

Pamphlets

No.21 God and Country as Never Before

“The nation that will insist on drawing a broad line of demarcation between the fighting man and the thinking man is liable to find its fighting done by fools and its thinking done by cowards.” Charles George Gordon by William Francis Butler

Think...in terms of a plan for ascendance God put in motion for human beings 6000 years ago; a plan no church or theologian ever recognized even though it was in plain sight; a plan revealed by the Convergence Matrix that is centered in the end on the United States and the reestablishment of Israel; a plan that will be fulfilled with Yeshua in 2026 Jerusalem marking the end of human history as it is understood and a new beginning.

Think...because thinking about the unthinkable is now unavoidable; the only thing standing between a Marxian fascist victory disguised as “progressive” in the short term is what little time is left to organize Americans to inflict the necessary massive retaliation on the false religion Marxianity. If the opportunity is lost, Marxians will succeed in reducing the Constitution to a meaningless piece of outdated parchment after which they will excise the God of Sinai from society and soon thereafter seek to destroy Israel using US military might.

Think...about how the political divide in the United States, Europe and the Anglosphere comports with prophesy as to the final confrontation between good and evil pitting those who adhere to the “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God” and those who do not; the false religion of human intellectual arrogance Marxianity posing as a political ideology in an incongruous alliance with Islam...a political ideology posing as a religion.

Think...and watch as the relationship with Israel deteriorates when Netanyahu becomes Prime Minister; the man destined to lead Israel in the last years leading to 2026. The fascist Marxian Democrats will push for the two state “solution” while empowering the “Palestinians” even as military aid for the only democracy and only ally in the Middle East is slashed or made conditional.

Think...about the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan that left over \$60 billion worth of equipment and arms in the hands of Islamists dedicated to the destruction of Israel. Doing so was intentional so as to humiliate the armed forces of the United States who will eventually be in the sights of those weapons along with Israel.

Think...about the hubris on display when Biden ordered an FBI probe into the death of Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh’s death during a firefight between the IDF and Iranian-controlled Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorists. To think Israel would submit to the IDF being interviewed by the FBI is no more realistic than the US allowing a foreign nation to interrogate American soldiers after the death of an Islamic reporter embedded with Islamic terrorists.

In an article titled *The Biden Administration Weaponizes the FBI against Israel* by Caroline Glick the lead reads “As in the Dreyfus affair there are no Jewish criminals here. The Biden administration has ordered the FBI probe into Shireen Abu Akleh’s death because it wants a crisis with Israel.” The article goes on to conclude there is only one plausible answer:

"Immediately after Abu Akleh was killed, the Biden administration began demanding that the IDF investigate her death and accept the blame for it. In the ensuing months, every time senior Israeli officials came to Washington to discuss their concerns over the Biden administration's peripatetic efforts to empower and enrich Iran while legitimizing its nuclear weapons program in the ill-conceived "nuclear talks," they found they had no one to talk to. Everyone from Secretary of State Antony Blinken and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan to Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman rebuffed them. All the administration officials wanted to discuss was Abu Akleh's death, and how Israel was criminally culpable for it.

Since outside the radical left, no Israeli politicians would support the criminalization of our soldiers, what is the Biden administration up to?

The answer is self-evident. President Biden and his advisers are demonizing America's most powerful and loyal ally in the Middle East because they don't see Israel as a foreign policy issue. They see it as a domestic political one. The progressive base of the Democratic Party backs Palestinian terrorists, supports their terror campaigns against Israel and rejects Israel's right to exist and the right of the Jewish people to self-determination. And the Biden administration is captivated by its base. There is no other possible explanation for the FBI's investigation."

Now...think about what would happen if the armed forces of the United States threatened or fired on Israel if Biden, the sock puppet of Israel hating Obama, orders a strike. The United States, blessed as no other nation in history, will lose its blessings and fall like every other great empire that incurred the wrath of God...but this time the fall would be far worse given the founding documents bear the personal imprimatur of God.

"The preservation of the Jews is really one of the most single and illustrious acts of divine Providence... and what but a supernatural power could have preserved them in such a manner as none other nation upon earth hath been preserved. Nor is the providence of God less remarkable in the destruction of their enemies, than in their preservation... We see that the great empires, which in their turn subdued and oppressed the people of God, are all come to ruin... And if such hath been the fatal end of the enemies and oppressors of the Jews, let it serve as a warning to all those, who at any time or upon any occasion are for raising a clamor and persecution against them."

Thomas Newton, Bishop of Bristol (1704-1782)

There are 2 million Americans to whom thinking is actually a matter of life and death; the armed forces of the United States that, until Obama purged patriots, was an armed force once held in the highest esteem by the people of America for defending freedom since the War of Independence; 2 million who will have to choose sides if a 2nd War of Independence becomes necessary; 2 million who owe it to those who gave the last full measure to make individual journeys to military cemeteries and swear a solemn oath on the altar of freedom not to forsake their sacrifice; 2 million who took an oath to defend a Constitution they now know bears the imprimatur of the God of Sinai thus giving new meaning to 'God and country'.

My writings are a declaration of war in response to the holy war declared by the false religion Marxianity, and for the first time in history it can be said with confidence God is on the side of those who adhere to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God"; a war of mitzvot; מלחמת מצווה; a holy war sanctioned by HaShem just as He did the first War of Independence. In this instance it starts with a civil war of ideas if Marxianity allows.

It is a necessary war to be fought against the shape shifting false religion Marxianity that begins by promising the heaven on earth every reasoned person knows never has and never will be delivered; a godless evil that has claimed the lives of 100 million in 100 years and will do so again if given the opportunity. There will be inevitable violence as part of a Marxian plan; Gramsci's War of Maneuver none in the military should be drawn into and because the Marxian goal is destruction of the Constitution and Israel all should take heed of the wise words of Sun Tzu from *The Art of War*:

"There are roads which must not be followed, armies which must not be attacked, towns which must not be besieged, positions which must not be contested, and commands of the sovereign which must not be obeyed."

