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The Things That Can't Be Said Or Done

so as not to further enrage Trump, are manifest. The global situation, almost impossible to understand without a basic overview, beguiles the mind—rendering utter confusion.

Consider Russia, fully committed to winning the war in Ukraine, while kowtow-ing to pirate-in-chief Trump, after he takes Russians from a Russian-flagged ship on the high seas—might seem a mystery. But is it instead a playing-out of *realpolitik*, casting doubt on Trump's peace aspirations and Putin's unwillingness for direct confrontation with Trump?

Ask the question: when the peace president, with scheduled peace negotiations with Hamas/Iranians, instead uses deception to gain the upper hand for a genocide or regime change, what's that say? Harkens back to the 1st Book of Plato's Republic where Socrates takes apart the theory that *might is right*. Apparently Trump hasn't read Book 1.

From where does Trump gain the hubris to forsake international law—replaced by the law of the jungle? Such ideologies often require a spokesperson. For Hitler it was Goebbels (the only other person besides Trump to have been presented with a Noble Peace Prize—2nd-hand). And back in the 60s, the far right had William F. Buckley Jr., who Gore Vidal aptly described (from my view), as a 'crypto Nazi'. Now, for me, the intellectual

mouthpiece for Trump is Tom Luongo. (How I see Luongo's position is not to be taken as fact, instead—it's how I assess his position on Trump and how he may have gotten there).

Institutional spokespersons come, often from the hard sciences where empathy for the human condition functions as rumor. Underlying their basic premises are unquestioned assumptions, woven into whichever true belief narrative they espouse.

Back when Luongo podcasted weekly from his home in Florida (in sentences rife with expletives), I was a regular—though he was not a product of my blue-collar democrats, rather a chemical engineer—an aficionado of Star Wars/comic book heroes.

With hardly a mention of justice/Constitution/Bill of Rights, Luongo, advocates for *real/politick strongman theory*. Some time back he had Jerome Powell with a masterplan, using the Fed to break the Euro-dollar in an effort to save the dollar. That theory failed miserably when Powell gave-up his outdated metrics to finally succumb to lowering interest rates, the opposite of what was needed, genuflecting to Trump's dictates/lunacy.

Now Luongo passes the strongman role on to Trump, and his master plan, using tariffs to have nations send gold to the US as payment for dollar loans? That's the plan? When Luongo speaks to the anticipated verdict from the Supreme Court on Trump's tariffs, nary a word about justice—instead a strongman hero doing what needs to be done.

Is my view of Luongo and Trump's plan, sound? If so, a vindictive Trump, going after a world he's already thrown under the bus—a mafia don, ripping-off/extorting/racketeering. Another great man, dismantling the old order for new order—maybe he gets on the cover of *Time*—like Adolph Hitler?

So, what 's going on? It's confusing. Begin with Russia, not quite the

powerhouse I was hoping (it's been my thought the Russia/China alliance was the best bet for preserving the peace). Putin has huge support from

Russians, while opposed by powerful factions. Putin represents the people while oligarchs, many positioned with massive wealth offshore, live for the day when they can share in wealth gathering with the US/Trump.

Assuming Putin's control is not absolute explains his reluctance to engage in more than one war, and why he is willing to sound-off about US foreign policy, while taking no decisive steps to combat piracy—more importantly—an attempt by the West on his life.

Luongo posits Trump and Putin as intending to carve up the world. Not so, Putin reacts to dealing with a lunatic on the Netanyahu scale, in an attempt to stave off war. For a moment, imagine how gratified Putin must be with a moronic Trump actively destroying NATO, threatening EU nations that show unwilling to cede EU territory (Greenland), to Trump. Meanwhile, Russia is on the verge of defeating US/NATO in Ukraine.

Is the jury still out on Trump? After a year of evidence/cross-examination, Americans, by default are the deciders, and were the left not wack-jobs, Trump would be a midterm *paralyzed-duck*. On the right, deliberations about Trump, are yet in contention, among some friends, rationalizing Trump as, 'shaking the tree', 'flexing a little muscle', or using US veto in the Security Council—no differently than any nation voting its own book.

The left, as seen in Trump-derangement-syndrome, are driven by emotion with none capable of giving a reasoned account. On the right, on 1st day of 2nd year, a lingering, persistent view: Trump knows what he's doing/part of his plan—when in fact, the evidence is in. It's time to decide on Trump.

On the right, my more conservative friends though willing to talk (at least they were), give Trump slack he doesn't deserve. As per the facts, Trump is

deranged—as default explanation for assessing tariffs on anyone disagreeing with him, gushing at getting (as did Joe Goebbels/Hitler’s Minister of Propaganda), a 2nd hand Noble Prize, and threatening to give up the mantle of peace president if he does not directly receive the Nobel Prize.

Trump is a man with no need for international law, nuclear treaties or anything else that might curb his overreach. We hear that Russia is at the table with the United States? No, Russia is at the table by themselves. We hear that Greenland is necessary to secure North America? How about some debate on what unsecured North America? Trump wanted to use Mossad fabricated mobs in Iran, not as an opening for boots on the ground, but for instant regime change—a Syria/Venezuela quick fix. The kind Trump likes—fast and easy. But, as mayhem progresses—will anything be left to fix?

Putin is a deliberate man, attempting to hold things together in a last hope for peace. As I asked in a previous article, with all the chips pushed to the center of the table, will the Russia/China/Iran alliance be enough to hold back Trump’s overriding goal to balkanize the world for his behalf? If Trump doesn’t accept Putin’s offer to extend New Start (early February), Putin (along with each of us), will face the biggest threat to world peace in history.

Trump, in his 1st term, voided the intermediate ballistic treaty—a huge cause behind Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Even the sad history of Henry Kissinger was light years better than Blinkin, Sullivan, Rubio—or Trump. As for Trump, being unable to act, because he’s boxed in—not his own man? Further proof that JFK is an American hero—Donald Trump a coward.

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