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The Fundamentalist Threat

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03/10/05 "[Information Clearing House](#)" - - To live in Murka is to see firsthand its degeneration into an emerging Christian theocracy, with its collection of televangelists, cult leaders, mullahs and Taliban, nothing more than corruption-filled, hypocrite-behaving, masterminds of pervasive ignorance, false prophets and preachers drunk off the liquor of fundamentalist thought misguiding tens of millions of lost souls through the chalice of brainwashed and unenlightened thinking.

Commanding the attention of born again, salvation-seeking, messianic and Armageddon-searching souls in need of finding their way past the fires of hell and into the gates of heaven, these wolves dressed in sheep skin embrace principles of extremist belief and fanatical dogma. The flock of sheeple succumbing to the distortions, deceptions and delusions of their dangerously unwise shepherd leaders follow blind, deaf and dumb, disregarding all semblance of rational thought and analytical thinking in their discarding of common sense and proven scientific fact.

Instead, mesmerized by the incantations of those they follow, eager to buy lifetime supplies of snake oil being sold, captivated by the charlatans speaking the tongues of fraud and deception, tens of millions of Christian fundamentalists choose to place blind faith in make-believe stories of fantasy, relying on the primitive myths of ancient and unlearned tribal men and their archaic fables used to explain both the world of yesteryear and their psychological fears and insecurities, of no more significant use to modern humans today than the technology of 8,000 years ago.

In the land of Murka, the most prosperous and wealthy nation on Earth, there exists the constant friction between the secular and the religious, perpetually in battle over the minds of the masses. It is a schism that is dividing a once-united populace,

having become over the years a most dangerous manifestation that is an enormous threat in 21st century Murka, helping to shake the pillars of society itself and which, in the end, will contribute to the forces imploding the nation from within. This internal war between secular and religious belief only continues to grow, their diametrically opposed views and goals further distancing themselves, creating, in the next decade, a tug of war of ideology whose winner will decide the future course of Murka. Either Dark Ages will approach or secular progressiveness will continue.

In a land where one would expect abandonment of primitive and archaic dogma as a result of greater socioeconomic integration, enlightened investigation and advancement of both technology and knowledge, one finds the opposite to be true. In order to maintain their subjects hypnotized by the aura of supernatural myth, and by consequence under the control of those who usurp the interpretations of religious dogma, those living off the fruits of the sheeple maintain their subjects in abject ignorance, forcefully demanding the absolute right to teach youngsters in Murka's educational system fantasy written thousands of years ago, choosing to indoctrinate youth to rudimentary and backwards thought instead of the advanced evolutions of modern thinking.

In addition, they stridently seek the fusing relationship between church and state, constantly seeking to impose their delusional beliefs on secular citizens and on believers of other faiths. To them, Murka is and always has been a Christian nation, failing to understand Murkan history, the philosophies and beliefs of its Founding Fathers and the changing evolution of its society. They fail to comprehend and practice the teachings of the Christ they claim to worship, going against the tenets of his meaning to mankind, conveniently forgetting his messages of peace, love, compassion, acceptance and forgiveness.

Living under the fumes of fantasy, these Taliban seek to impose Christian prayer in schools and other government functions, trying to weave ever-closer the connection between church and state, desperately clinging to the idea of a theocracy. They wish to exhibit the Ten Commandments in public buildings, no matter how many times their kind breaks many of these same tenets and no matter how hypocritical they are in the behaviors they exhibit and the exhortations they proclaim.

Murkan Taliban wish to control a women's right to her own body, and hence her own decision making, thereby robbing her of freedoms and rights finally granted after millennia of suffrage. They rabidly seek the protection of pin size cell structure yet have no problem applauding the death penalty or an Iraq war that has killed 100,000 innocent civilians. They detest same sex partnerships, wishing to banish this human form of love from contributing to a better world, seeing it as an aberration and not a free choice and genetic predisposition. They would rather endanger the lives of teenage youth, contributing to ruined lives, venereal diseases,

teenage pregnancy, divorce, the destruction of a nuclear family and a vicious cycle of indigence and ignorance, than abandoning their asinine belief of preaching abstinence as well as the sin of using contraception to the most sexually driven age group known to man, simply to appease fanatical views and extinct dogmatic belief.