The road that must not be followed was taken when Obama purged the military of patriots and transformed the armed forces into a social justice experiment at the cost of unit cohesion and fighting effectiveness. The purge has accelerated under Biden with the implementation of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity policies and Critical Race Theory by Sec. of Defense Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley...who apologized for being photographed with President Trump during the 2020 riots but has remained silent as to the obvious messaging of Marines present during Biden's blood red "soul of the nation" speech in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

As noted, violent revolution is the endgame of Marxianity which goes to *armies which must not be attacked, towns which must not be besieged*. The day will come when Marxian call the lumpen proletariat into the streets in violent revolution but hopefully before that happens patriots will have organized in CommonSenseCession which includes militia; effectively reconstituting a citizen army that the military must not attack.

As to *positions which must not be contested* the warning goes to the very reason for the exceptional nature of the United States; the nations reason unto God is to provide a beacon of hope, governance for all mankind and the reestablishment of Israel and her protection unto 2026. The United States has fulfilled its purpose as to reestablishment but now it can be expected that Marxianity will be in *siege against Jerusalem* henceforth which goes to *commands of the sovereign which must not be obeyed*.

The God of Abraham/Sinai, Yeshua and 1776 is fully engaged and not inclined to negotiate henceforth. There is a reason Thomas Jefferson and John Adams provide the mathematical key to open the Convergence Matrix. The words of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams have weight as never before and the idea Jefferson was a deist can be set aside once and for all; Jefferson is a prophet of governance and as such *Jefferson Survives*. Deeply consider the words of Jefferson in the context of the impending confrontation and it should be apparent he was referring to this very moment in time.

If the “woke” general staff even think of moving against Israel and American citizen soldiers these words spoken long ago are operative: the words are not merely prescient...the words are indeed prophetic:

“The people cannot be all, and always, well informed. The part which is wrong will be discontented in proportion to the importance of the facts they misconceive. If they remain quiet under such misconceptions it is a lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty...what country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.”

Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787

It is incumbent upon all those whose lives are on the line at the whim of Obama sock puppet Biden to accept history does in fact rhyme and the influence of the Satan is obvious from the higher vantage where God exists at the top of the mountain of human ignorance. Pick any subject the argument can be made but for purposes of this writing addressing the military the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan that left over \$60 billion worth of equipment and arms in the hands of Islamists dedicated to the destruction of Israel provides context few outside a small circle of historians are aware of.

How many know that Hitler and Stalin formalized the division of Europe with the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and in September 1939 Hitler invaded Poland from the west as Stalin invaded from the east? Between the end of 1939 and June 1941 Germany and the Soviets engaged in mutual assistance up until the moment Operation Barbarossa, the invasion of the Soviet Union, was launched...two weeks before Stalin planned to strike westward toward Germany.

With Operation Barbarossa the United States and United Kingdom adopted the “enemy of my enemy is my friend” approach; unleashing government propaganda to convince their people and the world history’s most deadly mass murderer was actually noble ally of freedom and democracy in the fight against Hitler. Without thinking, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged unqualified support for the Soviet war effort. The massive aid included 430,000 American trucks and jeeps which enabled the Red Army move against and encircle German forces.

The rationale for doing so under lend lease was valid as to stopping the German advance in the east until 1943...but the military aid continued even after the German defeat in 1945 at which time the continuing flow of military aid enabled the Red Army to overrun half of Europe, Manchuria and enough of China to insure Mao would be victorious against the Chinese nationalists.

How many know that Truman was convinced to abandon the Chinese nationalists and ordered the equipment and materials that would have made the difference literally offloaded into the ocean? From *Decisions That Would Cause U.S. to Lose World War III* by David Pyne for Real Clear History:

During the Pacific war, the Chinese National Revolutionary Army, led by Chiang Kai Shek, fought gallantly against the Japanese. By tying down nearly 80 percent of Japan's Army divisions in China enabled the U.S. to engage in a Pacific island-hopping campaign that defeated Japan in three and a half years. They were able to accomplish this great feat despite being provided with only about 1 percent of the military assistance that the U.S. had given to the Soviet Union.

In 1946, the year after World War II ended, America's Chinese Nationalist allies seemed on the verge of defeating Mao's Soviet-backed Red Army and winning the Chinese Civil War. Then, General George C. Marshall, who had been sent by President Truman to lead U.S. foreign policy with regards to China, decided to cut off all military and logistical support to Chinese Nationalist forces, depriving them of the fuel and ammunition they needed to prevent China from being taken over by murderous Communist forces.

It would almost seem civilian leaders at the War Department/Pentagon think bribery and arming our enemies is sound national defense policy...and recent history appears to confirm the speculation.

Fast forward to Obama and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action designed to stop the Iranian nuclear weapons program which saw anywhere between \$50-150 billion in cash and unfrozen assets go to the Iranian mullahs; pallets of cash the foolish leaders in the west knew would not impede the weapons program but rather be used in part to finance the nuclear weapons program and terror including attacks against American military personnel in the Middle East and Israel. Of late the Biden administration has resumed aid to the Palestinian Authority even as monthly payments to the families of "martyrs" continue.

It does not take a West Point graduate to conclude the Afghanistan evacuation should have been staged from the secure Bagram Air Base 40 miles north of Kabul International Airport...where the vast majority of the \$60B in equipment was stored and could have been destroyed. Like the examples noted the decisions made were political rather than military as have every war since Korea and in every instance the soldiers, sailors and airmen have been nothing more than cannon fodder fighting wars that cannot be won and often against enemies enabled by foolish leaders.

So what now when neo-Marxist fascists control the White House and the general staff kneel to the darkest manifestation of an evil that took the lives of over 100 million innocents in 100 years? The salvation of the Constitution may well depend on colonels, captains, operations officers and senior enlisted ranks...focused on duty, honor and the oath to protect and defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic.

