

“MISUNDERESTIMATING” THE U.S.
(An Expression Coined by President George W. Bush)

For all those who wish to do harm to the U.S.,
this booklet wishes to remind them that:

Stepping on U.S. toes is quite likely to result in a terrible outcome.
The toes are connected to a foot, in turn connected to a leg,
which finally attaches to the derriere (that’s the ass) of the U.S.
which the stepper will have to repeatedly kiss ... for redemption.

This paper, written in 2019, is definitely unsuited to be an “academic” paper.
It was written as part of a series of lectures.
It was structured to be controversial.

Until my coming to the U.S., I was on the very left of
the political spectrum. However, in the huge
undertaking of this Holocaust project, I played fair and just.
Enough of them are still left in spite of TikTok and all other postings ...

This paper precedes a vast attack from U.S. hater of all varieties,
and it needed to be written.

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THE 2016 ELECTION RESULTS

Jacob strongly believes that America is a misunderstood colossal power. It took him decades to begin to understand America's wonderful uniqueness. As his grasp improved, he began to understand why the vast majority of countries, people and institutions of all stripes – rich and poor, learned and ignorant, political friends, frenemies (sometimes friend and sometimes enemies) opponent and real enemies *essentially misunderstand America to an extent leading, in most cases, to wish it ill*. This is a rather strong indictment. This indictment is primarily based on the actions by the learned elites that rule, it is not just based on the masses who can be easily manipulated. Jacob sealed this indictment upon watching the near *unanimous animus towards the US immediately following the 2016 elections*. Jacob was astonished by the facts. He considered:

1. *Everything* about the 2016 elections irked nearly everybody in the U.S. and elsewhere.
 - Starting with the election results. *Trump won, surprising every pundit with a college degree. He was not supposed to win.*
 - *Western democracies' news media, following their American sources, have expected Hillary to win.* It seemed inconceivable that a man like Trump (with boorish language, awful manners, lacking any experience and skill in the geopolitical arena, who is without any consistent ideas on how to lead or even just influence events in a very turbulent world, who is apt to treat his role as the Director of a reality show) *can be elected at all.*
 - All, really all, the major US networks' key anchors and all their experts *actually mocked the idea of a Trump victory; major news organizations just mimicked their US brethren. Polling organizations got into the act. The NY Times predicted a 92% chance of victory by Hillary.*
 - *Non-Western democracies, the UN dwellers, have had reflexive behavior – never show any respect, nor any approval of the US government's decisions and actions.* It was natural to hear from these actors the cacophony of disapproval of Trump's victory.
 - It wasn't just the fact of *winning by Trump* that irked countries, people and institutions, *it was the magnitude of the win.*
 - a. The US media and their brethren in Western democratic countries refused to acknowledge the facts – *all numeric indicators – of the win size; (i) a huge electoral win margin (ii) a vast increase in congressional and senate seats (iii) a huge dominance in governors count (iv) a vast increase in state houses competition.*
 - b. To wipe the egg off the faces of the US pundits and media, a whole slew of excuses were invented. The excuses cited the popular vote 'victory' (most due to the California vote alone), interventions by Russians, Kardashians and

Martians in an election that *are impossible to materially manipulate – due to myriad of voting systems used, differing local rules for voting by mail, early and military voting, etc., etc. Even the Martians will be confused by the chaos of elections in the US.*

- It wasn't just (a) the surprise win by a man that elites in the US loathed (b) the magnitude of the win (c) the refusal by the nearly all opinion makers in the US to come to peace with the results – *It was a win by a person whose differences with the élites world views was so deep and irreconcilable with what they believed in and were accustomed to, led the elites to Armageddon-like depression and in some cases to derangement.*
- It wasn't just the man who won, the magnitude of the win, the deep divide between his views and the elites' beliefs, that irked them so. *It was at the end of the day, the 'loathsome voters' – It was the 'deplorables' and the 'irredeemable' that brought about 'Armageddon.'*

Surprisingly, the voters, in lockstep, delivered a set of messages that (a)yes, they like the beer they drink (b) they like the guns they display on their pickup trucks (c) they like their preachers on Sundays (d) they hate the elitist who despise them (e) They hate being called racist, homophobic, Islamophobics and a host of other choice names all related to stupid... (f) Yes, they like being corny, patriotic and have no mercy for all those who burn the flag, who loot stores and have fancy explanations to justify the behavior (g) they intensely dislike the Washington DC swamp with floating Gordian knots that they can't figure out how to untie. *The Gordian knots cover all aspects of their lives – healthcare, jobs, safety, gangs, drugs, foreign wars, the shame they feel when presidents roam the world stage and keep apologizing for all sins – real and imaginary, old and new --- when in fact, they view America very differently.*

- The media, the opinion makers, the pundits, the academe, both parties' election machines, the good and bad pollsters, the big financial donors, the honorable and near-criminal single – issue organizations could not fathom the election result. *It wasn't money.* Trump spent very little compared to Hillary. Sanders collected nearly as much as Hillary from small donations. *It wasn't the 'dirt'.* collected by opposition research gurus and tactically used to affect voter opinion. It wasn't Russia who was as wrong, as all the others, who tried to forecast the results and who couldn't impact a chaotic system of elections no matter what they did. *It was not the super scientific methods of 'getting the voter to the polls.'*

It wasn't the conspiracies-laden dot.com with vaunted power over the zombies who are impacted by the alternative media and the instant mass responses to the fakery of unedited news.

The overeducated punditry, some in such exciting fields as 'ancient Latvian studies', abhors chaos. In general, they tend to admire orderly and 'well-reasoned' government intervention in people's lives. They don't believe in the invisible market forces. They have a festering disrespect for the masses, for voters, for opposing views, and worst of all, they scream the loudest when they are wrong. The punditry in the US delivered its forecasts of the elections to friendly and not so

friendly foreign media and opinion setters who abhor chaos in politics even more than Americans. As their American brethren, they hated to be wrong. The feelings towards the US of non-Western elites need no elaborate description. It ranges from serious disrespect to simple, unadulterated hatred. Trump called them out, how very uncouth. He actually chose, when promised to 'drain the swamp', to wear dirty clothes (not top hats and striped pants) speak dirty, tweet at 3 am and capture the news cycle driving his opponents towards terminal derangement.

2. It was not just the numeric results of the election that irked the US elites and the rest of the world opinion setters. *They heard throughout the campaign, an overriding slogan: "America first".* Nobody of stature in the US punditry paid much attention. First because both left and right did not believe in a Trump victory; thus, nothing to worry about. Some in the bloviating class, pointed out that prior to US joining the WWII fray, this slogan was a cover for many sympathizers of the Nazis or plain admirers of the fine order being finally instilled by strong leaders in Europe. All these were mixed with folks who just didn't want US involvement in the European sewer.