Seeking this fraudulent form of teenage control and brainwashing in public education, in an age group saturated with chemical changes, hormonal firework explosions, psychological alterations, bodily transformations and an increased attraction towards sex is so out of tune with reality, with biological truth, with common sense, that it is preposterous it is even being implemented. Self-defeating and dangerous, this push to condition children is about control and retaining power over the mind of blossoming independence.

One can no more succeed in stopping a frog from jumping or a dog from barking any more than you can inhibit a teenager's sexual libido. Teenage sex is as old as humanity, a manifestation of biological urges and evolutionary behaviors, molded by the hands of nature and our inherent need to procreate, and to try putting a stop to it using primitive dogma, issuing edicts that fail to embrace human truth, instead of using pragmatism and educating children to its reality, teaching protection and wisdom, is to see how out of tune with reality, and with life in the 21st century, extremist fundamentalists truly are.

Indeed, they seem more worried about their own insecurities, fears, stereotypes and in the private lives of people who will never cause them harm than in helping billions of humans worldwide, just as Jesus asks them to do, many of whom subsist on two dollars a day or less, many of whom die of malnourishment, disease and misery. Yet their interests lie in maintaining control, and thus power, over the dwindling supply of sheeple still able to be shepherded in Murka than in pursuing true religious convictions worldwide.

In order to maintain a dumbed down following, as well as to keep free-thinking children in the flock, and under control, the false preachers corrosive to human society demand the teaching in public schools of ancient creationist fantasy along with the scientific realism that is evolution. Fighting a perpetually losing battle with reality, and evolution, and clinging to the hopes inherent in desperation, they continuously repackage, remarket and relabel the fantasy of creationism in hopes of sneaking their religious dogma into the public domain. Never mind that the concept of "intelligent design" is nothing but pseudo-science, completely discredited by the scientific community, a desperate quasi-attempt to evolve a primitive fable into the modernity of 21st century thought, knowing that the reality of evolution continues to feast on and eat away at the carcass of an extinct idea worthy of the cavemen that invented it.

The Falwell's, Robertson's and Graham's of the land of Murka, along with their clones, shills, hacks and lackeys, see more and more members of the population escaping their detrimental grip and the trance-like belief in the fundamental theology they inspire, and feel the very real threat to the continued existence of their power and control. They see the intrusion of secular thought, of logical, analytical and reasoned minds penetrating and obliterating those segments of society once reserved exclusively to the ancient domains of scripture and realize that if not halted, if momentum is not shifted, the logical wisdom and knowledge that comes with time will inevitably make their kind, and the fantasy they believe in, an extinct reality.

They only need to take a peek at Europe to squirm at the thought of their coming demise, and with it their control over vast segments of the population. Yet they fail to realize that the world they inhabit no longer resembles that of 8,000 years ago. It has progressed forward into the 21st century, not back to the Stone Age or into medieval times, no longer in need of the theology of primitive thought and archaic belief, no longer needing the stories of agrarian imaginations to help explain human complexity and the world we inhabit. Of course when living in delusion one cannot but fail to see reality, preferring to dwell in the treasure trove of fantasy rather than confronting the uncomfortable abyss of reality.

It is therefore vitally important to these Murkan Taliban to establish, as much as is presently possible, the parameters of a theocracy in the land of Murka, making ignorant the children of today in order to maintain present numbers tomorrow. Knowledge and wisdom are their enemy; education and enlightenment their Satan, which is why they seek to impose, at the risk of expediting the decline of empire and abandoning the futures of our progeny, religious lunacy upon the children of the country.

In their minds, the continued fusion of church and state must continue, using the appointment of conservative theocrats to the benches of the nation, the religious zealots in Congress and state legislatures, government officials who can affect policy and members of school boards to impose upon the peoples of Murka their Christian Taliban ideas of theocracy. These false preachers are selfish creatures who would rather implement policies that will endanger members of their flock than subscribe to the notion that their coffers will dry up and their power will be eroded. With the legions of political prostitutes masquerading as leaders scattered throughout the hallways of power, many of which have been recruited to join and further the interests of the fundamentalist army of Armageddon-seeking sheeple, there exists the very frightening possibility that they may succeed in augmenting their already growing power.