History does not repeat but it does rhyme as Mark Twain astutely observed, evidenced by a divide between staff officers who have taken a knee to the classic definition of fascism and those who remain silent. All will have to decide which side of the line they are on as if it were 1861 now that Marxians have taken the White House...but this time there will be no doubt God is on the side of those who are willing to risk all to protect and defend a Constitution bearing His personal imprimatur against those who reject the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" and would turn America into a fascist tyranny with the goal of destroying Israel.

The Political Battleground

"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle." Sun Tzu, The Art of War

The words of wisdom are difficult to implement when the fundamental weakness is the inability to recognize evil and then label said evil as the enemy. It is in that truth one might better understand why small 'r' republicans have failed to stop the long march of Marxian theology through the institutions of America; jackboots that are now stepping on the military with Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (DIE) and critical race theory at the expense of unit cohesion and operational effectiveness.

One of the early downstream Marxian policies is revealing as it appends to the eventual transmission to military efficiency; women in traditional male roles. Years past the lack of women firefighters and police was deemed to be sexist even though women could not pass the physical requirements for the positions. The solution was to lower the standards and set quotas...which prompted those tasked with testing to fudge test results. Now fast forward to the introduction of women in combat and on warships. Aside from the fact the military keeps the statistics in re sexual trauma top secret to hide the number of #MeToo accusations that ruined careers but guaranteed 100% disability payments...they can't hide naval aircraft accidents but they try under the auspices of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity.

"A lie that is half-truth is the darkest of all lies."

Alfred Tennyson

In 1994 Lt. Kara Hultgreen, the first female carrier fighter pilot, was the first female fighter pilot to die in a crash on final approach to the USS Abraham Lincoln just months after being combat certified. All the expected suspects came forward to assert experienced pilots in simulation could not recover. Fast forward to the crash of a \$100 million F-35 on approach to the USS Carl Vinson in January 2022 piloted by the first female to qualify for F-35 deck landings. It was her first operational landing on a warship and all the usual suspects came forward to assert experienced pilots in simulation could not recover in the same circumstances. The crashes were not the hand of God but rather a clear indication of what social engineering at odds with the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" cost in real terms. There is, however, historical evidence of God's hand in plain sight.

"Secular historians 'live scrupulously, morally, righteously by the law of historical method but that method leaves us in vast darkness. It tells us that there are facts but does not tell us what they mean.... We cannot take an honest view of human history unless we acknowledge God's work through human kind in history.'" Arthur Link

One would be absolutely correct in assuming the entire thesis of Convergence Theory and the resulting matrices, are based upon events so mathematically improbable in and of themselves, or in combination, that there can be only one explanation; a guiding hand directly intervening to insure a well-defined plan stays on track. As such, I referred without hesitation to Trump's election as a miracle...no less impressive than that of the Battle of Midway which changed the course of history with the aid of a guiding hand.

The election of Donald Trump, no Cyrus by any measure as of yet, was an unrecognized miracle mirroring the equally unrecognized miracle that was the Battle of Midway in 1942. God had a singular reason to intervene in both the Battle of Midway and the Trump election...doing so in a manner amounting to a personal signature that can only be seen if one sets aside what they know or think they know to look again at the evidence while bearing in mind the strategy and tactics of actual evil.

Begin by asking a question never asked about the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor in that the obvious has been dismissed as "coincidence"; Admiral Nimitz said that had the Japanese destroyed the oil facilities it would have set back offensive operations for two years which begs the question as to why the Japanese avoided bombing both the oil and harbor maintenance facilities? The obvious answer is the Japanese planned on taking the Hawaiian Islands, not Midway, and the Imperial Navy would need both.

Midway Atoll and Henderson Field on Eastern Island is said to have been the primary target revealed by code breaking, it makes absolutely no sense a 2½ mile coral atoll with no water or anchorage of note 1300 miles from Pearl Harbor yet 2600 miles from Tokyo was in fact the primary target; the Japanese fleet could not allow an airfield and combat aircraft in the rear.

If one considers the tactical versus strategic composition of the two Japanese fleets separated by hundreds of miles approaching Midway in June of 1942 it is even more obvious Henderson Field was to be destroyed on the way to taking the entirety of the Hawaiian Islands.

Yamamoto's Operation MI would have two fleets approaching Hawaii separated by over 200 miles with the hunter killer 1st Carrier Striking Force aka First Mobile Force under Vice Admiral Nagumo consisting of 4 fleet carriers carrying 248 carrier-based aircraft, 2 battleships, 2 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser and 12 destroyers leading by some distance a dedicated Midway Support Force consisting of 4 heavy cruisers and 2 destroyers.

Yamamoto's Operation MI is thought to have been as flawed as the December 7th attack was brilliant; a second fleet commanded by Admiral Kondo, the Midway Occupation Force and Covering Group, consisting of 2 light carriers, 5 battleships, 4 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers, two destroyers and upwards of 35 support ships did not take part in the Battle of Midway...that was not their purpose.

Yamamoto would use an attack on Midway as bait to lure out an American field of two fleet carriers, seven heavy cruisers, one light cruiser and fifteen destroyers to their destruction...what could go wrong? Yamamoto did what he learned years before not to do; he underestimated the American will to fight and ability to perform miracles of their own accord; the carrier Yorktown, damaged at the Battle of Coral Sea a month before, was repaired within 72 hours rather than the estimated months and sailed to the Battle of Midway.

It was a victory those who cannot concede the hand of God deem to be "coincidence"; the Japanese fleet was spotted and an attack was launched with Torpedo Squadron 8 arriving first; drawing the CAP Zeros down to decimate them...while dive bombers which lost then found their way when they sighted the wake of the Japanese destroyer *Arashi* at full speed attempting to rejoin Nagumo began an attack which sank three Japanese fleet carriers with a forth carrier lost the next day killing 200 of Japan's best carrier pilots.

Now step back up from the tactical level to the strategic then reconsider the oil tank farm left untouched...and the obvious; had Yamamoto not divided the fleets even with the code breaking the American fleet would have been destroyed and a few well-placed bombs on the Henderson Field runway would have grounded the outmatched aircraft; leaving Midway Island indefensible and beyond the range of aircraft in Hawaii. The Japanese battleships, seven joined by six heavy cruisers, would have reduced tiny Midway Island to a cratered graveyard within hours. What then?

