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## INTRODUCTION.

This article is an up-dating of a prior paper titled “The Return of the Feminine and Development of Modern Weapons.” (This prior paper is included as an appendix in that it contains background information.) When the initial paper was written, fifteen years ago, there were no hovering Cold War and intense weapons development. There still was hope that Russia would again claim its place as a European-Christian state. But the mishandling of Crimean self-determination essentially gave Russia the opening to “invade” Crimea and suffer little repercussions or military response. Russia would claim that it was the wish of the Crimean people to be governed by Russia rather than by the Ukraine. This behavior has ushered in a new round of the Cold War with the addition that China is being swept into it as it builds islands in the South China Sea to serve as advanced military out posts. But the area of the sea where China is building, according to the International Law of the Sea, does not belong to China.

The major point of the earlier paper (within a psycho-spiritual frame) was that beginning with the Crimean War (first modern war) of the 1850s, an association could be made between the destructiveness of weapons and Church encyclicals on Mary, the biblical mother of Jesus. For example, the teaching on the Immaculate Conception was issued as a Papal Bull in 1854 (in the midst of the Crimean War). In 1917 three children in Fatima, Portugal claimed that Our Lady appeared to them (during the period of World War I). In 1950 Pope Pius XII declared, as an article of faith, Mary’s Assumption into heaven without sin. In the late 1940s the Soviet Union developed its own atomic bomb and the United States began testing hydrogen bombs in the South Pacific. It was in the midst of this of this nuclear development that Pope Pius XII pronounced Mary’s Assumption, which in a manner of speaking, gave Mary a taint if not a projection of divinity.

In summary, this study assesses whether there is an ongoing Great Arms Race between technology that advances increasingly more destructive weapons that could destroy civilization or even reach “mid-night” on the Dooms Day Clock. On the other side is the development of consciousness, particularly of the deep primal feminine. An outcome of the pronouncements on Mary (Our Lady) can be said to be the rise, in a psycho-spiritual context, of Marian Consciousness or what might be called deep feminine consciousness steeped in the feminine life force.

It is the rise of such consciousness that can preclude humans from employing all the weapons technology produces particularly weapons of mass destruction. Indeed, a superior consciousness is needed to control the utilization of such weapons. What will triumph, technology or consciousness? (It should be noted that the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima revealed that humanity may presently lack the moral consciousness to preclude the use of weapons of mass destruction.)

While the arms race is the central focus of this study, a poignant part of this paper is to assess whether the burning of Notre Dame (Our Lady) Cathedral in Paris has any relationship with this arms race. Also, a cursory assessment is presented regarding the revitalization of the Goddess of Peace.

## THE MODERN ARMS RACE.

It may be said that the first modern arms race occurred at the turn of the Nineteen Century into the Twentieth Century. At that time Germany sought to reduce British naval superiority and therefore compete to establish African colonies. The arms race heightened German preparedness and zeal to wage war in 1914. The major powers met after World War I in Washington (1922) to regulate naval tonnage for each of the states in order to preclude another naval arms race. At the London meeting (1936) of the major powers, Japan objected to its awarded tonnage and stopped

participating in further proceedings. Left to its own will, Japan raced to build a large navy with which it attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. Meanwhile Hitler's Germany in 1936 was racing to build a formidable land and air force in order to assert control over Europe (and also built a formidable submarine force). In 1945, as World War II ended, the Soviet Union raced to develop a nuclear capability comparable to the one in the USA. Afterwards, both countries in the throes of the Cold War mainly sought to maintain a balance with each other. But with that understanding somewhat stymied by Russia's occupation of Crimea both states may engage in a prolonged arms race. Meanwhile China, in building islands in the South China Sea, has given notice that it can throw its armed weight around without any serious response. And to reinforce its oceanic policy it is conducting its own naval arms race to challenge US naval superiority in the Pacific region. At the same time, it has allied itself with Russia to thwart US political and armed initiatives.

#### THE GREAT ARMS RACE.

The Great Arms Race is a race between weapons development THAT COULD END UP DESTROYING HUMANITY'S CIVILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MORAL CONSCIOUSNESS THAT WOULD PREVENT THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS.