At present they are emboldened; their power has never been greater, their numbers are strong. Residing in the White House is a born again Christian, conduit to the

Almighty itself, doing the arduous work of the Lord, holding the spear of war and shield of crusade. Since his ascension as Emperor to the Christian Right and Dictator of Murka, the war between the secular and the religious has increased. At no other time has the distinction between church and state been so compromised, and never has the struggle to keep both mutually exclusive been harder. Under the bull manure of 'moral values' those seeking expanded power onto the Christian Taliban have hijacked the nation, making millions believe that their power is greater than it really is, in the process silencing a great majority of the secular population. Yet they have gained in strength and numbers, and have become a major threat to the Land of Murka.

The weak minded capacity of the dictator who twice stole office aside, the Establishment knows that with religious belief comes greater control of the masses, clearly exemplified in the last three years of perpetual war. With theological belief comes unenlightenment and ignorance, a citizenry less likely to question authority and the decisions of leaders. Emulating the herd mentality, extremist believers in the metaphysical have been conditioned to place blind faith in leadership, whether seen or invisible. They do as they are told, not as they want. They are blind and so are told what to see; they are deaf and so are told what to hear; they are mute and so are told what to say; they are ignorant and so are told what and how to think.

Easier to control and manipulate, this group can be, at the push of a button, at the showing of emotional video or the speech of a demagogue, stirred into the frenzied lunacy of hatred or the violence-seeking, blood-thirsty plague of vengeance. In time, and with enough propaganda and brainwashed stimuli, this segment of the population, millions strong, can be made to focus all attention and all animal emotion at a chosen enemy, the scapegoat created by government and needed for the perpetual wars necessary for the continued hegemony of the Establishment. Through systematic precision, the Establishment can manufacture enemies, new Pearl Harbors and the quick mobilization of large segments of the population made to think and behave in accordance with the wishes of those pulling the strings of a marionette masquerading as a society.

Blindly following, never asking questions, naively believing everything they are told, this group of Murkans is quickly molded into a nationalistic, patriotic, religious and warmongering fervor, wishing death upon innocents and made xenophobic racists conditioned to hate anything alien. In their lunacy they seek the use of nuclear weapons upon foreign lands, without regard to life. They seek the suffering of untold civilians through ceaseless bombing and the sadistic torture of human beings through disappearances and kidnappings. They hate because they are told to hate; they detest because they are conditioned to detest; they seek violence and unconditional death of innocence because they blindly follow the words of hatred; they are filled with anger because they suffer frustrations in their daily lives, repressed in their employment, never being able to think for themselves,

instead incorporating the jingoistic and anger-filled tirades of fascist commentators as their own.

Without empathy, without understanding and without humanity these millions stand complicit, through their silent acquiescence and in deriving sadistic pleasure in the misfortune of others, in war crimes and crimes against humanity upon their fellow beings. Advocating religious belief, proclaiming themselves seeds of Christ, believing themselves good Christians, these lost energies turned hypocrites seek the total annihilation of innocent life for simply being of different color, ethnicity and religious belief. They champion their beliefs on others yet fail to implement teachings into their own lives, breaking sacred tenets in their Crusade of Rabid Hatred against concocted enemies of the state.

These are the Murkan Sheeple, a grave and gathering threat facing the nation, tens of millions strong, looking forward to the total destruction of humankind, the fulfillment of prophesy (had the stories of the Bible been written in Russia, would they care about the Middle East? End Times would be sought in Siberia, not the Fertile Crescent), becoming suicidal seekers of Armageddon, desperately seeking a Rapture their kind have been waiting for every generation for the last 2000 years, only to be disappointed every lifetime that passes as fable never delivers upon its promise. They are told to hate diversity, secularism, heterogeneity, embrace everything Israel (in order to fulfill prophesy; exploited severely by Zionists of all kinds), hate foreigners of dark complexion and different religious belief, accept war against infidels and violence against heathens, label as communist progressive secular thinkers and loathe anything unorthodox not in tune to their – and their false preachers’ – idea of a world that has long since passed them by.

Humanity Lost, the Human Animal Resurrected

The land of Murka is today an incarnation of an Evil Empire, a terrorist state unleashing carnage and barbarity abroad and exploiting, with callous indifference, its own citizens at home. It has bastardized human rights, in essence stomping with its marching boots of “shock and awe” the innocence of humanity, becoming an overgrown hypocrite moralizing virtue but mandating criminality, no longer able to light the torch of human rights or reprimand fellow abusers. It smears with the feces of wickedness universal principles of human rights, in a mere matter of three years unleashing, along with its thousands of tons of bombs and missiles raining down from the skies, a devastating aura of human suffering that has resulted in over 100,000 innocent deaths and countless more injuries, maimings and forms of mental and psychological devastation. A beacon of human rights and humanity has vanished from Earth, becoming that which it most abhorred and fought to make extinct.

