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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"After less than two thousand years only a handful of people have even begun to glimpse some of the glorious possibilities which lie before us if we continue true to this Faith and apply it in the world around us. In this sense Christianity is the most radical and adventurous of religions, and ought to be about its business as the husbandman of the Kingdom of God; but there is need for conservatism also, for there is another sort of change, represented by the invasion of an organism by an alien virus which destroys or mutilates the heritable characters and hence its future potential. And this is what is clearly happening with the virus of the dreary, deterministic religion of human power, which has now entered deeply into the Anglican Church, and most of the others as well.*

"Even so, there remains open the way of redemption, not by adapting the Faith to tolerate its disease, but by rebirth, and a new growth from the original living inspiration."

– Geoffrey Dobbs, *"The Shape of Priests to Come"*, 1980

THINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY SEEM by Jeremy Lee:

As this grisly and tragic Iraqi conflict moves towards its final stages, the sheer ineptitude of what has happened must be a cause for reflection. Along with a seemingly inevitable subjugation of Baghdad a great mass of subsequent problems will surface with a vengeance. The Turkish-Kurdish confrontation is simmering and ready to explode. Afghanistan, which abuts northern Iraq, is largely back in the hands of the Taliban, who are making the lives of America's occupying puppets a misery. Both Iran and Syria, knowing they are next in line in the "axis of evil" will hardly be co-operative in smoothing the US path. Subsequent guerilla war in Iraq itself will be more painful on a longer term basis than the current phase of the conflict.

Arguments over the subsequent 're-building' of Iraq will pit the United States against Europe and the tattered UN. Who will finance all this will be a question capable of beggaring economies already reeling. The giant corporations, like Dick Cheney's Halliburton, already have their snouts in the trough. For them, the bigger the destruction the fatter the subsequent cheque for re-building.

And Israel? Without firing a shot itself, it will have seen its territorial ambitions enhanced by American, British and Australian troops. It has its fingers right on the pulse of the conflict.

The Weekly Telegraph (UK, 607, March 12th-18th, 2003) reported: *"... Patriots, designed to shoot down incoming missiles in the event of an Iraqi attack, have been provided by the US and Germany to back up Israel's Arrow anti-missile system."*

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"Up to 600 US troops arrived in Israel weeks ago, taking part in low-profile exercises and training. An Israeli army spokesman would only say: "Patriot missiles will be deployed in different parts of Israel's territory in the coming days".

"The US has quietly set up a joint command center attached to its embassy in Tel Aviv, at which Israeli officials will be able to see the same electronic overview of the skies over Iraq as US commanders....."

During World War I, the biggest task facing Lawrence of Arabia, who had been sent to produce a viable Arab assault on the Turks in Jerusalem was to unite the warring tribal factions among the Arabs. George Bush has managed to achieve it in one hit. His actions have produced a white-hot Islamic unity right round the world. The warning given by one Iraqi spokesman that this would produce "a hundred bin Ladens", with whom the West will have to contend, is, if anything, an understatement.

THE LIES THEY'VE TOLD: One by one, the lies told by the Bush administration to justify this war, and parroted by Blair and Howard, are being exposed.. One example is the supposed gassing of Kurds at Halabja in northern Iraq in March, 1988. How many times the bloated corpses of those killed been portrayed on television is anyone's guess. Both Blair and Howard have echoed the story. What they forgot to mention was that the CIA's own senior political analyst during the Iran-Iraq war, Stephen Pelletiere, who was responsible for drawing up a report for the US government on the incident, stated very firmly that the Iranians and not the Iraqis were responsible for the massacre of Kurds by chemicals at Halabja in 1988. Pelletiere's report was in fact reprinted by *The New York Times* (31/1/03). But why let the facts get in the way of a good story that might help the war effort?