My approach to understanding the unfolding Great Arms Race that is taking place aligns the Great Powers on one side spewing a technology of mass and precise destruction; on the other side is human consciousness, the expansion of which (particularly of deep feminine consciousness) may be able to preclude a technologically fueled apocalypse.

The Great Arms Race is between speed of weapons development particularly those of mass destruction, and speed of the development of moral or principled consciousness that can prevent the employment of highly destructive weapons. It is a race familiar to weapon's development but less known in consciousness development. It is steeped in masculine hubris and urge to excel in the most complicated endeavors. Often some of the brightest and the best are found in the expansion of technology. Hubris can be found in the belief that if made it should be used. Thus, the great fear that a weapon like the Soviet's Tzar bomb can generate. But above all, weapons technology reinforces the belief that killing is the solution.

Since the recent turn of the century the United States has found itself at war (often without any clear strategy and goal). But the flow of arms continues. Not only are arms good for killing they are good for making money. With the resiliency of arms control in serious trouble, there is fear of direct war among the major powers. On the Dooms Day Clock (maintained by an association of atomic scientists!) the time is 100 seconds to Nuclear **Doom** (a reduction by several minutes from 2019).

THE TECHNOLOGICAL RACE. Technology has an edge in this race in that it is understood and supported. Technology's span of interest seems closely associated with masculine work particularly the premise that "killing is solution." And technology is the most pertinent way to provide killing instruments. Also, weapons are utilitarian and meant to be used. In this context, masculinity is apt to endorse the motto "if you build it, use it."

The former Cold War essentially focused on the restraint and balance of nuclear arms, and armed engagement in the Third World. In the Cold War humanity learned to live with the Unthinkable and with Nuclear Winter. With the return of a Cold War atmosphere the instrumentalities that kept the nuclear balance have largely disappeared. During the agonizing turn of a nuclear standoff, nuclear states are modernizing their nuclear weapons. In the absence of any arms control treaty, it is impossible to legally enforce any limitation. Well can it be asked, what will humanity learn to live with in the re-emerging Cold War?

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In August 2020, Russia released photos of a nuclear explosion (1961) in the Arctic region, of the Tzar Bomb. It was the largest nuclear explosion ever. It is said that it was 10 times all the ground, sea and air ordinance used in World War II or 3,300 times the Hiroshima's bomb. A bomb of 30,000 pounds exists, Massive Ordnance Penetrator, capable of penetrating deep into the earth to strike underground facilities. Technology is ready to take humanity into a "brave new world" of energy driven weapons (laser, microwave and infrared) with space serving as a battlefield. Indeed, technology is set to develop a hybrid of various weapons (to include those of mass destruction). It can be expected that the brightest of the best will be the driving force behind technology's gambit where each side of the Cold War tries to outshines the other.

Few people recognize that the Great Arms Race exists. However, signs of the Consciousness Race can be detected in the policy of Mutually Assured Destruction or MAD. The premise behind MAD, at the conscious level, is that an enemy cannot be trusted. But it can be partially trusted if the enemy, after attacking first, remains vulnerable to a second attack by the party that was initially attacked. In this manner both parties commit themselves to mutually assured destruction. As untoward as MAD may sound it required a sufficient development of consciousness to make it work. Presently the arms race of the three major powers focuses, among other things, on hypersonic missiles and undetected submarines that may make them impossible to hit. Given the possibility of weapons that rule out MAD there will be need for greater consciousness to implement another sustainable nuclear control system with Russia and China and, at the same time, address the lesser states that possess their own nuclear weapons. In the "lull," moreover, other countries may attempt to join the "nuclear club."

**THE CONSCIOUSNESS RACE.** Whereas Technology's Race is historic, science based and rationally oriented, the Consciousness Race is psychological, spiritually based and symbolically oriented. In regards to symbols, the Consciousness Race carries the symbol of the Life Force and also of birthing which, in a primal context, suggests wombic consciousness. In brief, the Consciousness Race depends on the ability of the feminine energy to spread and secure the Life Force. In a manner, the Great Arms Race is between the Death and Life Forces.