With the destruction of the Twin Towers on 9/11 Murkan humanity also collapsed, disappearing into the massive white cloud of debris, lost in perpetual purgatory, chained to the dark walls of the deepest reaches of the human animal. The disintegration of true moral values quickly gave light to the worst in the human condition, creating in the citizenry an army of crusading hatreds, fears and anger. The armies of the Evil Empire have destroyed an entire nation, with great success devastating infrastructure, culture, government and the foundations of society itself. They have made to suffer, in unquantifiable terms, and in horrendous amounts, millions upon millions of human beings.

A military given free reign to decimate and destroy, without punishment or moral leadership, allowed to unleash death upon the population of Iraq, has in the span of two years perpetrated such massive war crimes as to make the Nazi army proud. It has lost all sense of compassion, understanding and humanism, instead brutalizing and dehumanizing a citizenry of 25 million people. It has resurrected human wickedness, becoming a reincarnation of all human malice that has come before.

As sadistic and as hate-filled as millions of their compatriots in the Land of Murka, those soldiers illegally occupying foreign land have killed without remorse, shooting joyfully at innocents, taking pleasure in targeting women and children, much like the video games they play at home. This army has wrongfully imprisoned thousands of Iraqis, treating them inhumanely, overcrowding their cells, dehumanizing them with the lessons learned from Israeli Defense Forces, barbarically torturing many, sodomizing some, raping others and treating all with the cruelty of occupiers thinking their conquered subjects sub-human creatures unworthy of human sympathy.

Entire cities have been destroyed, with homes and infrastructure turned to rubble; WMDs have been used, including napalm; mosques have been obliterated, Iraqi religion spat on; Iraq's – and the world's – cultural patrimony has been destroyed, including the relics of man's first civilizations and the ruins of Babylon; mass graves have sprouted in clusters where none existed before, full of innocent men, women and children, killed by Murkan soldiers; news reporters have been targeted and assassinated, attempts have been made to shoot and murder those possessing information the Murkan government does not want released; young children throwing stones at tanks have been shot; Iraqi freedom fighters, wounded and unarmed, have been shot point blank by sadistic, trigger happy soldiers; hospitals and doctors have been targeted, bombed and killed because they constitute "enemy propaganda"; thanks to depleted uranium radiation festers throughout the land, penetrating soil, water, air, vegetation and human bodies, with Iraq's environment now equivalent to 250,000 Nagasaki's, promising to be infested with the invisible poison for billions of years to come.

The army of Murka has embarked, with the tacit approval, and some would say with the sadistic pleasure, of its Commander in Chief, on a hurricane-like annihilation of Mesopotamia, killing hundreds of thousands through weaponry, condemning scores more through the purposeful disregard of infrastructure and basic services such as electricity, sewage, clean water, healthcare and the providing of food, which will in the end result in the deaths of more Iraqis than all the bullets and bombs used by Murka's military. Whether dying by bullets or bombs or by the collective punishment of an entire nation, such as in the complete destruction of infrastructure or the disregard of basic services, Iraqis, especially the young, old and frail, will continue to perish by the tens of thousands, dying of disease, malnourishment, lack of medicine or from the sorrow of what George W. Bush has wrought onto their land.

When one combines these present and future casualties with the million and a half, including half a million children, that died at the hands of economic genocide implemented by Murka in the form of sanctions during the 1990's, along with the silent mass murder of depleted uranium, the ultimate WMD, that has already killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis through illness, cancers, disease and birth deformities, the world will in the future recall what the Land of Murka unleashed upon Iraq as nothing short than a systemic holocaust comparable to the worst crimes of Nazi Germany.