More than suggest, I assert the quote ascribed to Yamamoto as to purchasing six months for Japan to have its way in the Pacific is true as is "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve" which in combination should be considered in context; the Battle of Midway ended in a major Japanese defeat exactly six months after Pearl Harbor.

One need only look to the number of battleships, cruisers and support ships to conclude Yamamoto did not come 2600 miles to establish a Japanese garrison on a 2½ mile spit of sand coral atoll with no water or anchorage; if the Japanese had succeeded in destroying the American fleet and took Midway Island the vastly outclassed aircraft remaining in Hawaii would not have prevented Operation M2...taking Hawaii.

Historians will have to rethink the battle; the composition of the Japanese fleet was that of an invasion force designed to take Hawaii and 500,000 people hostage thus forcing the United States to negotiate a peace that would never last. A Japanese victory at Midway cannot be understated; the United States would not have been able to assist England and Hitler would have taken Europe. In time the United States would have fallen and western civilization would have ceased to be a wellspring of human advancement; the Battle of Midway not only saved a Constitution bearing our Creator's personal imprimatur but a civilization with a purpose that goes to the reestablishment of Israel. The Jews survived despite Hitler...and reestablished Israel.

The Battle of Midway was a miracle and those unencumbered by secular reasoning recognized it as such; *every individual and every asset were in the right place at the right time focused upon victory, taking advantage of errors of overconfidence, faulty communication and powerful forces dispersed over vast distances...as happened in the November 2016 election of Trump. The hand of God insuring Americans would have the time to organize and preserve the Constitution in both instances from evil incarnate.*

Now step away from tactics and strategy down to the personal level where that which ties the Battle of Midway to the Raid on Entebbe gains meaning as never before; from the beginning God has mandated and required sacrifice...to impress upon human beings the importance of the moment. In the miracle that was the Battle of Midway all 15 TBDs of the first wave VT-8 torpedo squadron were lost and the only one survivor, Ensign Gay, floated in the water and watched as the Japanese fleet carriers were destroyed. It is all about sacrifice, in that people do not learn unless the lesson to be learned is burned into memory with pain and fear as happened at Sinai. The sacrifice of "as a son" Yeshua was such a sacrifice...and he literally meant the world to He Who Is.

One can debate sacrifice and the purpose but one aspect stands above all others; in the battle against evil there will be transgression, and because transgression is not insignificant in the grand scheme of things blood must be shed one way or the other to atone...for an effort to be meaningful and worthy of remembrance blood will be shed. Often incorrectly described as a substitute for sin, sacrifice is actually intended to provide much needed perspective for mankind especially when a miracle is involved.

The 1976 rescue of Israelis from Entebbe was a miracle of equal significance in that Entebbe was also a message confirming the thesis derived from the matrices; Midway allowed for victory in the Pacific and eventually over Nazi Germany...which made the fatal error of trying to destroy the chosen people. Entebbe serves as a confirmation of the central thrust of the matrices as to the United States and Israel in that identification of the forces in confrontation are well defined...the burn intended.

July 4th 1976 marked the Raid on Entebbe by Israeli forces freeing over 100 Israelis and an Air France crew from terrorists with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and two German Marxist revolutionaries; after careful planning Israeli commandos flew in and out of Entebbe, Uganda, successfully rescuing those who would have died if left to negotiations.

The Raid on Entebbe was later changed to Operation Yonatan in honor of the only Israeli commando lost; *the raid commander Yonatan Netanyahu who was the brother of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu...G'd demanded a noteworthy sacrifice as He has so often in history but in this instance there is a message buried in the "coincidence"*.

A close and careful examination of the various factors when viewed through the lens of convergence and the matrices provides confirmation of a message by a guiding hand that defies the mathematics of probability; mankind was being warned...July 4th 1976 marked the start of a 50 year countdown to singularity and the nature of the looming final confrontation was revealed in microcosm on July 4th 1976; Marxists in alliance with Islamists holding innocent Jews hostage until freed by Israeli commandos led by the only Israeli casualty...the brother of Bibi Netanyahu who has now returned to his rightful place as the Prime Minister of Israel.

By 1976 the United States, once a bastion of principle had been effectively reduced to mere calculation; Marxians had forced the withdrawal of military assistance from South Vietnam and Richard Nixon was forced from office in a scandal...mere child's play compared to the attempted coup of Trump.

Marxianity was ascendant in Europe and America and before President Carter left office the Islamic Republic of Iran was established. Jimmy Carter has spent the decades since compromising with Islam; Carter wearing the cloak of a Christian is a champion of fictional Palestinians and no friend of Israel. Carter urged recognition of Hamas and also urged Obama to go further by recognizing a Palestinian state before leaving office.

July 4th 1976 was also the bicentennial of the United States. The bicentennial perfectly aligned with the variables giving rise to the matrices; 200 years comports with the matrices as does 50 years between Entebbe and 2026; the factors 200 and 50 are not mere coincidence and Judaic scholars will at once realize the significance of the repeated and consistent 50 year increments.

July 4th 2026 will be exactly 200 years since the passing of Jefferson and Adams, 250 years since 1776, 50 years since Entebbe...and will mark the end of the 2000 years of godlessness which began in 26AD when a very Jewish Yeshua paid the price of gentile adoption into the family born at Sinai...adoption into Yeshua's House of Judah.

Consider the words of Zechariah 12:1-9; words that cannot be described as anything but prophesy so exacting American Christians need only come to accept they were intended to be, and always have been, Jews of the lesser House of Judah to find their place in the end of history as it is understood:

"The prophecy of the word of the Lord concerning Israel: Says the Lord, Who stretches out the heavens and founds the earth and forms the spirit of man within him: Behold! I am making Jerusalem a cup of weakness for all the peoples around, and also on Judah, [that he] shall be in the siege against Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass on that day that I will make Jerusalem a stone of burden for all peoples; all who bear it shall be gashed, and all the nations of the earth shall gather about it....And the princes of Judah shall say to themselves, "The inhabitants of Jerusalem were my strength through the Lord of Hosts, their God." On that day I will make the princes of Judah as a fiery stove among wood, and as a brand of fire among sheaves. And they shall consume on the right and on the left all the nations round about, and Jerusalem shall still stay in its place in Jerusalem...And it shall come to pass on that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come upon Jerusalem."