Some pundits connected the slogan with specific trump tirades regarding the perceived ineptness of US negotiators of trade agreements with demonstrable imbalances inherent in these agreements. Other pundits dismissed the worries re trade by actually somewhat agreeing that a good negotiator might improve on the built-in imbalances re trade. It turned out that the pundits that count *totally misunderstood what the concept of "America first" means when spoken during the campaign and woke up to suddenly grasp what will really happen under Trump regime.*

- It quickly became clear that the administration being formed has a clear goal of undertaking a forensic examination of all aspects of US policy. Start with foreign wars.
- The realization that a 'character' like Trump, whom the elites loathe, will shake up all familiar policies, practices, treaties and regulations involving all US international relationships with governments and international institutions frightened everybody who was already irked by the elections results.
- Even the calmer minority of opinion setters were jittery. Take some Republicans who favor American interventions in foreign conflicts. It is based on the belief that fighting terrorists in foreign lands is preferable to fighting them on US soil. Pre-Trump administrations have had a policies/practices mix that defy logic. *Try to mix the following:*
- The theory of 'nation building' – spending fortunes on pacifying tribes, religious antagonist/crazies, in ersatz 'nations' cobbled together by colonial powers.
- Near insane rules of engagement that actually preclude winning, while simultaneously, not knowing what winning means and entails.
- 'Partnering' with a large number of powers who have no idea why they are partners beyond the obvious bribes that made them join the coalition to begin with.

- *The forensic examination extends way beyond the hot wars being fought.*
 - Given the campaign rhetoric, examining the role of NATO – *especially in view of decades of neglect by European partners to provide for their own defense* – dictate a fear within NATO alliance partners that a major US policy change might be in the offing once Trump sets the compass.
 - Given the Trump campaign rhetoric and the Obama policy goals vis-à-vis N. Korea and Iran, instills a fear of a potential finger on the nuclear button with untold casualties.
 - *The forensic examination extends to trade wars and skirmishes with proven allies and neighbors such as Canada and with neighbors such as Mexico with a host of antagonistic policies towards the US.*
3. The forensic examination will extend to the policies, practices and structure of the UN.
4. The combined *certainty of the various forthcoming forensic examinations*, the wide range of issues and structures involved, the lack of customary ‘diplomatic’ manners of Trump, *when added to multi-decade European disrespect for America makes for a serious misunderstanding (or as Bush the younger said, “misunderestimating”)* of the US.
- The US elites fear the effects that may ensue from the seemingly erratic geopolitical and security views of the Trump team. *They fear the economic effects, the social and cultural effects possibly even more than the geopolitical ones.*
 - Jacob has had, in his long life, a serious entanglement with capitalism, its ‘destructive’ nature and effects on people lives, on deteriorating cities, on crime rates, on the diminishing of the middle class and other widely accepted and taught sins. Jacob understood how strongly the various socialists’ views are adhered to by the elites. *It is clear that the economic status of the US – past and present – has an incredibly strong effect on the security status of the US.*
 - There are three distinct ways of diminishing US economic power: (a) One way is attempting to bankrupt via astronomic costs of WWIV (now raging, sapping the vitality of the US economy), (b) Utilizing the UN and its myriad organization to spawn treaties that dictate US trade policies, US vast expenditures with clear intention of crippling US growth (c) a worldwide cultural barrage leading to binding treaties in energy use and production.

Add to the above the extremely costly ongoing programs – whose results have never been forensically examined – which led to poverty winning “the war on poverty,” guns and drugs winning their respective wars.

A strong debate regarding the war of civilizations (a.k.a. World War IV) has its twists and turns. We will the above, one at a time.

Europe and Its Sins – Discussion

This lecture was quite controversial.

“I want to tell you about a recent lecture I delivered in Delray Beach. The attendees at the lecture were much less polite than you people. I will tell you what happened. You might be interested.

- (1) The following statement will be very controversial. It is meant to be because it is true. “in the first half of the 20th Century, Europe produced two horrible wars. Nothing like these wars was ever experienced before. Tens of millions were killed, many more maimed.” This statement is directed primarily at governments, regimes, business elites, academia, cultural elites and media. With regret, it also touches millions of individuals who knowingly committed crimes of unheard-of magnitude.

A well-executed cat call interrupted. “What the hell does this Europe talk do with anything involving Trump?” Without hesitation, Jacob responded, “It is my objective to make you regret you ever wished that any of our leaders should act like the European leaders did in the past 100 years and still do today.”

- (2) You all had a serious use of the terms “Deplorables” and “Irredeemable” in the election campaign of 2016. These terms have a perfect fit to every European government in the 20th Century and to most of them today. It is the dearth of exception that makes this unpleasant statement so powerful.”

A call interrupted. “You seem to miss the weight of the question you were asked before. Let me repeat – what the hell does this have to do with Trump?” Without hesitation, Jacob retorted. “It seemed that many here wished that this “Jerk President” would act as the supposedly brilliant, cultured and polite Europeans would do. I am determined to make you gag on that wish. Let us use some facts.

- (3) WWI had a whole bunch of reasons to justify it. None is fully fathomable by a rational person. A deranged Kaiser with Imperial ambitions with a collapsing Austro-Hungarian Empire in tow and a truly collapsing Ottoman Empire facing a British and French Imperialist Alliance and a sick Russian empire in tow. Look what they did:
- The German geniuses invented Zeppelin for bombing England, they used chemical weapons and machine guns for mass killing. They lost the flower of their young elites. At the end, a huge defeated Army came home to a colossal war between left and right, eventually resulting in a Nazi dictatorship – supported by a clear majority, all of whom were deplorables and irredeemables. The others were jailed, killed or lived in indignity.
 - The British and French geniuses sacrificed the flowers of their elites in trench warfare in Europe. On particular days, the genius generals would sacrifice about 10,000 men to gain a few yards of meaningless territory. The same generals weren't far from the killing fields. They stayed at very sizeable chateaus having fine food, wine, music and yes, beautiful women. The British had a nasty additional habit of sacrificing “Colonial” (Canadian, Australian, New Zealanders, Indians and others) before having their own slaughtered. The “Genius British and

French Diplomats – all beautifully attired, had well-groomed mustaches, marvelous manners – concocted a surrender treaty with the losers with terms of surrender so onerous that guaranteed future enmity and revenge. Germany was bankrupt, which added to the German severe revolutionary tendencies and rise of the Nazis.

By the way, the genius German diplomats have been successful in getting the Russians out of the war. They packed Lenin into a train and shipped him into Russia. The Pact the Germans foisted on the Russians was a bigger atrocity than the complaining Germans were forced to sign.

- The Diplomatic Geniuses of France and Great Britain (Picot and Sykes, respectively) have, as early as 1916, in the midst of the stupid war, carved out the collapsing Ottoman Empire and created a nightmarish scenario for continuous ‘huge wars’ for the entire 20th Century. They created a large number of ARTIFICIAL COUNTRIES – Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Jordan – and made promises to many would-be countries in the Persian Gulf and in North Africa. They made promises they weren’t going to keep, promises they knew they could not deliver on and, in most cases, they just did not pay attention to tribal, nationalities and religious conflicts. All the problem in the Middle East can be traced, in large measure, to the obnoxious colonial habits of the British and French rulers. “If by now your love of European regimes was a bit shaken, wait and get the main courses.”