It is not necessary to construct gas chambers, incinerators, gulags or concentration camps to exterminate millions of human beings. We are seeing this reality today in Iraq, in multiple forms, in degenerate warfare, in countless acts of war crimes and crimes against humanity being perpetrated by Murkan forces. In the end, millions have and will die at the hands of the Land of Murka, some quicker than others, some in silent placidness and some in terrible agony, some by bullets and bombs, some by water-borne disease and malnourishment, some by radiation-filled cancers, mutated deformities and destroyed immune systems. The seeds of the Iraq Holocaust have been firmly planted in the now barren lands of the Fertile Crescent.

Yet the Land of Murka, being the sole superpower, unable to be touched by the peoples or nations of the world, dictating and trumping the laws of humanity, never surrendering even in defeat, will erase these truths from the history of the planet. Nobody will be tried in Nuremburg, no one will hang for war crimes, no one will be brought to justice, for in today's world, those in power create reality, writing and revising history to suit their needs. In the end, and much like the three million southeast Asians who died in their own holocaust a few decades ago, Iraqis and their stories of human wickedness reborn will disappear into the abyss of nothingness, their silent cries going unheard, their truths sequestered and their horrible suffering forgotten.

For Iraqis do not manage and operate Hollywood, the printed media or the televised

media, those great bastions of propaganda. They do not have as advocates the gatekeepers of information, those who take it upon themselves to inundate the memories of old Holocausts into the conscious of humanity, monopolizing and exploiting its horrors to garner sympathy or pity, using its evils as excuses to cleanse native peoples, occupy lands, dehumanize populations, ignore resolutions, claim perpetual victimhood, silence protest, intimidate criticism and further vested interests at the expense of the rest of the world.

No, the lessons of history will go unlearned, new generations will never be made privy to the evils of human malice, truth will be whitewashed and glossed over and in the span of a few years or a decade or two the same horror will befall mankind once again, for we never learn, we never understand and we never care, giving birth to yet another holocaust like those in Rwanda, Congo, Vietnam, Stalin's Soviet Union, Mao's China, Cambodia, Indonesia, World War II Europe, Sudan and Yugoslavia.

The occupation of Iraq has been nothing short of a barbaric and savage assault on humanity itself, resurrecting into the collective conscious of mankind memories of those nations of yesteryear possessed with the demons of human wickedness that launched the world entire straight into the crosshairs of death, destruction, suffering and the devastating onslaught of the human animal. The occupation of Iraq, much like the pervasive occupation of Palestine, exhibits to the world, once again, that the human animal is alive and well, living in maniacal leaders sprouting the seeds of human wickedness among their subjects.

Indeed, what this decade's war crimes and crimes against humanity show, much like those of every decade throughout the globe, is that war criminals have little problem mobilizing their populations into the arms of fear, anger and hatred, nationalistic lunacy and religious fervor, manifesting in the easily controlled masses – nothing more than violent apes awaiting to be resuscitated from the black holes of depravity – a hunger for violence, a thirst for vengeance and an indifferent disregard for the suffering of innocent human beings that is nothing short of barbaric and primitive. The human animal never changes, ending one millennium with war, violence and destruction and commencing another with worse of the same. Until we confront this truth, primitive we will remain.

Once the right buttons are pushed, once new Pearl Harbors are manufactured, the Establishment has little problem bringing out their mobilized army of hypnotized primates, millions of citizens mutated by fear, hatred and anger, conditioned into them by the same elite that will begin exploiting their emotions, in short order bringing to the surface the ever dangerous, never thinking, blood-thirsty and always self-destructive human animal.

With millions of little Hitler's rising together in unison, each possessed by the

demons of conditioned and manipulated hatred, anger and fear, a mob-like mentality springs forward inside the psyche, thereby allowing warmongers acting as leaders the flexibility to spawn unimpeded and unquestioned policies to enact their malicious war crimes against entire populations. The millions who have granted their leaders such power prefer to be led into blindness and ignorance rather than being confronted with the savagery and suffering taking place behind their silent acquiescence, purposefully imposing on themselves deaf ears and dumb minds to hide from their conscience the guilt of knowing the crimes against humanity being perpetrated in their name.

It is better, it seems, to bask in the comfort and self-delusion of ignorance than face the guilt of reality, preferring to remain living in the façade of innocence than being confronted by all they validate by their actions and words. For a war culture and a blood-thirsty population, this is how granting mandates for mass murder and crimes against humanity gets shielded by human psychology. Just ask Germans of the 1930's and 40's.