God's prophesy describes this very moment...unfortunately the inference is that of armed conflict. Israel is under siege and that the compromised House of Judah *shall be in the siege against Jerusalem* is more apparent every day with the unknowing advocating for Palestinians and a two states solution that will never happen; unwittingly insuring Ishmaelites will be caught on the Promised Land in 2026.

All of the nations have in fact gathered around Israel using the United Nations as a platform but with the JudeoChristianNation in CommonSenseCession *"...the princes of Judah shall say to themselves, "The inhabitants of Jerusalem were my strength through the Lord of Hosts, their God";* Christians will come to realize they are Jews of the lesser House of Judah as was intended by the God of Sinai and Yeshua and the prophesy will hold.

Singularity will occur on July 4th 2026; a date provided by God to awaken the sleeping giant from comfortable complacency; warning that unless the House of Judah rises and *"...assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's G+d entitle them..."* G+d's blessings, muted now, will be lost.

Israel will survive even if the United States is enveloped in a conflagration at the hands of Marxianity; falling before a wrathful G+d arising from the failure to confront evil incarnate choosing instead to submit. As it stands now, even if Americans rise, sin demands atonement and the price paid in blood is wholly dependent upon how long it takes to subdue Marxianity. The only peace now available to mankind is the peace with terms offered by HaShem; it is a peace requiring Yeshua's sword and the choices will include painful sacrifice, certitude and insisting on the truth.

"Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience." Thomas Merton

To DIE or not to Die; that is the Question

"Even the finest sword plunged into salt water will eventually rust."

Sun Tzu

How is it possible that the once greatest military on earth has been reduced to a social engineering project prioritizing LGBTQ+ issues, climate change and critical race theory in the ranks and at the military academies where surveys touting democratic socialism are now taught? How salty the water.

The primary focus of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley and the general staff should be combat readiness and force lethality but under Biden and his minions six million man hours have been wasted according to Milley's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee in the course of "developing, preparing, delivering, attending or assessing" plans advance effort to deal with diversity, climate change and rooting out "extremism" e.g. purging the military of those with religious convictions or refusing to be injected with an experimental vaccine...all of which distracts from combat readiness and force lethality.

None, not the military or the civilian command, appear to understand that when soldiers, sailors and airmen are ordered to embrace an ideology that asserts race, sexual preference, gender and every other whatever that comes along there will be a price paid in lives in the near future. How does one foster unit cohesion and the all-important force multipliers attendant to coordination when the politics of division predominate?

To make matters worse critical combat flight training has been cut back even as combat flight systems become ever more complex and platform combat integration essential. And then there is the chilling issue of platform combat readiness detailed in *If You Think the United States is ready for a Conventional War with Russia or China, Think Again* by Larry Johnson for Son of a New American Revolution. The lack of proficiency and readiness insures unnecessary losses in the air, on the ground and at sea in future combat.

Even worse still, Army Secretary Christine Wormuth unveiled a climate strategy which calls for the Army to cut carbon emissions by 50% before 2030 and emission free by 2050. Aside from the fact climate change is nothing but a ploy to undermine the economies of western civilization (China has over 1100 coal fire plants to the 240 in the US) it would be interesting to see how an electric M-1 Abrams would recharge in combat conditions let alone electric aircraft. It is not good but very revealing Secretary Wormuth is entirely focused on climate change and completely detached from actual threats requiring a strong and cohesive military.

Even if DoD dumped enough money into a platform 90% ready effort it would require civilian contractor given recruitment is at an all-time low and as such if achieved there will be a lack of personnel to operate them. An article titled *Is the Military too "Woke" to Recruit* by the Pentagon bureau chief at Military Times Meghann Myers is a somewhat schizophrenic attempt to answer the question though she had the answer in one interview response from Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne Bass who told Air Force Times "That whole 'woke' terminology has me a little perplexed...I don't know that I agree [with] and appreciate that term."

"I've said it before; I think perhaps we do need to wake up to what our society is about today. Perhaps we need to wake up to how we actually have more in common than not. Perhaps we need to wake up to the goodness of the diversity that America brings to the table. That diversity is not just singular to demographic diversity, but ... it's experiences and it's cognitive diversity as well. I don't subscribe to the 'wokeness' in the way that it's discussed. I actually think that, yeah, we probably need to wake up to the goodness of what all airmen and what all people bring to the fight."

It would require quite a bit of thought to create a more politically correct answer but it does speak volumes as to indoctrination at the highest level and reveals a dangerous lack of historical and real world understanding e.g. the Marine Corps has traditionally fought against diversity in favor of a singular identity in the ranks; Marine.

The article goes on to provide examples of exchanges with and quotes from veterans that remove all doubt:

When Marine Corps Reserve Col. Matthew F. Amidon, director of veterans and military families at the George W. Bush Institute, wrote a commentary urging veterans to help during the recruiting crisis by recommending military service to their kids and other young people, Military Times was inundated with a hundreds of emails from veterans saying they would do no such thing.

Their reasons varied, but most said wokeness is to blame. They accused the military of becoming so "political," or such a "social experiment," that even proud veterans wouldn't recommend service.

"I'll be blunt. I wouldn't encourage anyone to join today's armed forces and I discouraged both of my sons from considering serving," wrote Peter Demas, who described himself as a third-generation veteran. "America's military leaders have sold out the Services for their own advancement and reflect all the poorest qualities of civilian 'leadership' from whom they accepted thirty pieces of silver; instead of being the nation's repository of integrity and moral courage, they have become more political than the political animals they grovel before."

