needs to be scaled to not precipitate a regional or world war. What about China? Because of the US attack on Venezuela, China lost 6% of oil it needs for its economy. Another 30% comes from Iran. Together—it's game changing.

Both Russia and China play the long game, but dealing with Trump requires (at some point), niceties be put aside to take him on. After what he regarded as a regal mandate with his defeat of the Obama/Harris Empire, he feels entitled to abandon justice and the Constitution for a kingly crown. The Venezuelan caper left Trump, Hegseth, Rubio with an attitude—that they can do to the world as they please. Iran best look out.

For addressing the truth, my trolls are out. Because we voted for Trump, so as to not be subjected to Harris/Walz, whatever Trump does is always preferable? So get on board/go along. You got problems with ICE—we all do: close your eyes/hold your nose.

One reader (thankfully unsubscribed), because I don't back-off Trump, ac

cused me of Trump Derangement Syndrome. *Why wasn't I instead focused on Rubio's vital speech to our allies. Did I even listen to it???? (4?)*. I did listen to it—classic Rubio, longing for 1700s colonizing. Communism to Rubio: people attempting to break free from colonizers. As for me having TDS, I don't. Instead, I recognized early in Trump 2—he's deranged.

Trump's gotten himself into a tough place. Having assembled an air/sea armada off Iran, he would probably rather make a deal and withdraw, but he looks trapped by a lying Netanyahu who warned for decades that Iran is but *moments* away from a nuclear weapon. Based on lies, Bibi retains his options: attack, forcing Trump to back him, or his terrifying default position he might take as needed to achieve world peace—necessity to nuke Tehran?

The difference between Biden/Obama and Trump, is Trump casts a bigger shadow. Whereas the other two might hold back from initiating war with Russia/China, content to murder silently at will, a mercurial Trump offers hubris, up-front—way out over his skis.

With no strategy where to stop, Trump might inadvertently bring an end to mankind. Meanwhile, something's brought mayhem to gold/silver markets as seen in historical rises/falls. Pundits grasp for rational explanations for volatility across the board (the big 7 or 10 stocks are way down), though not as much as the metals—they're nevertheless down.

There's solid reasons for insane metal fluctuations. Comex, fighting for its life, raised margins/increased fees for hedging. Smaller coin dealers, without funds to hedge, run out of product/capital. It's a chicken/egg thing—but is it caused by politics or economics?

Isn't it the case that *economics* is never separated from *geo-politics*? Consider it in terms of London Bullion/Comex/Shanghai. At first I was convinced the West was in collapse, as reflected in price/premium divergence

—West to East. Then, over days/a week, global gold/silver spot price came under siege to which Shanghai/China was not immune.

Are precious metals in the West manipulated? For certain, is that an adequate explanation to account for huge turbulence and downward reset in gold/silver price—given a world where central banks/citizens distrustful of currency—flock into gold/silver?

Geopolitics, along with decades of insane fiscal policy, has brought the US to the brink of economic disaster. And Trump's foray into wars he promised against increases American bewilderment. Now, obfuscation of facts is everywhere in vast PR campaigns wherein human slaughter is justified in terms of establishment narrative. What is that narrative? Russia may win, but Putin's not fighting for security guarantees—a thug with aspirations to take over Europe. Maybe when you read this, we will be at war with Iran?

Unless Trump has a epiphany moment (which unfortunately could last but a moment), Russia/China/Iran will continue to be seen as enemies. Along the way there will be no debate as to whether actions taken in support of that notion are just or constitutional.

Eastern religion defines *karma* as aggregate propensity—where going in one wrong direction only increases what will have to be dealt with later. What if support for Israel, Trump, or US Foreign Policy, in the end, places one in the masses of the deceived?

There's some solace, with silver up 3X from where you bought in—providing there's a world where you can spend it?

By the time my next article comes out, the world may be a different place. Considering the options—let's hope not.

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