(4) WWII was different. It was a MONSTER.” Several cat calls came simultaneously. He turned to cat callers. The first one was simple: “OK, the European diplomats during WWI were not geniuses, not even nice. You said that they potentially caused future damage. Does this excuse Trump from being a Jerk – in all the meanings of this ugly term?” Jacob reply was short and somewhat mean. “The U.S. has slept with these European genius dogs for too long and has gotten from them fleas and, especially distressing, a terrible disease – criminal naivete. After I listen to the other questions, I’ll serve the first of the main courses to help further weaken the admiration of Europeans diplomatic geniuses. Then we will deliver the coup de gras.

The second person who interrupted Jacob, smilingly declared, “I don’t much care about a European history lesson. Trump is a Jerk, period. Why don’t you comment on that?” There was a serious challenge there for Jacob to stop playing with the periphery of the key issue – most listeners hated Trump to an extent that nothing will sway them to a lengthy discussion of mitigating factors in his behavior.

Jacob turned to the third person. “What was your beef about?” The man waved his hand and added, “I yield to the question that was asked.” “OK” said Jacob. ‘I’ll do both. First, I will demolish your belief in European diplomatic genius so that none of us would wish to listen, to act, believe them or imitate them. They are the pits. It occurs to me that we could deal with both subjects at once. Let us try.

- (5) You say that Trump is a SOB, a Jerk, a Boor, etc. You obviously base this on evidence you draw from his campaign, his stump speeches, interviews, and interactions with Hillary. Let us try a few specifics.
- When he indicated that Jeb Bush was personally energy deficient, it may not be a real insult even, forget a crime. Jeb had a lot of money in a kitty, a large number of willing donors, a recognized name and basically had a reasonable respect from people that like his polite way of handling exchanges with opponents. But, all the pundits – friendly and unfriendly, to Republicans, in or out of media, or academe MISSED THE FACT THAT THE ELECTORAL LEFT AND RIGHT WANTED A REAL CHANGE. THE LEFT'S CHANGE WISHERS HELPED ELECT OBAMA TWICE. This is not the time to detail what exactly the change desired was. The right's voters desire for change resulted in successive elections where Republicans increased governorships, state houses and senates' seats and winning a vast number of counties to make the map look red. The electorate on both sides was radicalized – 'It is the economy stupid' – they weren't looking for nice leaders who looked good in tuxedos. Whatever the total of material issues were, there was no doubt that stagnating economy, too many rich guys created by Washington when the rest of the country feels uneasy and concerned. Trump got on the "Swamp" train. Jacob's rules say that if you want to drain the swamp, don't come to the fray wearing a tuxedo and speak the fine language of Shakespeare. You dress and talk dirty. So he went through the campaign and all you good people cringed. Jefferson and Madison behaved no better than Trump and you don't call them Jerks. By the way, I really don't like smelly clothes, neither do I like coarse language. I don't like locker room talk about women. I wonder, however, why President Clinton got away with all the "Zipper Problem" acts and the evidence was there. Locker room talk and zipper problems are different, much different. Nobody called Clinton a Jerk. Let us stop for a moment to go to the geniuses of European Diplomacy.
- (6) The Genius European Diplomats – the ones who know what is right behavior and good manners and can see into the future given their brilliant analyses became Master Appeasers.
- In 1936, the Berlin Olympics became Hitler's coming out party. The Gentry knew quite clearly what Herr Hitler was about. They had the evidence. Hitler, after only 3 years of absolute rule, challenged the entire fox-hunting crowd to kowtow to his challenges re: Czechoslovakia, Poland and his interventions in Spain, his Italian compadres re Ethiopia, his Japanese buddies in the far East and his domestic atrocities. The French alone had the military capabilities to defeat the monstrosity, they were too busy building socialism in France. Much of the British elite was enamored with the achievements of the very young Third Reich and actually wanted a very orderly Europe with Germany taking care to arrest Bolsheviks' threats of expansion. Europe was chockfull of dictators.
 - The European elites discovered that within 3 years past the Olympics, Hitler succeeded to build a formidable war machine and began to fulfill his Mein Kampf promises of European domination. The European gentry seriously appeased the

monster and since then, hasn't stopped appeasing any other monster. Let us leave the proof of this assertion to points we will shortly present. Now, back to the "Jerk, President Trump."

- (7) Trump declared that the cornerstone of his entire world view ("Weltanschauung" in German) was the concept of "America first." The cacophony of derision, name calling and contempt was deafening. So, not only cleaning and draining the swamp, he was going to flex America's muscle to the entire world. He will arrogantly terminate treaties, long-standing agreements, build grotesque walls, forcing the "walled in" to pay for it, etc.

It became very clear to his detractors that Trump will engage in a trade war with China – a country he accused of every economic misdeed possible. On top of the China syndrome he acquired, he was going to unwind NAFTA and create economic skirmishes with the immediate neighbors with whom humongous trade volume has been ongoing for many years. It was not just the idea of "America first" that bothered the multiple detractors, it was also the tone and demeanor of delivering the idea to all who'd listen – left, right and center.

Now, boys and girls, if your starting point in considering anything the "Jerk" says, does or twits at 3 am that he is a Moron, there is no need to analyze anything. Consider, however, for a fleeting moment, when you last had a screaming debate or disagreement. Why did you then scream so loudly? I'll tell you what the plausible answer really is: YOU WERE PROBABLY WRONG.

The simple fact is that "America First" is a great concept, as is "China first" and Mexico first." China can't sign any climate accord that limits its emission of CO₂ for at least 20 years because it will be suicidal for China. It is this imperative for China to think about China first and foremost. For similar consideration, I submit that the U.S. cannot sign any climate accord that puts a prohibitive burden on the U.S. emissions. There are fine solutions, climate theology isn't one of them.

Before we laud the "America First" concept any further, let's take another peak at the genius European diplomats.

- (8) Appeasement became an art form for the major European regimes. The "Museum" that handled this art was "The League of Nations." Having witnessed the calamities of WWI, the victors envisioned an organization and institutions whose responsibility was to assure that no calamity like WWI should be witnessed again. The well-dressed, well-groomed, well-mannered gents kept piling accords, resolutions, studies and investigations to help every "stray dog" on the planet set up numerous FEEL-GOOD CONFERENCES KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD AND WOULD DO TO ERADICATE EVIL BEHAVIOR OF EVIL REGIMES. I want to acquaint you with the concept of "Criminal Naivete." It is a simple concept. It is also a very wide-spread disease.

To be just 'naïve' connects you, umbilically, to some lack of real information. It is also connected, quite strongly, to view bad situations, ideas and people in a better light than they really are. An example of a "naïve person" could be identified by his

utterance advising the arsonists and the fire brigade to discuss their differences. Children have an admirable naivete.