And this:

“With a woke military, whose most senior officer is concerned about ‘white rage,’ searching for a tattle tale process to discover and discharge white ‘extremists,’ blaming it on toxic masculinity, discharging real warriors for not getting vaccinated, having a two-day stand down to discuss white extremism, the promotion and expansion of women in combat, lowering physical fitness standards to accommodate naturally weaker women, recruiting with social justice and diversity ads, stating we need more female and minority pilots, promotions based on the color of one’s skin or genitalia, lowering recruiting standards, blaming the military for 247 years of institutional racism, is not the military I was in for 26 years,” wrote Dale Papworth, who said he was a retired Marine Corps lieutenant colonel.

Finally this, which ignores history and openly suggests “disparate impact” requiring equity not experience:

Papworth’s comments run counter to some evidence. For instance, the dearth of women and people of color in the upper ranks suggests that if there is a biased promotions system, it’s biased toward white men.

Of special note is the lowering of standards and Obama’s ill-conceived opening of combat positions to women which studies have shown to be dangerous; women are twice as likely to be injured in routine operations and they fall far short when the ability to use shoulder arms efficiently and carry combat gear is factored in. In truth, Obama was adhering to the Planned Chaos strategy; weaken the military and open the door to “sexual trauma” claims that take of the hue of #MeToo wherein actual proof is secondary to so called social justice. Mixing men and women on ships at sea for long periods...what could go wrong?

The Pentagon is thinking the through problem of recruitment much the same way it thought through the withdrawal from Afghanistan; political rather than military considerations and as such the fault is Covid displacement, drugs, criminal records etc. but never the most obvious issue; a woke military is a weak military.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley should have resigned along with every staff officer who planned or stayed silent in re the Afghan withdrawal but did not and it is they who need some self-reflection as to recruitment and retention. The Pentagon cannot expect the young to risk their lives following staff officers who order training in pronouns while insisting those in arms view their fellows through the lenses of race, gender...on the way to possibly dying for an inherently racist America?

Americans have traditionally held the armed forces in high esteem but since Obama purged the military of flag officers at odds with the Marxian agenda and then introduced policies that cast the armed forces in a less than bright light opinions started to change culminating in 2022 when the positive opinion plunged below 50%. It can be surmised those who have a high opinion are on the Marxian left given Biden is the commander in chief who talks about using F-15s and nukes against “semi-fascist” Americans who oppose the Marxian agenda.

“There are no atheists in foxholes” must be returned to its rightful place and the military refocused upon readiness that does not include lowering standards to accommodate various protected classes created in violation of the Constitution. It is a road designed and built by Marxians to weaken the military in the face of China...but worse yet lead the military into a confrontation with the God that precedes country in “God and country” and eventually a confrontation with Israel.

Bottom line...the implementation of “woke” policies in the military is putting the lives of those who will be called upon to fight at risk. The Marxian agenda must be expunged and replaced by the standard of excellence that came before with an emphasis on the requirement for duty, honor and service. There is good reason to do so now that the God of Abraham/Sinai, Yeshua and 1776 is fully engaged and warning the Constitution all have sworn to protect and defend against enemies foreign and domestic is in danger and by extension Israel and the Holy Nation with just three and one half years of human history as it is understood left to decide.

While gaining the higher vantage where God exists is a necessary precondition to understanding what is being witnessed at ground level, there may be no better summary as to the military and the evil that is Marxianity and its goals than two article by Victor Davis Hanson; *How To Erode the World's Greatest Military* and *If You Really Wanted To Destroy the U.S., Then... ‘*

The last page of this pamphlet is a good starting point for every young American in the armed forces and those contemplating service; *The Sacrifices Made By The Declaration Signers...* by Michael W. Smith. How difficult would it be to produce a one hour film providing a brief overview of the founding documents and the history of the armed forces of the United States to be watched before taking the oath? Now that the personal imprimatur of God on the documents is no longer subject to debate doing so would be prudent.

Retaking the High Ground

“To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace”

George Washington’s first annual address to both houses of Congress on January 8th, 1790

The observation actually predates George Washington by over 2000 years; put to words by Sun Tzu in the Art of War and by the Romans about the same time; *Sī vīs pācem, parā bellum...* “If you want peace prepare for war” i.e. simple common sense. The preparedness challenge for those below the politicized general staff has less to do with improving material readiness to 90% than creating the dedicated soldiers, sailors and airmen to translate the material readiness to combat readiness.

Standing in the way is the “woke” ideology that permeates the Marxian political class, civilian representatives of “woke” in the Pentagon and those in the general staff. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin steadfastly maintains the DOD is “apolitical” and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley insists the U.S. military is an “apolitical institution” but policies do not support the lies.

The ideology of institutional death, Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (DIE), has been implemented with pandering of favored groups the rule rather than exception...sexual identity not only accepted but celebrated; the trans are allowed to express their sexual identity including showering and changing with the opposite sex and blacks can expect priority in advancement. On the other hand, to be white is to be under siege in many subtle and not so subtle ways while those who adhere to the “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God” are discharged.

The extent of the Marxian whole of government implementation of DIE and the implications for the military has been captured in two articles by Judicial Watch...the first of which is dated July 2020 evidencing the introduction of Critical Race Theory long before by Obama but given an opening with George Floyd; *Judicial Watch Obtains Pentagon Anti-Bias Training Materials* and *Sr. DOD Advisor: Military Needs Minorities to Retain Competitive Edge, Achieve Critical Missions* dated February 2022. Included was a warning by Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton:

“These documents show that the Department of Defense has been indoctrinating our troops with anti-American and racially inflammatory ‘training’...We must protect our military service members from being brainwashed by the divisive, anti-American propaganda fueling the leftist insurrectionists who are right now trying to destroy our country.”