An important aspect of the Race has been the struggle of the feminine to cast aside an overlay of masculine suppression. In Western society this struggle began to coalesce in the mid-Nineteenth Century in the form of a Woman's Movement to gain the right to vote (which took place in 1920). This movement was followed up in the 1950s by the civil rights movement to bring gender equality at work and in education. A third woman's movement is discernible in regards to the woman's body: Who is in charge of the woman's body? Masculine suppression will most likely continue until women gain full control over their bodies.

Wombic consciousness is associated with fertility and its symbolic representation can be viewed in the fertility statues and circular temple ruins found in Malta. The women's issue, however, is not a return to fertility but a calling forth life to counter if not undo the practice of killing-as-solution. The main issue is to free feminine energy so that it can upgrade the exchange of loving kindness among the peoples of the earth.

If the feminine voice is beginning to be heard at the civil level, it also is expanding spiritually with the increased devotion that Mary has received since the 1850s proclamation of Mary's immaculate birth. When this "article of faith" was followed up, a hundred years later, with a Vatican pronouncement of Mary's Assumption into Heaven, a Marian Consciousness started to take root. Pope Pius XII was such a firm believer in Mary's power that, in October 1942, he consecrated humanity into Mary's "hands" to bring about victory in World War II. In October 1942, the British were reeling backwards in North Africa, the Soviets were pushed backward across the Volga River

and the northward resupply route to the Soviets (around northern Norway) had been successfully blocked. Fearing defeat, the Pope called on Mary to bring about victory. A month later the Germans met defeat in North Africa at El Alamein. The Soviets launched a counter attack to reoccupy Stalingrad. And the British navy broke the German northern blockade. Was this turn of events miraculous or “history on the march?”

Marian Consciousness, as a feminine spiritual phenomenon, projects a measure of divinity which was gained by Mary’s assumption into Heaven. After announcing in 1950 that Mary’s assumption was now an article of faith, the Pope, two years later, inscribed in an encyclical that Mary was crown Queen of Heaven after ascending into the Theosphere. In 1964 the Second Vatican Council gave Mary the title of Queen of the Universe. (As an aside, Mary, as mother of Jesus who was called “Prince of Peace,” was titled Queen of Peace from early on. As mother of the “Prince” she naturally became “Queen”.) The youngsters who have had apparitions of Our Lady at Medjugorje said that she introduced herself as Queen of Peace.) It is with this measure of divinity that Marian Consciousness guides humanity. In contrast to Marian Consciousness, which reveals the ‘face’ of feminine spirituality that has been suppressed, Deep Feminine Consciousness is existential, and derived from the evolutionary Life Force, which guides humanity. The feminine component of the specie’s Life Force, the Deep Feminine Consciousness, can be labeled Wombic Consciousness. For the present, few women have been able to assimilate this Deep Feminine Consciousness. This infers that the evolutionary Life Force works on its own cycle to advance humanity. Both the Marian and the Deep Feminine Consciousness are main means to counter the Technological Race but not the only route. Fortunately, a psychological approach exists but it is not yet understood deeply. Here, I mean depth psychology particularly the Jungian variant. The key in depth psychology is symbolic analysis while the key in the Technology Race is dialectic or rational analysis. The central goal of depth psychology is Individuation which often must be approached as an ‘Art.’ The worlds of dreams, myths, creative arts, imagination, and prose provide access to the shadowy Personal Unconscious and to the archetypal template of the Collective Unconscious. Gaining such access to make the Personal and Collective Unconscious conscious is dependent on the ego’s maturity which is also part of the Art of Individuation. (It need be stressed that here we are referring not just to gaining consciousness, in general, but in particular the goal is to achieve principled consciousness.)

Today weapons development is fast moving while Consciousness development can be agonizingly slow particularly the work of Individuation and the effort that is needed to arrive at ‘Just’ Consciousness. Nonetheless, the spiritual shield of Marian Consciousness may be at work to guide and protect humanity. Furthermore, the evolutionary Life Force has much vested in the Homo sapiens specie to let it just unravel.

