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Unending Wars of Aggression—Amen

Abandoning a gold standard is the beginning of the end for a nation. At first, it is not apparent because abundance of credit takes focus away from accumulating debt, but over time, as credit dries up in the face of piled-up debt, blame for financial troubles is put on the legislators, representatives of the citizens, giving way to inevitable tyranny.

After the gold window closed in 1971, the US spent recklessly, and at the same time offshored its manufacturing base, degrading US productivity, year on year. US armed forces that in the 1960s had been the best in the world became less effective, with bloated military budgets (not possible under a restrictive gold standard), used to fund 'global adventurism', and divvied up amongst greedy defense contractor (cronies).

A nation's non-productivity is measured by the amount of excess currency needed to service mounting debt and senseless wars that have neither a plan nor a resolution.

The US, Congress, not the President, declares war. The last time the US Congress declared war was in 1941 against Japan, and shortly after that on Germany and Italy. Yet, the US has been in constant war for decades. Using what mechanism?

'When events such as 9/11 are portrayed as existential threats, elite despots find opportunity. 9/11 saved a failing Cheney/Bush presidency, with the introduction of the Patriot Act and 'fabricated lies' that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Cheney/Bush did all that was possible to avoid open-debate and a vote for war in Congress. Instead, what they wanted, they got: sweeping presidential war powers that persist today, having lasted more than 2 decades and used to initiate military action in 22 countries—each authorized by presidential decree, without Congressional approval.

The AUMF (Authorized Use of Military Force), that allows presidents to make war is unconstitutional and a blatant transfer of power from congress to the executive. Unlike a 'declaration of war' that ends with surrender, AUMF never ends—no time limit.

As a 'lit-up' mile-marker on the road to tyranny that is not going away, Americans gave away the power to act through elected legislators just days after 9/11. Rand Paul's recent bill to abandon it, went down 86-9. Only 4 republicans and 4 dems voted for it.

Each subsequent president, beginning with W. Bush has used AUMF to inflict war on whomsoever they choose. Endless wars that never end—Middle East wars yet persist.

Debate is stifled (soon to be criminalized?). Wars are fought at the 'pleasure of presidents' Congress, mostly de-fanged, asks politely to be kept in the loop about

what administrations and intelligence agencies are doing. Where is the 'hue and cry' to restrict Federal Government to those 'discreet powers' mandated by the Constitution?

Mandated powers include: to lay and collect taxes; pay debts and borrow money; regulate commerce; coin money; establish post offices; protect patents and copyrights; establish lower courts; declare war; and raise and support an Army and Navy.

The end of this list contains one more power: to make all laws "necessary and proper" to carry out the enumerated powers. Referred to as the 'elastic clause', this has been 'stretched' around the entire world. Where in the 'enumerated powers' is the one to seize Russian assets across the world? Where is the one that admittedly trains and conducts coups in Africa? Or the one that sends US taxpayer proceeds (in amounts that expedite a coming collapse), to Ukraine where the US has declared no war?

The 'die is cast': anyone stepping into the 'presidential fray' has to first sign-on to the "Empire narrative". Ron DeSantis, doing a good job as the governor of Florida, has tossed his hat in the presidential rink—and genuflected to the US Empire. If elected, he will continue on with illegal, inane funding for an insane US role in the Ukraine war.

Not long ago, he referred to Ukraine as a 'territorial dispute' (nothing could be further from the truth), and now he focuses on Putin as a thuggish war criminal, which could win him the presidency but take away from meaningful acceptance on the world stage.

The world views the US as an untrustworthy partner—worse—a dying empire that has lost its ability to intimidate. Across the world, nations are making decisions and re-affiliating with US adversaries without the usual concern for US threats and sanctions.

Domestically, the US is being run by agencies best defined under the US Constitution definition of treason. The FBI functions as a 'democrat' operative. The CIA charter specifically denies the agency any right to surveil Americans—which is now a primary function. Homeland Security is a \$60B a year propaganda arm for tyranny.

Which of the 'enumerated powers' provides for any of these agencies? The answer is none. Either the Constitution is adhered to or it gets watered-down into dilution.

What the hell are we doing in Syria and Ukraine? What the hell are we doing teaching opposition entities in Africa how to conduct coups? Are we madmen? Consider that the man admitting we conduct classes in African coup-making is a black 4 star general in the US military. Did we learn nothing from slavery and civil-rights?

Let's be just and give a 'shout-out' to US power-wielding women. Who among them gets the nod as most illegal, unconstitutional and subject to that single crime mentioned in the Constitution? Is it Madeline Albright who, upon consideration, reflected it was necessary to murder 500K children to invade Iraq, or do we choose who's behind curtain number 2, Hillary Clinton, for her 'illegal' forays into Libya, etcetera? And, we must not forget, Victoria Nuland, who, with the deftness of John Bolton, is able to wreak global havoc, no matter which party 'occupies' the oval office.

If we are fortunate, we avoid nuclear war over Ukraine, but too late to stop an enervation of the US Empire that is being played out on the world stage, made possible by 2 things: giving-over our currency to 12 private banks (the Fed), and abandoning the gold standard, making possible the 'welfare state' and endless wars.

When the army/police can no longer be paid, infidels feel free to tear at our edges. We did this to ourselves and only we can stop the illegalities. Either we fight for the Constitution or pledge allegiance to: 'God bless the United States—and no-one else'.

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