In the invasions and subsequent occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan – nothing short of chess moves on the geopolitical board game taken for imperial hegemony, energy resource control and geostrategic maneuvering hidden under the fantasy, for consumption of the masses, of now proven lies of WMD, “fighting the terrorists” and bringing freedom and democracy to tyrannical lands – the land of Murka has taken it upon itself to contravene all laws of peaceful nations, waging preemptive and aggressive offensive warfare on sovereign and non-threatening nations in order to begin securing for itself, and the Establishment, the last remaining vestiges of the primitive form of energy called oil. Welcome to the Age of Resource Wars, a most ominous and dark period that will soon befall humankind.

Land of Lies, Illusion and Rabbit Holes

In the daily atrocities and carnage being committed in Iraq the world sees the degeneration of Murka and its society. With half the population rabid in its hatred of Arabs and Muslims, full of xenophobic fears and violence-laden thoughts, easily manipulated and conditioned, serving the interests of power and control, one is witness to how low the Lands of Murka have fallen since 9/11. Human rights no longer have meaning as illegal wars of offensive aggression have been validated through the vote of tens of millions, or the indifferent acquiescence of millions more, who cared too little to help alter the course of the nation and the world. As a result, the murderous rampage of Murkan soldiers, laying waste to both land and man, has gone on without so much as a whimper from the population.

With the re-election of George Bush, many will argue through his second coup

d'etat, though one cannot argue with the close to 60 million citizens who voted for him, the war crimes leading to the death of 100,000 innocent Iraqis and 10,000 Afghans were endorsed, granting the war criminals in office a mandate to continue their reign of terror in the Middle East. Through elections, uncontested appointments and silent submission to crimes against humanity, torture has been given reason to exist, making it, in the minds of millions of Murkans, the preferred way to deal with Iraqi freedom fighters in Iraq and innocent Arabs and Afghans in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, kidnapped and left to rot in the many Bush gulags.

It has not seemed to bother Murkan society that the Iraq war was based on lies and deceptions that have led to the murder of over one hundred thousands people. Living in a state of perpetual amnesia, embracing all forgetful principles of Alzheimer's, the Murkan people quickly chose to disregard an amalgam of lies and scandals that would have rocked to pieces any other western nation and would have helped to bring down the vast assortment of scoundrels lingering like flies on fecal matter in the halls of power. Instead, using the remote control, Murkans change the channels showing them the little reality made available, finding instead escapist fiction or sensationalized gossip. Such is the mind of the average Murkan.

Onwards the Murkan people continue, never looking back and seldom looking forward, preferring to never remember and always forget. Conveniently they overlook how their government clandestinely ships their dead loved ones in transfer tubes under cover of darkness, placing a media ban on coffins and funerals so as to better control the psychological mood of the populace. It understands that images of dead soldiers and flag draped coffins are a powerful and sobering reminder of the horror of war, helping to mobilize the anti-war movement in Vietnam, which helped put a stop to that wicked debacle. This the government knows, which is why it lies and manipulates, hiding death, funerals, mourning and anger away from the public.

Preferring to live in ignorance rather than confront the horrific truth, the Murkan people have deluded themselves into believing the official death count of Murkan soldiers, which presently hovers around 1,500 dead and 10,000 wounded. In reality, as happened during Vietnam, the death figures are being manipulated, deceiving the public as to the real casualty numbers. Presently, the Department of War is implementing an Enron-type accounting method that fails to count as dead those dying en route to hospitals outside Iraq. If a soldier does not die inside Iraq, but dies while evacuated abroad or once inside a hospital, say in Germany, he is not counted among the official list. Also, many new immigrants, mostly those from Mexico, have been recruited into the army with the promise of a green card if they fight in Iraq. When these soldiers are killed, since they are not Murkan citizens, their numbers are not counted in the official list. Granted that these immigrant soldiers are routinely sent directly into the front lines, so as to limit the deaths of

Murkan citizen soldiers, the implication arises that many of these soldiers have died in combat but are not counted.

Finally, expunged from the lists of official casualties are Murkan contract workers, mercenaries and private security that have been killed while working for the Murkan military. Estimates, then, place the number of dead Murkan soldiers at between 5,000 and 7,000, with more than 20,000 wounded. Add to this the untold thousands of Murkan soldiers that will inevitably die in the next decade due to their exposure to depleted uranium, not to mention the 11,000 that have already died of depleted uranium exposure from the first Gulf War, and one can see the damage done to our loved ones.