Criminal naivete, as a disease, requires a situation where the fire brigade actually talks to arsonists. It further requires that the fire brigade had talked to the arsonists many times before to no avail. Fires kept popping up, but that's still not enough. There are more requirements for criminality:

- (a) The fire brigade hides the information about the arsonists and has done it for sometimes.
- (b) The fire brigade's management forbids the disclosure of data regarding connections of the existing fire with previously studied fires, because it might prejudice investigations and trials.
- (c) The terms used by briefers to the media require the use of "Flame event" to substitute for "Fire set by arsonists" and use of "arsonist," the substitute being an "Extremist suspect."

We will return to the criminally naïve. Let's just detour back to the "Jerk" President.

- (9) Churchill has been warning everyone who'd listen about Hitler, his plans and his allies for over five years. The British and the French governments, having a serious case of criminal naivete, refused to listen to Churchill's warnings. Chamberlain started a strange appeasement process. He went to the arsonists' lair and brought back a paper that, so he claimed, promised "Peace in our time."

He, and every other European genius, knew that the peace promise was not worth the paper it was written on. They gave up Czechoslovakia, that is what appeasers do. Then, Hitler did what he promised to do. Chamberlain resigned and Churchill took over the reigns of an empire that lost its way. By 1941, Hitler reeled in all of Western and Central Europe, leaving an isolated and bleeding Great Britain.

The French established a series of records on the Chutzpah scale. First, they lost so badly and so fast that it was "a dizzying spectacle" – a direct result of doing nothing in preparation for an attack that they knew would come.

Having lost, and obviously withdrew from the war, they enjoyed the wine, food and women, Maurice Chevalier and other performers. They ran a vassal regime under German watchful eyes. They did, however, commit a major crime, as the criminally naïve eventually tend to do. They assembled their entire Navy and "Parked in Algeria." U.S. and the Brits could not be sure of the loyalties of the assembled fleet and had to sink it all for fear that they might join Hitler's Navy.

The other record on the Chutzpah scale was the inexplicable designation of France as a WWII "victor," de Gaulle's Chutzpah was bigger than his nose.

- (10) Criminal naivete assumed epidemic proportions. Everybody knew that Germany had a vast number of concentration camps on German soil and in conquered East European territories. The term “everybody knew” applies to simple folk like the Dutch that excelled in locating Jews and delivering them for very good pay to an efficient German machine for delivery to concentration camps. So did the Vichy French’s fine citizens. Neighboring towns near the camps could smell the burning flesh. Well, simple folk are not as bad as the regimes that governed them.

By exception, the Danish King showed that the regimes didn’t need to willingly cooperate. The very neutral Swiss regime sent “observers” under Red Cross cover to Theresienstadt – a specially selected camp, specially chosen by German propaganda to show how “normal life” occurred in concentration camps. There were orchestras there.

MY WIFE’S GRANDFATHER DIED THERE. The Swiss were real geniuses in facilitating German confiscation of funds and art stolen from Jews and other undesirables, they facilitated German transactions involving Sweden – another fine “neutral.”

NO CRIMINALITY WAS EVER COMMITTED ON AN “INDUSTRIAL SCALE” REMOTELY RESEMBLING GERMAN ATROCITIES, AND EVERYBODY KNEW ABOUT UNIMAGINABLE VILE EXPERIMENTS ON HUMANS, THE SLAVE LABOR, THE PLANNED MASS MURDERS, THE FAST LOOTING OF NATIONAL TREASURES AND ... Jacob stopped. “The Europeans were lucky that the U.S. joined the WWII fray and cleansed the European cesspool for the second time. IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GRASP THE VOLUME, QUALITY AND SPEED OF U.S. DELIVERY TO THE EUROPEAN FRONT OF THOUSANDS OF SHIPS, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PLANES, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES, HUGE VOLUMES OF ALL NEEDED SUPPLIES (including beer and cigarettes ...). When it was over, a very sad sequence of events happened.

- (11) Immediately upon cessation of hostilities in Europe, the Brits changed the composition of their government. They got rid of the real genius (and a lonely genius) – Churchill, and substituted a labor government which did not know how to thank the U.S. for saving their and the rest of world’s bacon. The French got De Gaul, well-rehearsed in political infighting from the days of the “French Government in exile” operating in London. He just didn’t like anybody who spoke English (Anglo-Saxon, he called them). Together with the Dutch and Belgians, the Brits and French were far advanced towards losing their empires.

To avoid the need to provide numerous examples, let us all just stipulate – loudly and clearly:

- Europe was a big, suffering mess
- The “Sheriff,” the U.S. came and (a) Helped them by sweeping away the Fascist scum and (b) Providing an IMMENSE “MARSHALL PLAN” – the magnitude of help never seen before – TO REVIVE BOTH VICTORS AND VANQUISHED.

- The “Sheriff” supported THREE TERRIBLE BIG IDEAS SOLD TO THE “SHERIFF” BY THE GENIUS EUROPEAN ELITE DIPLOMATS. Please note that:
 - To realize really big idiotic ideas requires a very high I.Q. normally idiotic are relegated to us, normally lower than stellar IQ’d. Our silly ideas are correctable, the BIG IDIOTIC IDEAS ARE NOT.”
 - The “Sheriff” always had an inferiority complex vis-à-vis the European geniuses. By the time one finishes scanning how much snake oil was bought in the 20th Century, one wonders why the inferiority complex still exists.
- Just for purposes of enumeration for now, the three BIG IDEAS RANKED BY SNAKE OIL POTENCY:
 - Stalin’s U.S.S.R. as a substitute for Hitler’s Third Reich.
 - The World’s Government – The U.N. structure – as a substitute for the League of Nations
 - The European Union (“EU”) and its umbilical connection to NATO.

A very loud and clear cat call was heard by all: “You are an insane old man.” Jacob did not miss a beat. “You are almost right. Take Stalin first. See how insane I am.”

(12) The European elites adored the Soviet Union (“The Worker’s Paradise”). They knew about the millions of Ukrainians killed in the ‘30’s. They knew about atrocious police state, severe practices controlling all aspects of life worth living. They knew about Russian control of all those Communists and quasi-Communist parties worldwide. They gave Stalin a pass when a convoluted set of points justified the Molotov-Ribbentrop Agreement was signed keeping Russia out of WWII for two years. They became Stalin’s helpers in the government services media and universities and many became real spies – as the Cambridge crowd illustrated. Stalin’s appetite for world domination was bigger than Hitler’s.

We can take on the U.N. – a “criminally naïve” enterprise. Other than lofty goals to make the geniuses feel good, they know how fake are their deeds, how knowingly misleading are their deliberations and resolutions, how toothless are their threats. How unaccountable are the structures, the management and actions and the worst of it all, how they provide the snake oil of assuring legitimacy?

To every evil doer on the planet, I can spend a whole day recounting their sins. On very infrequent occasions, some affiliated NGO might do some good (e.g., Doctors Without Borders) while most of the time the entire enterprise is corrupt to the core.” Another cat call followed.

“You are insane, as you almost admitted. You pile on garbage on the very good people who try so hard to avoid worldwide epidemics, provide for food distribution to suffering victims, who take care of refugees, who separate warring factions, who bring criminals to justice, who help children and women worldwide, who lobby hard for

cleaner environment, who hold immoral behavior up for scorn, also help poor countries' development projects and so much more." Jacob again didn't hesitate. "Other than questioning my sanity, which I do myself, since there was a time when I was led to believe that your enumeration of the good deeds is real. In reality. NONE OF WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE. ZERO RESULTS DOES NOT JUSTIFY INFINITE FEEL GOOD INTENTIONS."

Finally, we can get to the third leg of the geniuses' ideas – the European Union. The dream was simple – Europe has had continuous wars since time immemorial. Finally, after two horrific world wars, the geniuses of the European elites have had a revelation that, based on objective facts, they can create a single entity that will benefit all the European states, while abolishing wars among them. The facts were simple – the combined population of the Democratic Europe was larger than the U.S., the territory was about U.S. size, the GDP was equivalent to the U.S., and thus, why couldn't a "United States of Europe" come to life? Not only was this politically and economically appealing, it was strategically sound. A military alliance with the U.S., via NATO, would secure the EU vs. potential Russian shenanigans. The dreamers forgot a few things.

(13) They forgot that the "sheriff," who rescued Europe twice was still protecting them. The "sheriff" protected their energy supply routes at many points on the planet, as well as protecting their trade routes FOR WHICH THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY. Neither did they worry nor grasp:

- That they got used to the sheriff's protection that they could afford the INSANITY OF DEPENDING ON THEIR SECURITY BY TRUSTING THE U.N. STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE DECENT STRATEGIC ORDER.
- That their lack of worry about their security will allow members of the EU to practically disarm.
- That long simmering animosities among the members and regions within member states will wither away. It didn't. English/French 1000-year wars are reflected in speeches and actions, German/French wars and suspicions still prevail. Spain is still a badly stitched collection of Basques, Catalanian and others. The Irish, Scots and English still "feel the pain."
- The tendencies to centralize and assume controls over member states has made Brussels intrusive in all aspects of life of the individual states – all enshrined in a very voluminous constitution.
- The dreamers have established welfare states that can't afford the benefits bestowed on the poor and middle class which frays the economic fabrics of the member states getting many of them to the brink of bankruptcy: Greece, Spain, Portugal and Italy are already there while France is ready to follow.
- The dreamers forgot that they are not as good as the American founding fathers who designed the American Federal/States system with all the checks and balances. The dreamers dictated, in their design, how much cocoa needs to be

included in the production of chocolate. The dreamers dictated all the good, make-you-feel-good things that Brussels must do, including overrides of national parliaments which lead to open borders, a theological approach to environmental solutions, a huge dependence on multinational institutions – the U.N., world bank, WTO, WHO, UNESCO, UNICEF – and, in many cases, incoherent accords.

- The worst of it all, the dreamers designed it all depending heavily on compliance by member states who keep forgetting to contribute to their mutual defense AND KNOWINGLY EXPECT THE U.S. TO BAIL THEM OUT AGAIN AND AGAIN.

- (14) The U.S. has unified Germany, has deferred Russian aggression by winning WWII (dubbed erroneously as the “Cold War” – there was little cold and much heat in the 45-year battles of WWII). The U.S. is now engaged in bailing them out again in the ongoing multi-front WWIV – the attack by Hate Terrorists who hold countries hostage (N. Korea, Iran and some midget wannabees) and terrorist networks who declared war on civilization. “So, what do the dreamers do?” Jacob asked rhetorically. “They submitted to Russian energy holdup of Europe, tested the annexation of Western European regions, and finding sissy hood, have raised the ante to bigger tests.”

The Europeans diplomat geniuses, in collusion with Russia, have convinced the U.S. government that they are superior negotiators and thus produced the idiotic kabuki dance with N. Korea – handing them the bomb and the missiles to deliver them, in addition to billions of dollars. The same geniuses got involved in negotiations with Iran – handing them a fantastically insane clear path to nuclearization and 150 Billion Dollars AND THEY KEEP INSISTING THAT THE U.S. CAN'T ABROGATE THE DEAL BECAUSE: (a) “It isn't nice” (b) they can't agree with the U.S., since they were the negotiators (c) The Iranian total obnoxious geopolitical threat must be segregated from the nuclear deal. It is hard to fathom any of these reasons.

- (15) Given the economic and military status of Europe, the “good life” enjoyed for about three decades and who can no more afford it, the self-satisfied elites who can't and won't work hard on their burning security problems, their misleading of the U.S. by misnegotiating with enemies who declared war on the U.S., NO WONDER THAT AMERICA FIRST WAS THE CORNERSTONE FOR THE AMERICAN 2016 ELECTORATE.

- (16) Finally, on this “Jerk President” mantra, who is the real Jerk? And, while we are at it, why couldn't the 150 Billion Dollars be repaid to this rogue obnoxious terrorist state at 1 Billion Per Year, increasing with good behavior.” A whole slew of cat calls occurred. The clearest was “You are an insane war monger. Your views will lead this country to wars and conflicts everywhere. We had enough of war talk.” Jacob made it a point to respond very fast to provocation. “It is not my views that lead to war. IT IS YOUR VIEWS. I HATE WAR, BUT I ALSO DON'T ADORE SISSYHOOD EXHIBITIONISM – THE BEST ENCOURAGEMENT EVER FOR GETTING MIRED IN WAR. JUST GET THE EUROPEAN GENIUSES OUT OF NEGOTIATING FOR THE U.S., THUS, PROVIDING THE U.S. WITH THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE PRIVILEGE OF BAILING THEM OUT FOR THE FOURTH TIME.”

“I think we all had our fill dealing with the lofty terms of “Strategic Patience,” “Criminal Naivete,” “European Geniuses,” “Jerk President,” etc. Let’s complete this with a joke, just to generate a better mood. So first, I’ll tell you a joke. For those who don’t laugh at the punch line, I’ll provide an explanation.

“Many countries and regions have developed national reputations. The Germans are assumed to be devoted to precision. Caribbean Islanders are assumed to be disrespectful of appearing to a meeting on time. Jews and Orientals are assumed studious. Got it? Okay. Many countries have assigned the term “stupid” to their neighboring country’s population. Norwegian and Swedes consider each other’s populations as stupid. Now, we all know that it is silly to refer to entire populations as stupid.

Notice how long the above Preamble is? I was born in Poland and have heard numerous Polish jokes, mostly built around the concept that Poles are stupid. So, having apologized for even thinking about ethnic slurs, allow me to tell you about a math competition in Warsaw for children 7-9 years old. The hall accommodates 2,000 people, all excitedly waiting for the last round, last question. There are two remaining contestants, Henrik and Yanush who just delivered a wrong answer. If Henrik provides the right answer to the next question, he will become the champ. A panel of judges will determine the correctness of the answer by Henrik.

The moderator slowly and authoritatively asks Henrik, “How much is 4 plus 3?” Henrik thinks about it deeply, the judges are on edge, the crowd is on pins and needles. Henrik uses his fingers, he sweats. Finally, he answers. “4 plus 3 is seven,” the judges consult each other whether the answer is correct. The crowd begins to chant, louder and louder: “Give him another chance, give him another chance ...” There are several conclusions possible.

- (1) You should never have a math competition in Poland.
- (2) The judges, all very important personages from the EU, examined the ramifications, all possible ramifications, of both approving and disapproving the answer, could not reach a conclusion.
- (3) The crowd went bananas.
- (4) The moderator looked perplexed and fidgeted.
- (5) Henrik was fed the answer by hand signals from a funny-looking guy in the far corner of the hall, who was immediately arrested for violating EU rules for “math competitions east of Kiev,” explicitly stated in the European Constitution.
- (6) The government resigned.”

Jacob looked at a young man who didn’t laugh.

“Since this little story did not tickle your funny bone, I’ll tell you another joke. It involves, in addition to Poles, other members of the ‘European Community.’” One fine morning the Prime Minister of Poland got fed up hearing repeatedly how stupid Polish people are, assembled the best and brightest in the country and told them to do something spectacular which will erase the unjust stigma once and for all. Taking the exhortation to heart, the scientists and technologists

left the Prime Minister promising a major accomplishment. One year later, they returned all excited and told the Prime Minister (“PM”) about their deed. When the PM heard it, he smiled with satisfaction. In one year, this team of his has built the world’s longest bridge. He congratulated them all. He then asked where did they place this bridge. The leader quickly answered, “In the Sahara Desert.” The PM became red with rage. “You idiots are now going to make Poland the butt of all jokes and insults. Go back and destroy this abomination. They all rush out. One week later, they returned to see the PM. “Have you done it, have you destroyed the monster bridge?” he asked. “No” said the group’s leader. “We couldn’t.” When the outraged PM asked why they could not, the leader replied that an entire Italian battalion assigned to NATO was standing all along the bridge fishing.” I’ll spare you the sad ending. Although I promised that my European tirade will end with the jokes, I think that you all may benefit from an eyewitness story I have for you.”

The tirade re Europe, aimed at the young fellow has been had with Professor B many years ago and repeated multiple times. “It is not sufficient to recount the European sins, you have to demolish the set of theories, beliefs and justifications for their alleged sins.

I vividly remember a polite but tough argument with a German Diplomat, attached to their U.N. mission in NY. The German Diplomat (“Wolfgang”) was in his mid-thirties, medium height, slim and well dressed. He was at the meeting, at his request, with an Israeli scientist who was involved with a non-GMO method of plant propagations to achieve exceptional results. The Germans were willing to participate in a U.N. sponsored program. I was working closely with the Israeli scientist. The meeting went well. Wolfgang absorbed information very fast. When the meeting was formally over, Wolfgang invited both the scientist and me for lunch. The scientist needed to excuse himself, so I joined Wolfgang for lunch. There was a short, slightly uncomfortable minute when, after sitting down at their table, Wolfgang stated that he hopes that “we don’t have a German Elephant in the room because of his being German and I being Jewish.”

“I see no elephant,” I quickly retorted. “Why do you want Germany to be involved in this project beyond the usual desire to be a good U.N. member who wants to help provide better and more food for needy countries?” I asked and expected the usual pablum of a diplomat. Wolfgang quickly answered. “We Germans have a long way to go in being the good guy with good deeds not just good intentions. This is an example of doing something very positive, with obviously very competent people, who happen to be Jewish,” he smiled. “That was a three-point basketball shot.” I liked the answer. “Well, what will happen if the project is successful? What happens next?” Wolfgang quickly answered that it is not in his job description to worry about what happens next. “I think that when a need is present, the market somehow provides – at a price – the means necessary to satisfy the need. I understand that you may have other missions and time and budget may prohibit you to precisely ascertain the next step, but wouldn’t it be more efficient to get some steps ahead?” I really politely wanted to tell about his skepticism re the U.N. capability to affect the destiny of the project. “Why not get a company, German or other, and get thought out?” Wolfgang laughed. “I have a PhD in economics. You’re welcome to teach me some more. I understand market economics. I know what the “Invisible Hand” can do. Just for your information, I don’t believe that this type of project should be guided by the U.N. or by a particular government without the participation of a “Private Company” to make it happen due to good incentives and not just good intentions.” “Well, here we go. The third way,” I uttered. “Yes, the third way, we prefer it.” By uttering “the third way” it became clear to both what they were actually talking about.

All Wolfgang was implying in his “Third Way” utterance was that the notion that in modern economics, the government is a major force in many, if not most inventions and hence, the economic system is not a pure “Market Economy,” like it or not. The difference between my and Wolfgang’s economic “world view” was not confined to just government intervention in just the development process of technology. They differed in much more.

The “third way” implies that financing of the development of technological solution is not solely based on satisfying existing demand, but of satisfying a “social need.” The government and major companies, under the Wolfgang “Third way” umbrella, can determine that non-fossil fuels are not only desirable but mandatory. Thus, a budget is allocated to universities and companies to develop solutions.

The “third way” implies that the major companies retain their profit incentive and can reward their stockholders and employees with benefits for successfully taking the risk of investing in a development project. To sustain a peaceful and cooperative atmosphere, the government, major companies and employee unions periodically over several years, negotiate the contract that governs their relationship – salaries, benefits, work rules, profit participation, governance and all important aspects of this grand social contract. I view the “third way” thinking and actions with great suspicion. I understand the corporate profit motive. He doesn’t adequately understand the motives of the government in this in this arrangement. What drives a bureaucrat to make major economic decisions? If it isn’t money, what is it? What drives the union representative to agree to any cuts in salary, benefits, profit sharing, when things get a big sour?

The “third way” crowd has no appetite to think of corporate hard times. They, however, point out that Germany has achieved an economic miracle, after the WWII disaster due to the “third way” approach. It isn’t capitalism in any pure way, it isn’t socialism where means of production are owned by the workers, it is a truly third way. There is a real problem with the “Third Way.”

The thinking exhibited by Wolfgang was suitable for a certain period in the Post-WWII era. For strategic reasons, the U.S. and its Western allies – primarily Great Britain, France and Italy, had to see Germany recover as fast as possible. It was the key barrier to Russian potential capture of Western Europe. The German Government enjoyed an unusual U.S. economic support to rebuild the country and its economy. Nobody would dare, inside German, to disturb the rebuilding process. Workers were happy to just have jobs, companies were happy to produce any profit and the politicians were happy to accommodate everybody to achieve ongoing progress. It didn’t take long for fundamental changes in the environment of Post-WWII where a “Protected Child” of the West became a serious player.

It was no secret that the German economy, with the social tranquility helped by the U.S. embrace, grew pretty fast. A perfect storm was gathering. It all came to a head when the Soviet Union collapsed. In advance of that fateful event, the European partners of Germany wanted – once and for all – make Germany so integrated with them, economically and politically, so that no matter what, they will not again threaten Europe.

The European Union idea was invented and implemented. A wave of euphoria descended in Europe. The EU would be the size of the U.S. in population, GDP and other indicators. Each European country will not have to negotiate with U.S., China and Russia separately, together they’ll be Orwell’s third colossus. With a governing body in Brussels, they could create freedom

of movement of people, capital and goods, have very progressive human right protections and will never have to face another Franco-German war. Having Britain join this sweet dream, assured that English-French wars of 1000 years will cease. Newer members will have to obey the dictate of the major powers – Britain, France, Germany and Italy and act in concert with their wishes.

The first problem in the Perfect Storm hit German when, as a result of a unified currency, the Germans realized that they supported every slacker in the Union. A Greek train conductor made 70,000 Euro per year, a fantastic benefit package and even more impressive pension, compared very favorably with his German counterpart. Greece provided all the goodies as a right. Hence, it has effectively forfeited the practical possibility of ever lowering or, God-forbit, rescinding any benefit. The Greek economy could not afford it. It borrowed money from EU institutions at a rate reasonable for Germany but ludicrous for Greece. Once the borrowing binge started, it didn't stop. Spain, Portugal, Italy and even France are not in a much better position than Greece. Germany cannot afford to finance the borrowing binge. Neither will it, for long, agree to do it.

The second problem associated with the perfect storm is the incredibly cumbersome regulatory system governing economic, political, cultural, legal, culinary, communication, financial activity of individuals, institutions, country parliaments and any conceivable activity of man, machine and beast, once such a creature is created, it escapes the lab.

The suffocating regulatory system has driven Great Britain, and will assuredly drive others to leave the EU, partially or in total.

The third problem, associated with the perfect storm, consists of the open borders policy, which allows free movements between EU countries, thus creating a severe security problem for any law enforcement agency. It makes apprehension of terrorists nearly impossible. It is the fourth problem associated with the perfect storm is the real culprit for many future EU problems.

To begin with, most EU rules are insanely permissive. Law enforcement, cannot raid a nest of terrorist cockroaches after five o'clock (they must have dinner then). Proving a crime by terrorists is a nearly Herculean effort. There are areas in major countries where law enforcement does not dare to enter. There are regions where Sharia law is actually practiced, immigration is of a huge volume. So is the refugee program. Germany suffers from all the above maladies.

Criminally naïve governments seem reluctant to change any of the enumerated practices. Add to that, insane environmental practices where the solutions offered are actively exacerbating the problems, lead to the inescapable conclusion that some breakup of the EU structure is coming. Germany is not going to support the "Third Way" policy for most EU slackers and spenders.

The Energy Lectures

The lecture Jacob gave re the elections started rather benignly. Some news morsel was mentioned. Jacob hearing, a recent concern, prevented him from catching the news morsel. One of the oldsters repeated it and ended the sentence with "Can you believe it?" He turned to Jacob. Now all eyes were turned on Jacob. Being polite and liking everybody in the lecture room, Jacob was truly reluctant to engage in any political discussion or debate. So he used the

noncommittal phrase. “What do you expect from a politician.” Jacob correctly assumed that politicians are not normally held to high standards of moral behavior. The answer just encouraged the oldster, “Look, the man is a moron, he is going to undo all the regulations regarding coal production. We know that he will undo all the regulations regarding drilling. All our allies are screaming with horror regarding this denier of climate change.” Jacob quickly answered, “I understand your concerns.” Jacob avoided expressing any opinion about the substance of the concerns. “What besides understanding my concerns crosses your mind? Aren’t you enraged?” The answer was “No” and again, Jacob did not address any substance of the concerns. Jacob’s answer caused everybody to have the “I don’t believe it” look.

Jacob confronted the DENIER ISSUE head on. “Professor, are you a denier?” Jacob smiled and told him, “No, I am not a denier. You will be pleased to know that I am reasonably sure that the planet is getting warmer. You might be even more pleased to know that I believe, as fervently as you probably do, that the evidence – scientific, not “theological” – actually dictates that the planet is warming up. You know, beautiful butterflies have appeared farther north almost every year in recent decades.” Jacob was quickly interrupted. “So, if the planet is warming up, and you know the evidence to support this as fact, why is it that you are not enraged by all the actions of the moron president?” Jacob did not want to get into a heated debate. Some things bothered Jacob. “I don’t want to be condescending, but I must object to your characterization of the President as a moron. The next step in your argument will be piling on terms such as “Jerk,” and the glee which you exhibit in such characterization. Assuming that your beliefs are well grounded, why couldn’t you just say that the President’s actions and anticipated actions are mistaken? Why MORON?”

“Because he is!” exclaimed one of the oldsters wishing to engage in battle. Jacob liked the guy. He was a well-educated scientist, lectured at a local college, had a decent sense of humor and was quite polite and well mannered. “It is interesting that a nice man like you, and I do mean it condescendingly,” Jacob smiled, “will use terms like moron and jerk when referring to any holder of views not exactly synchronized with your views, and, quite uncharacteristically, apply these to a newly-elected President.” The oldster’s look showed a worsening mood. “It is not just his actions, vis-à-vis the environment, that earns the man the honors of being a moron and jerk. It is his entire set of beliefs and the extreme boorishness of his behavior. I don’t care that he is the President and I want him gone!” He was smiling with the satisfaction of a believer who, in an important debate, delivered the killer argument.

“Bravo!” exclaimed Jacob. “Every day, literally every single day, you go with more certainty about this “moronic” President’s lack of fitness for the office he assumed five months ago. Am I right in saying that the President exhibits a uniquely objectionable set of characteristics – based on your moral, political, economic and scientific judgments – and combined with boorish behavior towards opponents, towards women, towards former associates and friends, and more frighteningly, towards countries and leaders worldwide, making him unfit to have his finger on the nuclear button and hold any power? How did I do in this indictment?” Jacob took a deep breath and added, “I am not sure that the list of his sins is complete. He also twits morning, noon, and night engaging a wide audience in narcissistic exhibitions of his grandeur and appeal.”

By now, more oldsters wanted to join the fray. “This list of his sins sounds quite accurate to me and probably to every decent person.” Jacob, still smiling turned to the newcomer to the fray. “Nobody, other than I, provides such fine talking points and concessions to people who are as

excited as “you guys” are. To save you from getting your blood pressure to fly high, save you from stammering out of the anger and hate excitement, I gave you decent talking points.” Jacob stopped, looked and added: “Let me surprise you further.”

“So, my friend, you want to cease using coal. Not just as a goal, but ‘now.’ It is okay for the young to think this way: they don’t have ‘strategic patience.’ Let me enlighten you and tell you my interpretation of the term. Listen carefully.”

The Chinese Version of “Strategic Patience”

Mao took over China in 1949 and set in motion a real 100-Year plan. In simple terms, he foresaw rather clearly, the huge, one Billion population establishing an industrial country. The methods were brutal, it cost China nearly 60 million dead, just during his supremacy. Among the methods used was unleashing crazed teenagers to roam the vast country, upending traditions and cultural institutions and creating a “permanent revolution” giving nobody the chance to organize any opposition to the inmates who controlled the asylum.

When he died, Mao’s successors discovered that the “running mad dogs of imperialism” know a lot about economics. All of a sudden, it became okay to want to get rich. Miraculously, a tsunami of energetic entrepreneurs were unleashed. Note the important role of expectations affecting outcomes. Nearly 500 million people emerged from abject poverty in about two decades. Don’t forget that some 800 million more are now awaiting release from abject poverty.

For China, to achieve the extremely ambitious goal of getting hundreds of millions out of the abject poverty condition, China needed an unusually high growth rate, say 8% per year. To do this: they needed humongous supply of energy which China does not have in its territory.

The Chinese know that, in addition to encouraging business entrepreneuring (“It is okay to become rich”), they will need to discover that consumer products are needed in huge quantity and wide choices are key to their march to become the number one economy and that the very high dependence on exports, trade deal tricks, manipulating currencies and financial markets are not going to get them to the promised land. They will need to further discover that central planning is a disease, not a cure; and they will need to discover that good relations with the U.S. is a sure way of getting reliable energy for decades.

Now, to “strategic patience.” First, the Chinese are very smart and learn quickly. By mid- to end 2020’s, they will nominally become the number one economy; they will get to the dark side of the moon and bring the astronauts back, they will adjust to key reasonable trade and currency practices. But to reach their growth goals and their overall 100-year dreams (by 2049) they’ll need vast amount of energy not coming via Nigeria, Sudan, Venezuela and other Shlumyel countries (for definitions of shlumyel, shlimazel, shmendrik, yahoo and bowwow, wait for our next discussion).

For the Chinese, the term “strategic patience” meant taking the long-term view, adjusting policies to the geopolitical reality and avoiding “kicking the can down the road.”

It is important to note what the Chinese are doing:

- (1) Being smart, they know that there is no supply shortage of energy, within the last few decades, numerous technological advances assure that not only is supply plentiful, it will likely remain affordable and stable if material political stability remains.
- (2) Being very smart, they know that the CO₂ can be captured and stored. Within a few years, “clean coal” – which is cheap – will be available to be used in a “Mix of all the above sources.”
- (3) Being very smart, they know that gas is “less polluting” than coal and some oils, which in turn is less polluting than Venezuelan oil. Thus, there exists a CO₂ “Pollution Spectrum.” The awareness of the pollution spectrum allows rapid year-to-year improvements in the actual mix of energy sources.
- (4) Being very smart, they know that nuclear plants with modern designs (not like Chernobyl) are reasonably safe. On their own, they are safer and less risky than what mother nature can dish out when it is in a bitchy and belchy mood. Adding the nuclear source to the mix of energies used will, year to year, reduce CO₂ emission levels.
- (5) Once the energy mix of “Polluting sources” can be calculated, imagine adding the naturally occurring energy sources such as solar, wind, hydro, waves, geothermal (and not too far, Fusion), the very wise Chinese can see that by 2049, the 100th year anniversary of modern China, they would have wisely applied “strategic patience.”

Note that I am not mentioning the vast cyber theft of technology, which will be an appealing booster for achieving reliable energy supply.

There is another view of “Strategic Patience.”

Now, my friends, let us turn to your likely view of “Strategic Patience.”

- (1) You have none. You have been told that coal use is a major source of CO₂ “Pollution.” It is used worldwide because it is cheap and abundant.
- (2) Since coal is such a major culprit, you were told, and you believe, the vast majority of experts that it should be stopped now. To strengthen this conclusion, it is accurately pointed out that China and India and many other countries still build electrical generating facilities using coal. China is building one generating coal based electrical facility per week, in some of its cities with huge populations you can see what you breath. So, why does China still build such facilities? Not only are its citizens breathing the stuff, 40% of the pollution of the U.S. West coast comes from the Chinese and Indians. Why aren’t the Chinese stopping using coal? The answer is simple: It is cheap and it is abundant. You are, of course, aware that numerous attempts were made by the “world community” to limit CO₂ emissions, starting with the Kyoto accord in the 1990’s and culminating with the current Paris accord. In such accords, each country pledges/commits to limit CO₂ omissions. China, India, Brazil and others are happily ready to sign.

This makes the U.N. crowd happy. It is, by definition, a REAL FRAUD. The “developing countries” have no intention to limit any of their CO₂ emissions for about 20 years, then they’ll be “ready to consider” what limitations they’ll consider. Their argument is quite potent. They say that the U.S. has had many decades to consume 25% of the world’s energy resources while having only 5% of the world’s population. China, India and others need abundant energy and low price to catch up with the likes of the U.S., hence, they’ll gladly sign any accord that, in fact, does not force them to limit emissions. The U.S., on the other hand, will carry the brunt of the accord’s emissions edicts – THIS IS AN ECONOMICALLY SUICIDAL IDEA FOR THE U.S.

- (3) The severe attempt to limit drilling for oil, the attack on fracking – all via regulations, will severely impact the U.S. economy if it joins the Paris Accord.
- (4) To close the gap in supplies that follow the compliance with the Paris Accord, there will be a mad rush for government involvement in the Green energy sector, winners and losers will all resemble Solyndra.
- (5) Many people who think like you will all feel so virtuous for a while. When you’ll see the failures, you’ll start cheating to cover up the failures. East Anglia, an English University, an important repository of U.N. climate data, started finagling data; the polar bear can swim very well, some glaciers follow the laws of gravity and predictably move down mountains to sea, huge 4,000 km³ of new ice is resting comfortably in the northern pole region. The television news segment of Antarctic ice falling to sea is shown repeatedly. It is an inexplicable occurrence where a very small area has been warming for thousands of years, the icecap on Mt. Kilimanjaro has melted mostly due to forests being denuded and affecting humidity. If too many glaciers melt, the sweet water mixing with the ocean’s salt water might change the flow of the Gulf Stream causing catastrophic cooling of north regions. Mother nature can be healing or terribly strange and cruel.
- (6) It is a strong economy that could throw off monies to engage in “Manhattan Project” type of breakthroughs in Green Energy. But that requires real “Strategic Patience.”

Jacob was very surprised that his long tirade was listened to and not hackled.

“So far, we have just introduced the subject. In our next lecture we’ll discuss a rational way for dealing with the energy issues.”

RESPONSES TO THOSE WHO MISUNDERESTIMATE THE UNITED STATES

Here's a refresher on how some of our former patriots handled negative comments about our country.

JFK'S – Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when de Gaulle decided to pull out of NATO. De Gaulle said he wanted all U.S. military out of France as soon as possible.

Rusk responded, "Does that include those who are buried here?"

De Gaulle did not respond.

When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of American 'empire building.' He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying, "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt the Americans have done? They have sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What do they intend to do, bomb them?"

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: "Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; How many does France have?"

RESPONSES TO THOSE WHO MISUNDERESTIMATE THE UNITED STATES

Here come the Belgians

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a Naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French Admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

AND THIS STORY FITS RIGHT IN WITH THE ABOVE ...

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting, admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible...Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France!"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."