It is no wonder that recruitment has plunged to never before experienced lows when those most inclined to serve, white, church going, lawful males with a family tradition of service, are now labeled a threat by the “woke” who insist the United States and its military institutions are racist to the core. It should come as no surprise that the young of America after having been immersed and pickled in an anti-American marinade cooked up by the academy and popular culture wouldn’t think of serving. Then too, research makes clear only about 25% of young Americans are even eligible to serve given educational, medical and criminal disqualification without even delving into obesity and drug issues. The Department of Defense research reveals that less than one in ten would even consider serving in the armed forces.

The Pentagon is doing what it has done for far too long to alleviate the problem; reducing standards, toying with waivers and even fat farms...while the civilian leadership does what it does best; throw money at the problem by offering enlistment bonuses in the tens of thousands of dollars for active duty and enticements to lure certain categories of veterans such as loan forgiveness and up to \$115,000 to return to active duty.

The Pentagon has no time to waste in that after the disastrous Afghan withdrawal it took just months before Putin attacked Ukraine, North Korea started missile testing and China began pushing the Taiwan reunification issue. The Heritage Foundation issues an annual index measuring Military Strength and the most recent rated the American armed forces as weak in the aggregate and "at significant risk of not being able to meet the demands of a single major regional conflict." The most recent Reagan National Defense Survey reported that respondents who had a great deal of trust and confidence in the military precipitously declined from 70% in 2018 to just 48% today.

If the Biden administration and Pentagon were serious about addressing the recruitment issue they might first start by rescinding the vaccine mandate and reinstating those discharged with back pay. Doing so would also allow a return to duty all those being forced to perform menial tasks unrelated to specialties as punishment. Rescinding would also send a message those who can make all the difference; Judeo-Christians that with the Convergence Matrix will boldly embrace defending a Constitution bearing the personal imprimatur of God against all enemies foreign and domestic...and by extension defending Israel and the Holy Nation.

Judeo-Christian warriors can make all the difference in the final confrontation between good and evil by first filling the ranks of the military with dedicated and honorable individuals who fear God.

"Out of every one hundred men, ten shouldn't even be there, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. Ah, but the one, one is a warrior, and he will bring the others back."
Heraclitus

The God of Sinai is waiting for the nine fighters and that one out of every hundred to take their place in history in the Pantheon built by George Washington at the end of history; an end that will reveal Americans to be real warriors when forced to defend God and country from a false religion now arrogantly demanding Americans kneel, apologize for wrongs of others and bow to fascism. True Americans bow only to God while those who reject God bow to any puny god that serves a purpose...but puny gods having no say in eternity.

It can be said that out of every 100 serving today ten shouldn't even be there, eighty are just targets believing service is nothing more than a job and the nine are officers and enlisted fighters responsible for operations...but it remains to be seen which ones will have the courage to stand between a "woke" general staff and the fighters to insist that to DIE or not to DIE is not something to be taken lightly; DIE has no place in the military.

"Be seated. Now, I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country"

Opening speech from the movie Patton

The question is 'To Die or not to Die' and in truth the conflict is between the half of the country that adheres to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" against the other half of the country dominated by the false religion of human intellectual arrogance Marxianity. It is patently obvious and as such all will have to decide whether to join in CommonSenseCession or surrender to a theology that makes clear the goal is replacing the Constitution with a social justice blank check like that of South Africa so admired by Obama.

Resist the Crowd and Refuse to DIE

"Men have been found to resist the most powerful monarchs and to refuse to bow down before them, but few indeed have been found to resist the crowd, to stand up alone before misguided masses, to face their implacable frenzy without weapons and with folded arms to dare a no when a yes is demanded." Hannah Arendt, The Origins of Totalitarianism

The decline of American culture can be traced directly back to Herbert Marcuse and most successful Marxist national liberation front in history; the sexual revolution which has culminated with a push to sexualize children. Neo-Marxist intellectuals and their followers, Marxians, is the crowd that constitutes fully 50% of the citizens of western civilization and they have chosen the alphabet of sexual perversion and transgender ideology as the hill they will DIE on...having no use for the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God".

According to the theology of the false religion Marxianity the United States is irredeemably racist rather than a beacon of freedom and liberty which begs the question of every service member; are you willing to actually die to defend the indefensible? It is a theology that permeates every facet of government, the media, the academy, the Imaginarium and corporate America in the classic definition of fascism. America is being feminized and there are very few courageous and bold enough *"...to face their implacable frenzy without weapons and with folded arms to dare a no when a yes is demanded."*

Between flying rainbow pride and/or Black Lives Matter flags in front of American embassies then conditioning aid on taking a knee to the distorted sense of priorities many countries find offensive, imagine what America's potential adversaries think of the poster children of the Biden administrations woke agenda after the intentional Afghan withdrawal debacle; Assistant Secretary for Health Rachel Levine and Sam Brinton who serves as a Department of Energy deputy assistant secretary of energy for spent fuel and waste disposition:



There will be armed conflict between now and July 4th 2026 when Yeshua returns to Jerusalem and as such it is incumbent upon the rank and file of the armed forces to 1) reintroduce the fear of God, 2) reassert the armed forces is apolitical, and 2) insist upon a high level of training and discipline while there is still time. Without God there will no miraculous interventions such as the Battle of Midway, the Seven Miracles of the Revolutionary War and the hand of providence protecting George Washington:

The Chief Saw God's Hand on Washington by Eddie L. Hyatt for Charisma

It was the Battle of Fort Duquesne in July 1755 when 1,459 British soldiers were ambushed by a large contingent of Native American warriors who had joined the French in their fight with the British for control of the North American continent.

It proved to be one of the bloodiest days in Anglo-American history, with 977 British soldiers killed or wounded. It was a day, however, when Washington's reputation for bravery began to spread throughout the land.

Washington, in his early 20s, had been recruited by the British because of his knowledge of the ways of the wilderness and the American Indians. He had acquired this knowledge in his work as a surveyor of wilderness territory.

Assigned to travel with the British General Braddock to take Fort Duquesne (present-day Pittsburgh), Washington found his advice for traveling through the wilderness and dealing with the Indians ignored by Braddock who considered him a young, upstart colonist.

