

OF EMPIRES & FINANCIAL MELTDOWNS: NO RECOVERY IN SIGHT?!

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The most powerful agent pressuring other countries to open their markets for free trade and free investments is (our) Uncle Sam, and America's global armed forces keep these markets and sea lanes open for this era of globalization, just as the British navy did for the era of globalization in the nineteenth century.

--Thomas Friedman, 1999

Over quarter of a century ago my SOS think tank group predicted the financial crash for the United States in 2,008, Washington had ordered the Study; we worked on it for several years. I signed off on the project as I went-off to officially monitor the PLO-Israeli conflict - Bekka Valley War, June 6, 1982... No one believed it, the Power Elite blocked it, but like everything else 'secret' on the Beltway in Washington it was leaked instantly, even though no one believed it except perhaps the Kremlin, or better said, it was useful to reconfirm its communist propaganda how the West was decrepit, declining, falling apart as Marxism predicted, etc.

In time I wrote a short but to the point Treatise on *American Empire Building* (you can read it on my website, below), and similar critiques of the flailing Stateside sociopolitical system in critical symposia, essays and articles, including the Cold War trilogy opus and related volumes now the same website.

The evils in evidence emanate from Rome, the Eternal City's empire-building transported in a *quantum leap* over the centuries to the budding British Empire, our American Mother Lode, in the aftermath of Viscount Horatio Nelson's defeat of the Spanish Armada (Battle of Trafalgar, 1797), and thereby *ipso facto* transferred to us at the end of the 19th century. With our inbred behavioral dominance and prairie state thirst for expansion from coast-to-coast as dictated by Providence in the dastardly **Manifest Destiny** of 1845 (the legitimization of Mexico annexation), causing the Mexican-American War (1846-48), the doctrine became the pivotal point of no return for the budding Stateside Jeffersonian elitist democracy. The Civil War of 1861-65 interrupted the irreversible process of instilled dominance and hegemony, supported by genetic ingrained aggressive deviance and thirst for conquest and dominance soon to be followed by the just as illegal war with the Spanish in the Philippines (1898), now the "sacred cow" of national security interests stretching then all the way to Okinawa and Guam in the far-off Pacific. The Rough Riders posturing atop San Juan Hill in 1898, signaled the propitious Panama Canal *putsch* or takeover from the French bankruptcy (1904-1914) and completion by Teddy—the Teddy Bear—Roosevelt. The American coming of imperial age in World War-I, presided over the Versailles Peace Conference, with President Woodrow Wilson dictating the terms of German surrender and interwar reparations which caused the "call to arms" of Nazi Germany in War-II, to right the wrongs levied on the German people, and lack of American support for the League of Nations; persistence on high tariffs in trade and commerce affecting the progress of peace initiated by the "war which was to end all wars" for mankind – World War-I. Thereby, incredibly we fanned the winds of World War-II, as Oliver Stone, the (in)famous Hollywood director, claims in his 40 TV episodes, with the American banks financing Hitler in that worldwide conflict, dictating the postwar terms of surrender, directing peace and commerce, launching America as the No.1 power across the international meridians. And finally, almost like the Russians (but for Siberian riches) bankrupted the nation in the Cold War gaming of *conflict & resolution*, or because of it, i.e. in the mid-2,008 financial meltdown, with no recovery in sight, the Wall Street index currently floating artificially at more or less 10,000 points on a daily basis; in controlling as well of the Asian markets.