#### BURNING OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL.

The burning of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is an example of how symbolic analysis can provide messages concerning the Consciousness Race of the Great Arms Race. On the day of 15 April, 2019, the Notre Dame Cathedral was ablaze with fire. The cause is not readily known because the area where it began is still not safe to examine. For the present it is thought that the fire started in the center of the roof from an electrical short circuit or from an improperly extinguished cigarette. What follows is an examination of whether there is a symbolic message in the burning of Notre Dame Cathedral.

To begin, the name of the Cathedral itself, Our Lady (the more common appellation given to Mary), hints of some relationship between Marian Consciousness and the fire. The fire is central to the message and needs to be taken symbolically. Something painful has occurred to Our Lady. But what? As in an earlier analysis, where I linked war and weapons development with Our Lady’s

concerns, I thought it interesting to explore a possible connection. In August 2020 I viewed a short clip of a Russian video pertaining to the biggest nuclear bomb, the Tzar Bomb, 3,000 times greater than the atomic bomb dropped in Hiroshima. This was the first release of the Tzar Bomb video, although the bomb was exploded on 30 October 1961 in a remote Arctic region. The video was part of Russia's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Atomic Program that began on 20 August 2020 and ran for 75 days.

Timewise the release of the video occurred in August 2020 and the burning took place in April 2019, over a year apart. If there is no exact time connection then a presumed connection may serve the purpose. For example, it can be advanced that the discussion and planning regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and release of the video began in 2019 or even earlier or even on 15 April 2019. Although never used against humans the very idea or the very construction of the Tzar Bomb is not only frightening but also highly discouraging; how could humans make such a weapon? Was it the symbol of the Tzar Bomb by itself that set Our Lady on fire or was it, to say, the straw, added to other frightening and discouraging events, that triggered the short circuit in Our Lady?

Another discouraging development has to do with the failure of Russia (Post-Soviets) and the USA to secure a peaceful co-existence after the Soviet Union imploded in the 1991. The children at Fatima beginning in 1917 reported that Our Lady would bring peace and convert Russia; that her Heart would triumph. In 1952, Pope Pius XII consecrated the Soviet Union to Our Lady. Forty years later the peaceful demise of the Soviet empire seems miraculous. The miraculous shine now seems tarnished. Although this implosion ended the Cold War, the peace bred a new Cold War. What Our Lady brought to bloom is weltering; a hundred years of advancing peace coming to naught! A hundred years burning perhaps to signal that the Great Arms Race needs to be taken seriously. Was the Tzar Bomb presented as part of a new Cold War? It is rather disquieting since its presentation posed more as a political deterrent than a scientific accomplishment. In short, presentation of the Tzar Bomb may have been the event that caused Our Lady to project herself as fire to accentuate her peace message as Queen of Peace. Whereas engineers will tidy up the Cathedral, tourists will return, and the fire will become part of history, it will take time, if ever, to understand that the burning has a symbolic message; something to do with Marian Consciousness. In brief, the message may read: "not allow technology (the world of arms, the world of Tzar Bombs) to win the Great Arms Race."

#### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND.

Although associating Marian Consciousness with the Notre Dame fire is questionable, symbolic analysis can still bring forth commentary on the fire. It is critical to present as thoroughly as possible the historical background that may relate to the fire. While the preceding highlighted several historical events, a more systematic presentation of these events is necessary. This to say that the more complete the historical review the more likely symbolic analysis becomes understandable. But what must remain as a present beaming light is that this is about Our Lady, about Notre Dame, about Mary. Other major themes that require review include: nuclear weapons (Tzar Bomb) and Russia-USA discord (Cuba-Ukraine).

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#### Political Events

25 Oct 1917: Russian Revolution. (Beginning of Communist Rule)  
19 Feb 1954: Due to Khrushchev's interests, Crimea is transferred to the Ukraine.  
1958-1961: Castro overthrows Cuban regime and leans toward the Soviet Union.  
17-19 April 1961: Failed invasion of Cuba by Cuban nationalists under supervision of CIA.  
1961 Apr-Oct 1961: Kennedy Administration's "Mongoose" Operation to overthrow Castro.