Seen in this light, the Murkan quagmire in Iraq takes on an entirely new and horrific dimension, becoming not the rosy delusions of Bush but the fields of carnage they in reality are. For the profit and wealth and empowerment of the Establishment thousands of young and talented soldiers have and will die, for a war based on lies and deceptions. Sent to secure oil fields and geostrategic lands, sent to allow the robbery of the national treasure and the pillage of Iraq's finances, businesses and resources, Murkan soldiers were thrown into a hornet's nest of anger, forced to battle resistance fighters waiting for a guerilla war those in power must have clearly seen coming. These soldiers have been sent to die for greed and the Almighty Dollar, representing to the Establishment nothing but cannon fodder in a war of illegality, designed to enrich a few miscreants in the military-industrial complex and further aggrandize the power of the elite over the masses. This is what Murkan soldiers are dying for; this is what they are being maimed over; this is the reason so many are returning home mentally destroyed.

The truth is that the Iraq debacle represents what Murka and half its population have become since 9/11. A war culture conditioned to the drums of war needs enemies to fight, new Pearl Harbors to help mobilize, scapegoats to profit from, and bogeymen to instill fear and insecurity in the minds of the masses. It needs blind patriotism to function, nationalistic tendencies to mobilize and distract, jingoism to unite and vanish from public thought the corruption of the Establishment and evildoers to spawn the hatred and xenophobia inherent in the human condition that makes entire populations conduits of violence and easily controlled and manipulated beings. Finally, new Pearl Harbors are needed to thread the needle necessary to bring all of the above into fruition, creating the veil binding the masses to their continued subjugation.

Without a constant battle of cowboys and Indians, of English and Revolutionaries, of Communists and Murkans, of good versus evil, Arab versus Christian and terrorists versus Bush, the Establishment cannot convince the masses that wars, invasions, occupations and the subsequent pilferage and profiteering of conquered land, resources and Murka's national treasure are necessary components of a

concocted and bogus 'war on terror' or its mutated and repackaged 'war on tyranny.' Already \$200,000,000,000.00 have been wasted in Iraq, with an additional \$100,000,000,000.00 already set aside for the continuing debacle that has no end in sight. Additionally, the Defense budget continues to skyrocket, going from \$350,000,000,000.00 per year to 2005's record sum of \$420,000,000,000.00. Each year the monies allocated to the military industrial complex rise; each decade that passes results in the voracious gorging of the Department of War to the detriment of all other Murkan expenditures.

Also, billions of dollars have been appropriated for rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure destroyed by decades of Murkan imposed sanctions and aggressive warfare, further enriching the elite, friends, profiteers and crony capitalists close to the Administration. Nine billion dollars (\$9,000,000,000.00) of this sum has simply vanished into thin air, unaccounted for and lost, having become a casualty of war, though probably safe and sound and well hidden in the Swiss bank accounts of Republican lackeys and hacks that worked in Baghdad's Green Zone and in those accounts owned by Bush-friendly corporate executives and profiteers. With so much money and power at stake, so much treasure to plunder and wealth to accumulate, perpetual wars and perpetual enemies make good business sense to the Establishment, courtesy of our taxes and the blood of loved ones.

Without enemies, real or concocted, the Establishment cannot expand its wealth and power. It cannot warm up the profitable assembly lines of its machines of destruction and violence, spitting out from its conveyor belts those weapons that will kill, maim and destroy. Profiting from human death, suffering and destruction, the military-industrial complex, with an ever-increasing budget allocated to it, needs perpetual war and violence to continue expanding its mammoth hegemony. War, after all, is the ultimate revenue-making business model that is guaranteed to redistribute Murka's treasure away from the people and towards the elite. By destroying the infrastructure of a nation, the Establishment assures itself of having to rebuild it back up again, using cronyism, corruption, fraud, Enronesque accounting practices and Halliburton-style robbery to further enrich itself at the expense of the masses.

Using up and exhausting its weapons of war, manufacturing new and ever-more supplies, creating evolved technologies, flattening cities and infrastructure, rebuilding once again using the businesses it owns, taking possession of the oil industry and all its resources, having Iraq's industries, utilities and businesses privatized, buying and carving them up, monopolizing the nation, exploiting Iraqi citizens through lower wages, higher prices and the evisceration of social programs, the elite of Murka assure themselves of the enormous bounty created by war, occupation and the implementation of their neo-liberal policies that continue to decimate scores of underdeveloped nations throughout the world.