Of course, our think tank group at the time did not predict a Black President, although I thought of a Lady Chief Executive possibility by now, nor did we realize that the American financial collapse would cause a worldwide financial meltdown, or at least not all that permeating, although many contemporary observers reviewing the study now consider it as the final word back in 1982 precisely forecasting the ongoing financial collapse of the American-British Imperial New World Order, which is in precipitous decline... Now, the Proposal is to remove the United Nations from

New York to Geneva, restructuring the organization completely with a new Charter, including sanctions if not downright prosecution of the two belligerent nations, enforcing reparations, infusing sanctions and executing criminal sentences against its political, commercial and military leadership causing civil disorder, hot conflict and mayhem against Human Rights “for profit” generally throughout the peaceful worldwide community of nations. Indeed, their persistent gaming has instilled disruption of democratic processes and exploitation by force of militarily weak nations for profit, i.e. the example of Iraq, where the blatant petroleum takeover was the goal of the empire-builders, using sheer force to crush the nation and takeover its crucial petroleum resources on false pretensions of WMD, hanging its president, Saddam Hussein, who didn’t even possess a slingshot much less weapons of mass destruction!

Moreover, expertise has demonstrated in its forecasts and estimates that from 1947 to 2008 the American-British Establishment, its policy-making and military-industrial complex leadership, has squandered away over \$300 trillion dollars in the postwar-II Cold War gaming and upmanship, the so-called East-West conflict, and other invented hotspots of conflict for profit motive without an iota of conscience—indeed, consciousness of their misdeeds and criminality—to fulfill their perverted goals of conquest in order to finance their way of life and life style of the rich & famous by exploiting the weak and meek of this world, in face of other much more progressive realities and plans to the contrary by the more ‘civil’ and civilized community of nations!

Significantly, the creation of the Third World, the pauperized largest portion of the planetary family of man was formalized by these belated Roman empire-builders in the 19th and 20th centuries – Great Britain, United States and Germany, and to some extent Japan – through imposed commercial controls and tariffs levied on manufactured imports which averaged 44%, frustrating badly needed profits by the big Asian producers of textiles, thereby creating the poverty-stricken southern hemisphere, which is true to this very day. “The looms of India and China,” Mike Davis expertly writes, “were defeated not so much by market competition as they were forcibly dismantled by war, invasion, opium, and Lancashire-imposed system of one-way tariffs,”¹ exactly what Washington has perpetrated on Iraq and, in some ways Afghanistan (their sole exports - narcotics and small arms), that’s why Mexico is now on the menu, i.e. suddenly our neighbor is in drug trafficking, and why not before this time?

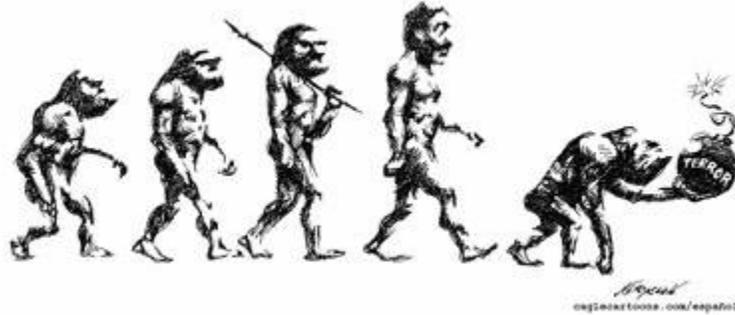
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The sico Ruling Elite in Washington needs constant enemies to service state-invented myths, duplicating the Ol’ Kremlin’s Politburo Department of *Agitation & Propaganda*, that is to say, in many too many ways our American establishment is copying the old totalitarian model of communism, what old prof. Sheldon Walden called *Inverted Totalitarianism*, to keep the citizenry preoccupied with other things—not to turn the *mobile vulgus* attention to the real ills of public life created by the ruling elite, used as cover-up of their persistent misdeeds in administering the responsibilities of real Law & Order, allowing to prosper normally, stimulating creative and vibrant public life; to the contrary, they continue to confuse and abuse the polity 24 hours per day... Therefrom, the apathy and docility of the American public bamboozled for so long with threats to American democracy from foreign ideologies, such as communism, creating the “witch hunts” and the Committee on Un-American Activities and, indeed, the Cold War itself, at the time encircling the Soviet Union with 180 military bases, now servicing over 700 such foreign facilities around the world, with no communism or foreign threat in-sight?!