6 Apr-9 Nov 1961: Soviet Blockade of Berlin. (Berlin Wall)  
 30 October 1961: Scheduled date to implement “Mongoose” Operation.  
 (Operation “Mongoose” never went into effect.)  
 “ “ “ : Explosion of Tzar Bomb in Arctic region.  
 2 October 1962: Cuban Nuclear Crisis. (Delivery of missiles to Cuba by Soviets; U.S.  
 Naval forces prevent delivery.)  
 17 Sep 1913 Russia announces that Arctic military nuclear base will reopen. Closed in 1991  
 20Feb-Mar 2014: Russia invades (invited into) Ukraine and incorporates Crimea into Russia.  
 USA censures the invasion of Crimea.  
 2 Feb 2017: Arctic base is operational, testing  
 15 Apr 2019 Burning of the Notre Dame Cathedral  
 20 Aug 2020 Presentation of Tzar Bomb video at 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russian Nuclear Ops.  
 24 Dec 2020: Russia officially announces opening of Arctic Nuclear Operations.

### Spiritual Events

(5 Oct 1853-1856:) Crimean War  
 7/Dec 1854: Declaration of Our Lady’s Immaculate Conception  
 11 Feb 1858: Apparition of Our Lady in Lourdes, Fr (says she is Immaculate Conception)  
 13 May 1917: Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal. Prayed for the end of WWI and  
 the conversion of Russia.  
 1 Nov 1950: Declaration of Our Lady’s Assumption to Heaven.  
 1952: Pope consecrates Russia (S.U.) to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.  
 1981: The apparition of Our Lady at Medjugorje, Bosnia, as Queen of Peace.

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A main point of this paper is that the burning of Notre Dame Cathedral can be linked symbolically with weapons development particularly nuclear, by way of projecting Mary, Our Lady, as the Cathedral itself. In the context, Mary represents the spiritual embodiment of the Feminine Life Force. Her task, or is it her commitment as mythic Queen of Peace, to mobilize events, often synchronized, in order to thwart technology from taking humanity into self-destruct. (An image of Consciousness losing to Technology is found in the movie “2010” where Hal, the computer, takes over the spaceship.) Our Lady’s labor as Queen of Peace has been thwarted by a masculine establishment while full support has been given to technology’s advancement.

The breaking out of masculine suppression and Our Lady’s entry into the Great Arms Race may date back to the Crimean War (1850s), often called the first modern war. During the war the Pope promulgated Mary’s Immaculate Conception (born without sin) and in doing so Marian Consciousness may also have been activated. In 1858, a young girl in Lourdes, France is said to have seen a woman (Our Lady) who claimed to be the Immaculate Conception. During World War I Mary is said to have appeared to children in Fatima, Portugal. Five years after WWII ended the United States continued nuclear weapons testing in the South Pacific while the Soviet Union produced its first atomic bomb. In 1950 the Pope issued the proclamation of Mary’s Assumption into heaven without sin. By this time Mary had received the title of “Queen of Peace.” This is the title used by a woman who reportedly appeared to seven children in Medjugorje Bosnia since 1982 (prior to the Yugoslavia’s wars of independence). This propping up of Marian Consciousness may have been to prepare for coming tribulations such as what may be currently lurking in the Russia-USA confrontation over Russian incorporation of Crimea.

After this brief historical review, we can examine how the burning of Notre Dame Cathedral may fit in the Great Arms Race. But first a question needs to be asked: Why did Russia present a 40 minutes video on the Tzar Bomb during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its nuclear program? In that the

burning occurred a year before the presentation in August 2020, in what manner could both be related? There is reason to assume that the general decision to hold the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and show the Tzar video was discussed a year ahead. In this context the impact of the Tzar Bomb was present in April 2019.