But when the ambush occurred and Braddock himself was wounded, Washington took charge and organized an orderly retreat while at the same time putting his own life at risk, rescuing the many wounded and placing them in wagons. During this time, two horses were shot out from under him, and his clothes were shredded by bullets.

He emerged unscathed and gave glory to God, saying, "I was saved by the miraculous care of Providence that saved me beyond human expectation." From that day, his reputation for bravery and leadership spread among both the English and the Native Americans.

The Prophecy Comes Forth

Years later, according to historian George Bancroft, Washington and a friend were exploring an area along the Ohio River when they encountered a group of Native Americans. Recognizing Washington, the natives invited the men back to their camp to meet with their chief, who, it turned out, had fought on the side of the French in the Battle of Duquesne. They had a cordial visit, and then the old chief, motioning toward Washington, spoke these amazing words.

He said, I am chief and ruler over all my tribes. My influence extends to the waters of the Great Lakes, and to the far blue mountains. I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. It was on the day when the white man's blood mixed with the streams of our forest that I first beheld this chief. I called to my young men and said, 'Mark yon tall and daring warrior? He is not of the redcoat tribe—he hath an Indian's wisdom, and his warriors fight as we do—himself alone is exposed. Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies.' Our rifles were leveled—rifles which, but for him, knew not how to miss. 'Twas all in vain; a power far mightier than we shielded him from harm. He cannot die in battle. The Great Spirit protects that man, and guides his destinies. He will become chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him the founder of a mighty nation (Hyatt, *Pilgrims and Patriots*, 127-28)

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Heraclitus

There can be no debate as to the observation of Heraclitus when assessing the armed forces created by Obama and now Biden; out of 100 ten should not be there at all, 80 are just targets...and as to the fighters and the one warrior there is a Constitutional framework to be understood in the battles ahead. First and most important is the oath of loyalty; all have taken an oath to protect and defend the Constitution...not fealty to an office or to an individual. The eighty must elevate the understanding of what entails disciplined excellence to join the fighters and the warriors who will one day be called upon to refuse unlawful orders.

There were thousands of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen who refused to take a Covid-19 vaccine that has proven to be unsafe for the young who dominate the ranks; an experimental vaccine for a virus that escaped from a Wuhan lab funded by American gain of function research dollars. The truth is beginning to slowly leak out to the American people and there are those in congress intent upon reinstating those forced out with back pay but I would suggest the legislation also include a promotion given in the aggregate the order was unlawful.

Doing so would send a clear message; stand strong and unified and question the orders by civilian authorities who will then learn two critical truths...civilian control of the military is subject to judicial review and the power reserved to the rank and file to declare an order illegal or unconstitutional subject to review without penalty.

The depths to which the general staff have descended into the Marxian morass can be measured by the number of staff officers who despite being obligated by law and professional ethics to challenge unlawful orders in court instead took a knee to Biden. Covid-19 was transformed into a control issue the general staff could and should have confronted given their oaths i.e. there are a large number of infectious disease professionals in or answering to the military to answer questions before discharging fighters and warriors bold enough to say no.

Probably the best short form summation of the relationship between the civilian control demanded by the Constitution and the military is a commentary signed by numerous civilian and military authorities titled *To Support and Defend: Principles of Civilian Control and Best Practices of Civil-Military Relations* at War on the Rocks. The critical point to be made is encapsulated in just two sentences; "...it is the responsibility of senior military and civilian leaders to ensure that any order they receive from the president is legal" which includes a process "...designed to be deliberative to ensure that the destructive and coercive power wielded by the U.S. armed forces is not misused."

When the opportunistic 2020 George Floyd riots were inflicting over \$2B in damage president Trump was told not to invoke the Insurrection Act but now Biden warns those who may be considering insurrection they had better think twice...referencing F-15s and nuclear weapons i.e. the military Marxianity now controls. It is Biden the sock puppet and Marxianity that should be thinking twice and three times if necessary.

Marxianity is making the final push to destroy the Constitution as evidenced by the hubris on display as it concerns the two tier injustice system and the fascistic "In your face" advocacy of the alphabet of sexual preference even unto sexualizing children...hubris that would not be possible unless Marxians are confident they could order the armed forces to move against Americans who will adhere to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" until the bitter end...or inevitable victory now that a God unwilling to negotiate a Constitution bearing His personal imprimatur is fully engaged.

To DIE or not to DIE is the question Americans and all of western civilization will have to answer; to adhere to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" or die in real terms and in doing so make the penultimate choice between endlessness separated from God or an eternity of possibilities with every question answered. Those in the armed services will have to choose and the wisdom of Sun Tzu has never been as consequential as now.

"There are roads which must not be followed, armies which must not be attacked, towns which must not be besieged, positions which must not be contested, and commands of the sovereign which must not be obeyed."

If and when the false religion of human intellectual arrogance Marxianity calls upon the armed forces of the United States to move against Americans or fire upon Israel the choice will have been made and there will be no escape from utter destruction if the orders are obeyed.

Have faith that God will continue to send messages written in the ink of natural phenomenon and those messages will be clear enough for the entire world to read. Regardless, be prepared to stand and "...dare a no when a yes is demanded."

Godspeed,

Adler von Pfingsten

Recommended Reading

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Is the military too 'woke' to recruit? Meghann Myers, Pentagon bureau chief at Military Times

Judicial Watch Obtains Pentagon Anti-Bias Training Materials for Judicial Watch

If You Think the United States is Ready for a Conventional War with Russia or China, Think Again by Larry Johnson for Son of a New American Revolution

Not-So-Retiring Retired Military Leaders by Victor Davis Hanson

Sr. DOD Advisor: Military Needs Minorities to Retain Competitive Edge, Achieve Critical Missions
Judicial Watch

The New Woke Model Army by Rod Dreher for the American Conservative

The Rise of Wokeness in the Military by Thomas Spoehr for Imprimis

TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND: PRINCIPLES OF CIVILIAN CONTROL AND BEST PRACTICES OF CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS by eight former Secretaries of Defense and five former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff