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The Alpha, Beta—Omega

These terms are used commonly to identify personalities of dogs, but they also suit dogs of war—in our case, Trump, Hegseth, Rubio, and Treasury Secretary, Bessent. What's it Bessent's business, crippling adversary economies? Beats me—but he's a player.

When I hear Robert Kiyosaki refer to Donald Trump as his good friend, that bewilders me. Does Trump (without stooping to the likes of Lindsey Graham/Mark Levin), have friends? Friendships involve *give and take*. I see take in Trump—but not give—especially factoring in Trump's off his rocker.

Imagine living next to Trump and building a fence between the 2 properties. From what I see of Trump, when a difference of opinion occurred, Trump would explain the way it had to be, and that would end the discussion. What about Trump makes that so?

Trump is the alpha dog—that solipsistic entity at the center of the universe. Those around him, if they hope to someday be the *alpha*, act out the role of the *beta* in support of the alpha—defending him whether they agree with him or not. Then there's the sickening *omegas*, rolled over unto their backs, begging only to keep their jobs.

One of my readers asked if I ever have any good news? Here it is: Trump's US Empire is coming to an end, making world better and safer.

The film: 'A Man for All Seasons' shows Sir Thomas More's fatal struggle with King Henry VIII who wanted More's support to annul his marriage—to break from the Catholic Church. More, a man of integrity, refused to sign an oath that violated his conscience. More saw the law as a 'shield against tyranny'. More was an early example of what came to be known as a *Renaissance Man*, a polymath, a well-rounded individual with deep knowledge and proficiency in numerous fields. Henry put More to death in 1535.

Contrast a Renaissance Man with what we have today: Trump and his cabinet are not worth our time, excepting the fact they control the destiny of the world—or so it seems. Amongst Hegseth, Bessent and Rubio, who is the worst. Maybe eliminate Rubio (he's as bad as any of them), but wanting to be president, he's keeping his head down.

Hegseth treats Americans to a sickening spectacle, going after Senator Kelly as divulging state secrets concerning how little ordinance we have left. This, after Hegseth, on a Sunday talk show, said we've used up most of our ordinance, and we are restocking.

We are not. The US defense industry has been set up for the benefit of stockholders—not national defense. Weapons systems have been broken-up and spread across the states to mollify legislators, making it impossible to restock with any national urgency.

Face the facts: neither Trump nor Hegseth have any military experience worth mentioning, and they have no business making military decisions. And all those generals (who do know), hold their tongues so they can later sit on lucrative defense contractor boards to maintain the plush lives they've become accustomed to as multi-star generals.

So, nobody's minding the store and Trump is off to China to meet with Xi—with Trump holding no cards. Trump wanted for this meeting, to control of

the world's energy such that he could drive a wedge between Russia/China, with China dependent on the US for energy. Instead, Trump has no weapons—neither in theory—nor in fact.

The truth is that if China acted to invade Taiwan—the US could not stop it. Before US carriers could approach China and sortie planes, they would be sunk. And long range missiles the US intended to strike China with, are shrapnel in Iran and Tel Aviv. Trump and Co. find themselves in the same place as Hitler—after losing to the Soviets.

Trump's only hope is that the Chinese (and the Russians), with more vital interests than Iran, do not draw a red line that he cannot cross.

It's just a matter of time before the US and the dollar disappear from view. The stage has been set with 86% of Americans having a negative view of Congress—10% have a positive view. American support for Israel (Iran/Gaza/Lebanon) is falling along with support for Trump's war with Iran, for his inaction in Ukraine that taken together have degraded US living standards.

Meanwhile, Trump has signed more than 250 executive orders—more than twice the number of laws Congress passed over the same amount of time. From Trump's vantage, the Constitution is dead, and before he's done—he will put an end to the Bill of Rights.

To deal with what's going on needs a Renaissance Man (or woman). One cannot be a geopolitical forecaster without understanding the economy. Also, the reverse is also true—one cannot be an economist without understanding geo-political reality. The next time you listen to either, look to see if they come with an understanding of both disciplines. If they equivocate about who Hegseth, Trump, and Bessent are—ask yourself if they understand the facts on the ground? If they say something suspect—look it up. Observe whether or not they only show one side of a 2-headed coin.

If you are a questioner in the middle (maybe a tad lazy), do some work because you are in an enviable position of being able to take in the facts. That makes you unique.

What are the facts? The war in Ukraine will soon be over, most likely with Russia (for its own security, taking Kiev/Odessa)—rendering Ukraine a rump state. Odessa, a truly Russian city, Ukraine's only port, will render Ukraine a non-entity. And with the defeat, the EU becomes another non-entity. If Germany, seeks nuclear arms—Russia will obliterate Germany.

The US, lost the war it waged on Iran. How can we tell? None of the things the US put out as its objectives have been realized. Regime change, removal of nuclear material, destruction of Iran's missile production/capability—opening the Strait of Hormuz.

By default, Iran is winning the war by continuing to exist, while the US shows itself weak with little offensive capability. That doesn't mean Trump won't relaunch attacks—what else can he do? But not before his meeting with Xi. And maybe Xi tells him it's time he heads back to Manhattan.

If I seem to be taking this all too lightly—guilty as charged. It's just that I refuse to suffer these fools gladly. Looking back, all the way to JFK, I ask myself, what the hell were we thinking about—and why did it take so long to see how bad off we'd become—led by fools or worse?

This is where I'd usually say something about economics to stay in Bill Holter's good graces, and I owe Bill—so I'll say it anyway. Don't worry about the price of silver, not even if it goes below \$50. Those ounces will be the best investment you ever made. You will thank the gods for the gleam/jingle.

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