While the Tzar Bomb was not a strategic weapon it nonetheless provoked the fear of mass destruction. It may have been fear vested in a reality that what is produced is likely to be used. It is interesting to note that Project Mongoose, the Kennedy Administration plan to get rid of Castro after the CIA's sponsored invasion of Cuba failed, was initially scheduled for 30 October 1961, the same date that the Soviets detonated the Tzar Bomb. The USA never implemented Project Mongoose. (Was Soviet espionage abreast of the Mongoose operations which led to its abrogation?) In 1961, US-Soviet relations were highly tenuous (which would lead to the Cuban missile crisis of 1962). A similar tenuous climate existed between both parties in 2019 brought about by Russia's annexation of Crimea. Did the Soviets, in detonating the Tzar Bomb (which the US undoubtedly monitored), seek to intimidate the US? Did showing the video in 2020 seek to impress the US as both states tried to find their way through the Ukraine morass.

The willingness to show the video of the Tzar Bomb's detonation (almost as if the video was the singular 'star' of the Anniversary). Such showmanship hides the horrors of a nuclear exchange, and it may have been for Our Lady the last straw that caused her to burn. The nuclear issue is of upmost importance. In this sense, the burning of Our Lady's home serves as a rallying cry to contain the Technological Race. Beneath this last straw are other straws for example, the possible loss of M.A.D., that provides a whiff of security. Another failure was not assisting Russia, after the Soviet Union's breakup, to change rather than exploit it.

In general, anxiety hovers over humanity as scientists develop increasingly deadly weapons. Can anything stop the impetus to create new weapons? The Tzar Bomb video was shown to draw attention (and most probably it did) to Russian nuclear prowess in production and usage. The direst situation at the time of the fire was the decreasing relations between the USA and Russia which was brought about by Russia's invasion of the Ukraine. Was the Cuban-USA embroilment repeating itself. Would the hard effort to keep the lid on nuclear growth disintegrate? Was the Technology Race winning? In short "Cathedral burning" got vast attention but who got the message?

Symbolic messages are generally not understood in the rational imperium. For example, Nietzsche wrote "God is death." The rational world took this to mean that there is no God. The symbolic message was different: the institutional God is dead but the personal inner God exalts. In Paris, Our Lady boldly underscored her message by having her house go up in flames, and as bad as such may be, greater suffering would come were civilization to go up in flames. In the crackles of Our Lady's fire, one could hear the failures of the past hundred years to secure the peace and adopt a viable arms control. It is hoped that some may get the message. Recognition of the Great Arms Race may cause humanity and Marian Consciousness to join in carrying out the Consciousness Race.

## CLOSING COMMENTRY

It seems a great leap to move from the Tzar Bomb to the burning of Notre Dame Cathedral. But such need not be the case. The tie that exists between them is to be found in symbolic understanding, that is, that the Cathedral is where Our Lady, Queen of Peace, resides. All matters of weapons and wars are part of her overview. For some the leap from rational analysis to symbolic analysis is more difficult. In reality such should not be since the symbolic worlds of night dreams, astrology, shamanism, art, literature and religion surround humanity. But the hold that rationality



increasingly exerts over human behavior causes less trust in the value of intuition and symbols. Our Lady is suffering as she witnesses the hard work of the past Century to forge peace and constrain nuclear production and use, going up in smoke. Out of this smoke is emerging a new Cold War scenario which pits the US against a loosely held alliance of Russia and China. The inclusion of China in the evolving Cold War will make it more difficult to address. Although the US and Russia renewed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, they both upgraded their nuclear arsenal prior to the renewal. Already US military commanders are calling for change in nuclear weapons employment policy: 'from nuclear employment is not possible' to 'nuclear employment is a very real possibility, and act to meet and deter that reality.' Such thinking clearly brings the Doom Clock closer to zero.

Symbolically, Notre Dame burnt to bring attention to technology's production of weapons with high killing capability. Although there have been efforts made (but often poorly implemented) to ban or restrict certain weapons, for example, poison gas, it may serve the Western World to heed the message of Notre Dame's burning and join in the Great Arms Race to advance a Consciousness that will be able to control weapon development and utilization. An example of raising consciousness regarding a weapons system is the campaign to ban "Killer Robots." Such Consciousness is the very foundation for forging a Culture of Peace to oppose a culture of killing-as-solution.

Our Lady's home will be rebuilt and again be a great place of worship. But may she ever remain Queen of Peace and projection of the feminine Life Force to guide humanity during these perilous times.

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