“Absolute power corrupts,” warned George Santayana, “but absolute power corrupts absolutely!” Unfortunately it’s the rule of law of the Anglo-Saxon Ruling Elite by which they operate enforcing their own “norms and values” not yours and mine, alien to our normal way of life, which emanates from the General Will of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the Natural Law of Man. Their perception of reality differs from ours, note Joseph Conrad’s 1899 pivotal novel, *Heart of Darkness*, from the English imperial view of the world, which he garnished from private, correspondence with a friend

¹Mike Davis, *Late Victorian Holocausts* (London: Verso, 2001, p. 295.

Robert Bontine Cunninghame Graham (1852–1936); in an 1897 story on the Blacks, Graham summed up the English imperial view of the world as follows:



“Far back in history, Assyrians, Babylonians, and Egyptians lived and thought, but God was aiming all the time at something different and better. He let Greeks and Romans appear out of darkness of barbarity to prepare the way for the race that from the start was chosen to rule over mankind—namely, the British race.”²

Needless to underscore, I have made an issue of it for decades, asking where it all comes from, i.e. how could the Oriental Goth, the Germanic clans from Asia, arriving on the continent in AD9, just two thousand years ago, insist on worldwide leadership? I blamed it on barbarian deviance, the built-in latency to fight and dominate the ‘next guy’, take his wife and cave, abandon the children, stake his very own *territorial prerogative* claim on usurped property, the hegemonistic *gestaltism* I have treated in several writings, though I’m not a geneticist, physical or cultural anthropologist not even a sociologist, just a concerned political analyst or observer of current events based on historical lessons to be learned if we are to survive this latter day Roman empire-builders (see, the curt comment on former V-P Al Gore on my website). In *Western Civ pathos*, also on this site, I have attempted to further throw light on the subject, but I have failed to come up with a plausible and less offensive answer, indeed, how can a two-centuries old nation-state still in diapers--comparatively speaking *vis à vis* a five millennia old Iraq (Babylonia)--**insist** on leading the world, for god’s sake on what credentials, when it’s aggressive mood ends up on the shoals of the venerable Mesopotamian rivers? In just the 1991 Gulf War our troops killed 420,000 children (by firestorm bombing of the Dresden type WW-II legacy, lack of imported baby-food, medical supplies, laboring under severe sanctions), and finally a real Roman type invasion, the 2003 conquest by George Bush, Jr. selling “free trade” and Toni Blair now peddling democracy and peace as an Ambassador at Large? Or the newest Chief Executive, Barack Obama, who won the presidency on the “no war” or pull-out ticket, handing out medals to high-tech American war heroes killing, maiming, fire-storming, and starving to death the very same children, old men and women throughout the Parthia of Old! What for--for what invidious purpose, may we ask – to secure the barefaced American petroleum glut, Roman style, by stealing it from the weak and meek of this world – Heraldry? Bah!

The empire-builders should remember the fate of one Roman tetrarch – Marcus Licinius Crassus (c. 115 BC – 53 BC; see also my website) – captured, he was poured hot gold down his throat for his legions incursion of Babylonia!

But more to the point at hand: Let me remind the apologizers for the imperial rule of the British Empire, no economic benefits were ever bestowed on any other interest group but for the British capitalists; claims to the contrary are pure bunk. Niall Ferguson, who wrote the history of the House of Rothschild, said the following: “In the age before the steam power, India had led the world in manual spinning, weaving and dyeing. The British had first raised tariffs against their

²Quoted in Sven Lindquist, “*Exterminate All the Brutes*”: *One Man’s Odyssey into the Heart of Darkness and the Origins of European Genocide (Utrota varenda jävel, 1992)*, pp. 81-88; trans. Joan Tate (New York: New Press, 1996). Also, see Tom Engelhardt, “The Cartography of Death,” *Nation*, October 23, 2000.

products, then demanded free trade when their alternative industrial mode of production had been perfected.”³ Unfortunately, the result was poverty and dependence for the country. The

Oxford historian Tapan Raychaudhuri wrote: “Early in the nineteenth century India lost its export trade in manufactures and became a net importer of manufactured goods and a supplier of mainly agricultural products to Britain for the first time in history... Favorable terms granted to British exporters and the doctrine of *laissez-faire* meant that Indian industries received no protection and hardly any encouragement...”⁴ from the British imperial rule over India except pure exploitation.

Moreover, Karl Polyani wrote in his seminal work *The Great Transformation* (1944): “The catastrophe of the native community is a direct result of the rapid and violent disruption of the basic institutions of the victim (whether force is used in the process or not does not seem altogether relevant). These institutions are disrupted by the very fact that a market economy is foisted upon an entirely differently organized community; labor and land are made into commodities, which, again, is only a short formula for the liquidation of every and any cultural institution in an organic society... Indian masses in the second half of the nineteenth century did not die of hunger because they were exploited by (corn laws); they perished in large numbers because the Indian village community had been demolished.”⁵ And Ferguson concluded, “in practice global free trade was not and is not naturally occurring. The British empire enforced it.”⁶ Which returns us to the question of our pauperized neighbor of Mexico, why Hispanics cross the Rio Grande in droves.

If Mexican farmers were driven out of business by heavily subsidized American grain growers when the price of corn makes tortillas unaffordable that’s the ongoing global market and globalization as enforced by the United States at work; that’s why the poor and unemployed Mexicans cross the border in to U.S. at any cost to feed their families, which we Americans resist with the armed forces and laws such as the recent measures by the State of Arizona, etc.

Not just this writer (yours truly) but many other observers of the adverse affects of imperialism on world economy the example in point dating back the to 19th century poverty of India and China, with several recorded precedent and devastating famines in both countries while food was rotting on the shipping docks to be exported, therefrom their third world status to this very date caused by western interference in their development; exactly what is happening to certain Arab and Islamic states which the blind American policy props up its elites for exploitation of its own population, because petroleum is profitable, hence who cares about internal reform. And where that policy does not work, then the USAF/RAF ‘soften’ the landing of our Anglo-Saxon ground forces for direct invasion and takeover of the country – the fate of one Iraq, with the same plans for Iran. But for the latter nation-state, which is not Arabic but Persian, it might be a tough nut to crack to run over it as we did with lightening speed in the recent conquest of ancient Mesopotamia. And even there it took two wars to pacify Iraq: the 1991 Gulf War and the 2003 unsuccessful invasion, the pacification effort still in progress, as in the neighboring Afghanistan, where real war rages on with heavy losses suffered by our troops persisting to date.

Afghanistan has little to offer for export but narcotics and small arms, therefore that conflict has a different reason for our American imperial designs of conquest: the Taliban presence in the rugged country of the Roof of the World – the Pamirs – and as poor as Pakistan, the American profit comes from blackmailing the oil-rich Arabs in the Gulf region from the threat of the Taliban

³Niall Ferguson, *Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order and the Lessons for Global Power* (New York: Basic Books, 2002), p. 164.

⁴Tapan Raychaudhuri, “British Rule in India: An Assessment,” in P.J. Marshall, ed., *Cambridge Illustrated History of the British Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), p. 363.

⁵Karl Polyani, *The Great Transformation: The political and Economic Origins of Our Time* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1957, pp. 159-60, a repr. of the 1944 ed..

⁶Op cit., p. 324.

Revolution taking over the native ruling elites way of life, i.e. what if another Khomeini-like revolution rips the region apart; their fate would be that of the Americanized Shah of Iran, who died in exile within a year; the Saudi ruling family of 75,000 members would have to flee the country, the Kuwaitis, Omanese, Abu-Dhábians *et al*/ UAE oil-producing mini-states, where Islam and privatized ownership of natural resources belongs to the royalty.

Moreover, the Bush, Jr. Administration forced the sale of \$100 billion dollars worth of arms to the Gulf states, literally militarizing the region, with the accompanying technical and special forces support on station paid for by each host state.⁷ In other words, we earn profit through such blackmail, despite all the “free markets” and “save democratic freedoms” accolades, which do not apply in any case in the region. In fact, our presence and black mail promotes feudal Islam and its undemocratic institutions, unfortunately including once liberalized Iran.

The United States remains the heir to the British Empire, the Mother Lode still in-tact, in support and promotion of Stateside empire-building and its foreign adventures, though England *per se* gave up the imperial ghost altogether in 1949, not out of innate goodness of its gothic heart but because it had a simple choice between imperialism abroad and democracy at home. Moreover, the World War II conflict and siege of the bleak island pauperized its treasury to the extent that the nation could no longer afford maintaining postwar imperialism, especially with large and mobilized dominions as India already at counter-revolution against the imperial host.

Why Washington is still peddling the self-serving ideology by its London predecessor is beyond reason, civility and democratic progress of the commonwealth of nations, a modern day relapse to outdated conquest be it by high-tech military systems including cyberspace capabilities of a Menwith Hill NSA illegal spying and Information Age benefits, it's still downright imperialism: invasion of privacy, snooping for inventions, stealing trade and commercial secrets, not to forget the killing fields of Indochina, Mesopotamia, Latin America and the Civil War in Bosnia, marked by the illegal, irresponsible and deplorable bombing of Bosnia and Serbia, creating war and mayhem on the very continent of Europe?!

The George Bush, Jr. administration followed suit in his father's footsteps of the unsuccessful 1991 Gulf War and on May 19, 2003 full blast attacked Iraq with Great Britain in tow only (the

⁷ It's worth noting for the un-initiates, indeed, the unaware plebiscite of Poland, Rumania and Bulgaria, the recently announced deployment of anti-missile systems in those former communist East European nations, now American clients, that the presence of the sites will be paid for by the host nations at a Cost + 40%, the typical Defense Department traditional policy reward for services performed. In fact, American construction and engineering firms were paid such profits for all the roads and airports built throughout the Pacific Islands in World War II. Moreover, the still huge presence of American forces in Germany (180,000), Italy (62,000), Japan (44,000), South Korea (38,000), Turkey (48,000), Egypt (12,000), little Albania (6,000) *et al*, not to speak of the cost of War in Iraq, all of it is paid for (with the above built-in profit) by the host nation. It's a Rule of Law: the American-British ruling elite makes profit on war, i.e. the very reason for the ongoing mayhem, hot war and killing fields around the planetary meridians, wherever the weak and meek can be exploited without recourse!...

I admit, it's offensive to say and write it: but such immoral behavior and aggressive action seems to be genetically and racially ingrained, the 'butchering' mood, the blood & guts taught in the Stateside military academies; the Federal Reserve a private bank (it belongs to the 30 DOW Jones Industrials; we Americans have no national bank!), false pretense of WMD, **stonewalling** throughout the Federal Bureaucracy, including the White House, the muzzled media—all of it hung out to dry before the whole world to see and judge the impropriety.

Oh! The missile deployment on the Russian border has everything to do with agitating the former Cold War adversary – the Russians – than the fictive missile threat from far-off Iran to the host country and, of course, including profit and domination of the host nation; now the new ally becoming a commercial client and comrade-in-arms, the American way of dominance and promotion of its worldwide interests. Where it all ends “nobody knows,” as the saying goes, except we observers: Nowhere! For the American state model is in rapid decline! Obviously, the sudden loss and replacement of the enforced American worldwide infrastructure will be costly for almost all walks of normal planetary life, but that's the price we must pay sooner than later if Human kind is to survive the last age imperialism and get on with a normal way of life as dictated by innate norms and values of the unbridled General Will of Man nowadays dictated by their perverted norms and values, the Yankee-Limey ruling elite.

Likewise, it might be pertinent to underscore, how the unprecedented Red Chinese economic windfall despite the worldwide financial crisis, Peking should be aware that their success is in no small measure financed by the imperiled Russian *nouveauriche* capitalism selling crucial Siberian raw material riches at low prices to recover their huge losses on Wall Street and other financial markets—it might be advantageous to know in advance that a privilege given can be recalled at will as Russian capitalists recover their humongous losses on the Western stock markets.

blatant invasion against the UN Charter); in unison their forces quickly captured the nation, with President Bush declaring victory over the beleaguered major petroleum producer in the Middle East [See my website (below), *Power Politics replete*]... However, Iraqi Army might have laid down its arms but not Al Qaeda, and its leader one Osama bin Laden, still at large according to Washington; while some of us observers think the American-trained resistance fighter in Afghanistan, to whom the Pentagon delivered Sting anti-aircraft missiles to fight the Soviet invader, might well have died in the initial bombing spree of May 19th 2003, Washington needs enemies to keep peace at home and earn money abroad, therefrom the traditional *stone-walling* from Water-gate days and lies which characterized Vietnam and the “body count,” for the Gulf of Tonkin syndrome—finally, in the annals and disclosures of that illegal war too it was admitted how it was barefaced lie; no Vietnamese coastal patrol vessel could approach an American Man of War at that distance to fire across its bow. Consequently, it too may well be admitted how the albeit revered living hero of Islamic resistance against Christian America’s conquest of Islamic Iraq died in the line of duty long ago... The ways and means of the Jonny-cum lately empire builders are such, but not for long—we have sufficiently demonstrated in recent years how the wayward Anglo-Saxon ruling elite and its hegemony, **globalization** and **integration** is based on outright **imperialism for profit and rape**, the Jeffersonian elitist democracy finally fell into irreversible decay and disintegration with the predicted 2,008 financial meltdown.

Moreover, the ramifications of empire-building have never been clear to the Jeffersonians in the nation’s capital, flexing the imperial muscle abroad by bombing belligerents who refused to buckle-down to American dominance, including wholesale bombing by USAF and ground forces mop-up after the firestorms, how successful imperialism requires that a domestic republic or a domestic democracy change into a domestic tyranny, following in the footsteps of Rome, which in many clever and-all-too-clever ways has been introduced Stateside (it’s just that the American plebiscite has been so bamboozled, muzzled-up and socio-politically neutralized that the average citizen cannot see the forest for the trees, docility supreme), which is exactly what happened to Rome, and why Roman tyranny destroyed the empire, and is in fact destroying the American nation-state. To bridge the gap between foreign imperialism and domestic tyranny becomes a **non sequitur**, the process **moribund** – it just cannot work, i.e. it becomes a formula for decay. The rise to Presidency of black, Barrack Obama, bought some time (eg., Nobel Prize gimmick), in this period of financial troubles, but the social fabric, as I have written for years, is ripping at the seams – we just don’t see it, indeed, we’re not supposed to, the *powers that be* control the public media. Obama is a rubber-stamper, completely impotent before the forces of **inverted totalitarianism**, a medal giver to high-tech American troopers killing the innocents in Baghdad... The imperial military-industrial complex has gathered momentum with militarism sinking its roots ever so deeper in the American society, the mindless power elite hell bent on conquest, profit and “recovery” with no respite in sight. Nothing changed under Obama, every-thing remains the same—we the plebiscite, remain plebian, and powerless to change the course of contemporary events in Washington and London, despite the new leadership on the Thames.

While this epitaph is more than appropriate to signal the defeat of the *moribund* policies of the mindless Washington ruling elite, low profiled but fast moving developments around the planetary meridians have different plans for our power brokers (see, last page, below):

“The United States will use this moment of opportunity to extend the benefits of freedom across the globe. We will actively work to bring the hope of democracy, development, free markets, and free trade to every corner of the world... Free trade and free markets have proven their ability to lift whole societies out of poverty—so the United States will work with individual nations, entire regions, and the entire global trading community to build a world that trades in freedom and therefore grows in prosperity.”
--George Bush, Jr., White House speech, September 17, 2002.

The Washington-London ruling elite continues to “use this moment of opportunity” to secure “more of the same”: worldwide democracy and free trade, while literally laying flat Iraq to steal it’s oil riches, while President Obama, as I write these lines, is announcing the removal of US troops from Mesopotamia, as far as Kuwait (if it’s just a staging area, then...), with only 60,000 high-tech fighters (please ‘mark twain’) left behind in Iraq to train the police and the native army, while the real occupation goes on, of course, with the naval and air force armada on location, making sure

the pipelines deliver free “black gold” to American tankers in the Gulf, the rest of the imperial story it is pure malarkey: Roman style imperialism lives another day.

The question is – for how long? Being a forecaster, I’ll make this prediction: within 3-years time the Law of the Sea will surface with its own Imperium: both nations will be confined within the 3-12 mile off-shore limit, if that’s all that awaits their imperial track record in recent years?!



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Toynbee’s theory of decay

The British historian Arnold J. Toynbee, in his 12-volume magnum opus *A Study of History* (1961), theorized that all civilizations pass through several distinct stages: genesis, growth, time of troubles, universal state, and disintegration.

Toynbee argues that the breakdown of civilizations is not caused by loss of control over the environment, over the human environment, or attacks from outside. Rather, ironically, societies that develop great expertise in problem solving become incapable of solving new problems by overdeveloping their structures for solving old ones.

The fixation on the old methods of the “Creative Minority,” leads it to eventually cease to be creative and degenerates into merely a “Dominant minority” (that forces the majority to obey without meriting obedience), failing to recognize new ways of thinking. He argues that creative minorities deteriorate due to a worship of their “former self,” by which they become prideful, and fail to adequately address the next challenge they face.

He argues that the ultimate sign a civilization has broken down is when the dominant minority forms a “Universal State,” which stifles political creativity. He states:

First the Dominant Minority attempts to hold by force – against all right and reason – a position of inherited privilege which it has ceased to merit; and then the Proletariat repays injustice with resentment, fear with hate, and violence with violence when it executes its acts of secession. Yet the whole movement ends in positive acts of creation – and this on the part of all the actors in the tragedy of disintegration. The Dominant Minority creates a universal state, the Internal Proletariat a universal church, and the External Proletariat a bevy of barbarian war-bands.

He argues that, as civilizations decay, they form an “Internal Proletariat” and an “External Proletariat.” The Internal proletariat is held in subjugation by the dominant minority inside the civilization, and grows bitter; the external proletariat exists outside the civilization in poverty and chaos, and grows envious. He argues that as civilizations decay, there is a “schism in the body social,” whereby:

- *abandon* and *self-control* together replace creativity, and
- *truancy* and *martyrdom* together replace discipleship by the creative minority.

He argues that in this environment, people resort to archaism (idealization of the past), futurism (idealization of the future), detachment (removal of oneself from the realities of a decaying world), and transcendence (meeting the challenges of the decaying civilization with new insight, as a Prophet). He argues that those who Transcend during a period of social decay give birth to a new Church with new and stronger spiritual insights, around which a subsequent civilization may begin to form after the old has died.

Toynbee’s use of the word ‘church’ refers to the collective spiritual bond of a common worship, or the same unity found in some kind of social order.

The decline of the Roman Empire is one of the events traditionally marking the end of Classical Antiquity and the beginning of the European Middle Ages. Throughout the fifth century, the Empire’s territories in western Europe and northwestern Africa, including Italy, fell to various invading or indigenous peoples in what is sometimes called the Barbarian invasions, although the eastern half still survived with borders essentially intact – Byzantium, under Constantine the Great – for another millennium, falling victim to the Oriental marauding Turks in AD1453. . .

Of the twenty-two civilizations that have appeared in history, nineteen of them collapsed when they reached the moral state the United States is in now. – Arnold Toynbee, 1961

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Note: Thomas L. Friedman, author of the initial quote, is a *New York Times* columnist, and bestselling author of *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding of Globalization* (1999); and, *The World is Flat Broke* (2005).

Finally, an important ft. note: the recent developments on East River, the self-impost control and so-called wars against Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) in the Middle East to gain 'illegal' access to vast petroleum resources have decisively precluded any further reason to keep the UN HQ on East River, since its Charter is not honored by the host country and in fact its operational and administrative polices abused exclusively for sovereign gain and questionable socioeconomic interests of dominance and hegemony over global meridians.

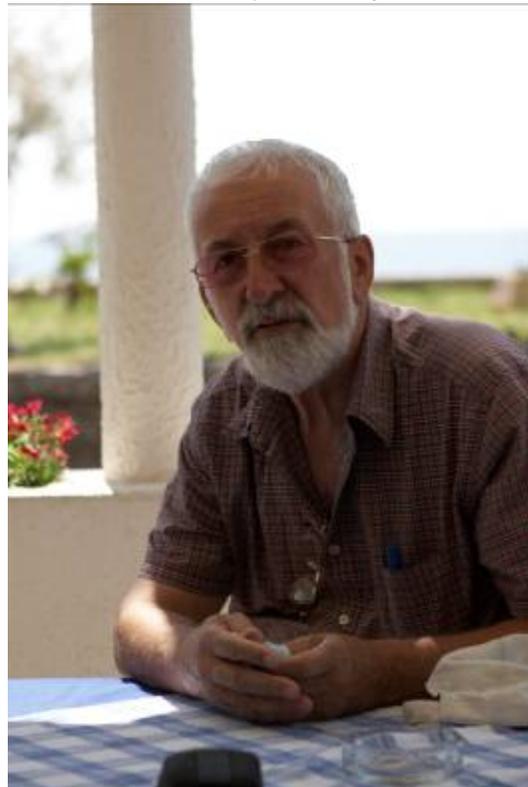
The war in Iraq has had a profound negative impact, affecting the social, political and economic system around the world, especially with the financial meltdown caused by the United States and Britain in their overextension of resources, *men & materiel* in conducting constant conflict for profit, inflicting heavy losses of human life, psychological and physical damage across the global meridians. The Anti-American sentiment is such around the world today, though still not as vociferous as it will become in due course *vis a vis* the obvious financial woes ever more adversely affecting the standard of living of the wider masses, the quality of daily life deteriorating such in the underdeveloped and developing South in the ever more acute diversity and disparity between North and South that it must soon come to a head in those relations—the *mobile vulgus* or the “fickle crowd”, the irate “mob,” will rise to the occasion and go to war to correct the wrongs committed against the weak and meek of this world, something the Romans feared and worried about in conducting their public affairs (hence the Latin coined term).

The causes identified include the continued arms race, strange alliances, secret diplomacy, and evidently subscribing to freedom of sovereign states to enter into war at will for their own political benefit and financial profit. The obvious remedy is the removal of the UN HQ to a place like Athens, Greece, where democracy was born and the first League of Nations, indeed, the old ancient Hellenic League formalized, where there are no conflicting host interests for dominance and abuse of the Charter... In fact, we think the present organization has to be scaled down in its goals focusing more on the prevention of future war through unilateral disarmament, open diplomacy, and international co-operation, restrictions on the right or practice to wage war, and severe penalties and economic sanctions against those who make war. In addition, political legitimacy and participation in international forums be they political, economic or academic, come under scrutiny precluding participation by such belligerents. In other words, what is emerging now is a general consensus to move the HQ from East River to Geneva and in due course permanently to Athens; it's a better central location, besides where it all happened in the first place. Of course, the belligerents will be excluded from the membership, participation in all civilized forums, war tribunals called to session, criminal states and its leadership committing crimes against Human Rights taken to task and prosecuted, war reparations adjudged and generally the whole framework of the World Organization restructured, with a Council of Elders as the overriding advisory organ of administration, kind of Plato's *Guardians*, mutually appointed from a whole variety of professions, backgrounds and political affiliations.

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Foto, mid-summer 2007, right after a year-long stint working on the Cold War trilogy opus in continental Russia and Siberia.



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