Meanwhile, in the Land of Murka the population goes about its daily lives, amnesia guiding its short-term memory, its attention span converged on the celebrity trial of the week, diverting its attention away from disasters at home and abroad. Fed a steady diet of bread and circus, enthralled by the latest Michael Jackson story or celebrity gossip headline, millions continue gorging on the intravenous feeding tube called denial, becoming so out of tune with the rest of the world's opinion and reality that rabbit holes continue to sprout everywhere, sending the Land of Murka into a wonderland of delusion, manipulation and fantasy.

Today's lone superpower is dangerously falling down a slippery slope of perilous undertakings, dumbing down its population, creating, with each new generation, an army of worker bees and soldier ants not capable of rational and analytical thought. Millions of unenlightened drones are now the rule rather than the exception. They now allow state-sponsored terrorism in their name. War crimes are ignored, as are gross violations of human rights. Voluntarily and without protest or debate they are giving up their civil rights and freedoms. Democracy has vanished before their unknowing eyes. Murka has become an Evil Empire, hated by the world and detested by billions, yet those residing inside the belly of the beast seem not to care, not bothering, not understanding and not giving a damn. It is this hubris that will in the coming decades cause Murka to implode from within.

Recovering America's Imprisoned Energy

The Land of Murka is a wonderful spectacle of heterogeneous synergy, a land of impeccable beauty and multi-talented humans. Tens of millions of its citizens are honorable, good and decent people striving for the highest integrity and virtues, seeking life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The greatness of humanity exists in abundance in this country, waiting for the world to see. Millions possess the intelligence, wisdom, talent and ability to move the nation forward into stratospheres of greatness.

Yet an entire nation is being led astray, hijacked by greed, unenlightenment and the forces of the Almighty Dollar. We are being sodomized by the cross and buried alive with the red, white and blue, allowing ourselves to be gang raped by miscreants in power. Murka is a nation currently lost in the netherworld of amnesia (remember Enron, Halliburton?), sickened by a plague of Alzheimer's, possessing the attention span of a gnat, the wisdom and IQ of a shoe, gleefully handing over our civil rights and freedoms, becoming submissive fatalists to corruption, rotting with fascist momentum, infested with the maggots and leaches consuming us from inside. Tens of millions residing inside the belly of the beast have been sucked into the fog of schizophrenia and paranoia, allowing their frightened and stressed out minds to yield to frustrated angers and exploited hatreds. Without a doubt, the

Establishment and the corrupt lackeys it owns are ruining a great people and majestic nation.

We deserve better than what we presently have. If the People do not rise the land entire will eventually fall, flattened by powers too strong for a small cluster of dissent to fight alone. Great potential lies within our shores, yet it is crushed and exploited, made submissive and manipulated to the dictates of power, turning many into seekers of war and violence. The many are made subservient to the few who use a vast array of tools to control and divide us. From our hypnotized slumber we must wake before all that has been gained is lost. There is still time for the Land of Murka to once again become America, yet this window of opportunity is passing us by.

Let us, then, recover our great energy that once transcended oceans and borders and cultures and differences, making this land the bastion of goodness and humanism. Let us become the shining example of all this is good with mankind, once more lighting the beacon of greatness that has been extinguished by the veil enveloping our land. Let us once more be Americans, for we are the world just as much as she is us. Let us rejoin the peoples of the world, embracing the fraternity of nations, educating our progeny, enlightening our population and learning how to lead not as an empire, but as one global village, through wisdom, reason and a humbleness that will make our children stand proud to live in the land we once knew to exist. This legacy we must leave our future, not the one we are presently embarking on.

Let us purge alternate worlds and parallel universes from our lands, making extinct the sickness that has plagued us for years. We are the solution, not the problem, and inside each of us is the energy that has been imprisoned inside the dungeons of the human animal. It is time to make it free, allowing it to fly unhindered through the zenith of renaissance, granting it the freedom to change the direction this country has taken, giving it life to fill dark skies with enlightenment. The key to unhinging the locks holding back America lies within us, one and all. Searching deep inside we will find this catalyst for change, and what we decide to do with it then could very well alter history as we know it.

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