Pelletiere wrote in the article: *"I am in a position to know because as the Central Intelligence Agency's senior political analyst on Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war, and as a Professor at the Army War College from 1988 to 2000, I was privy to much of the classified material that flowed through Washington having to do with the Persian Gulf. In addition, I headed a 1991 Army investigation into how the Iraqis would fight a war against the United States; the classified version of the report went into great detail on the Halabja affair Immediately after the battle the United States Defence Intelligence Agency investigated and produced a classified report, which it circulated within the intelligence community on a need-to-know basis. That study asserted that it was Iranian gas that killed the Kurds, not Iraqi gas"*

POWELL'S 'PROOF': Somewhat better known, but still outrageous was the report praised by Secretary of State Colin Powell, produced by the Blair government to 'prove' that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. This was supposed to be the final nail-in-the-coffin for the Iraqi dictator. Unfortunately, it was subsequently revealed that the report was nothing but a plagiarism of material found on the Internet with most of it being more than 12 years out of date. The BBC was even forced to report that the British Government document was *"copied from three different articles, including one written by a postgraduate student ..."* The BBC continued: *"Excerpts from a paper relating to the build-up to the 1991 Gulf War by Californian student Ibrahim al Marashi were used in the intelligence document. The paper was published in the Middle Eastern Review of International Affairs".*

BUSH AND URANIUM: Powell's report was nothing compared to the next fiasco.

On January 28th, 2003, in his State of the Union address, President Bush announced to the world: *"The British Government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently bought significant quantities of uranium from Africa"*

The documents, given to International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Mohamed El Baradei, indicated that Iraq tried to buy 500 tons of uranium from Niger.

Colin Powell had also referred to this 'revelation' in his attempted justification for war against Iraq, to the UN Security Council.

One month earlier the US State Department used the information to support its case that Iraq was lying about its weapons programmes.

But a closer investigation of these documents revealed that they were obvious forgeries.

One of the documents was a letter discussing the uranium deal supposedly signed by Niger President Tandja Mamadou. The UN weapons inspectors described the signature as "childlike" and said it clearly was not Mamadou's.

Another, written on paper from a 1980s military government in Niger, bears the date of October 2000 and the signature of a man who by then had not been foreign minister in Niger for 14 years!

The forgery was, in fact, highlighted by El Baradei in his March 7th, 2003, presentation to the UN Security Council, but this was simply ignored by both British and American governments.

THE DIALECTIC ONCE AGAIN? In recent issues of *On Target* we have revealed the move by some oil-producing countries – including Iraq – to shift from the acceptance of the US Dollar in payment for oil to the Euro. If this became general, the rush by nations round the world to sell American securities in exchange for Euros would all but destroy the American economy.

This is now being discussed by commentators worldwide. It may be that the castration of the United States has been foreseen by many in the globalist coterie, and they are adjusting accordingly. Known globalists such as Jimmy Carter, Nelson Mandela, George Soros, Mikhail Gorbachev and Walter Cronkite have come out *against* the US war against Iraq. Why?

Henry Makow, Ph.D, one of the most discerning commentators around, posted this article on March 23, 2003, under the heading ELITE SETS THE STAGE FOR WORLD WAR THREE – AMERICANS TO TAKE THE 'FALL' THIS TIME. He said:

Something very worrisome is happening. Some of Rockefeller's best toadies oppose the war. But Rockefeller and his ilk are responsible for the war. What gives?

It appears the global elite is dividing its minions into two "house teams" again. The last time this happened we had the Fascist-Communist slugfest called World War II. The same satanic cabal controlled both sides and picked Germany to take the fall.

This time, the US, Britain and the "coalition of the willing" are on one side. On the other are France, Germany, Russia and China. The center of global power is moving to China, Europe and Russia. I see a world war over Korea, or more likely Iran and control of the Middle East oil. The US overextended from Kuwait to Korea, will come up short.

My guess is that the US will find itself increasingly isolated and vilified as a result of the Iraq war. I suspect the hidden agenda is to bring down the world's last superpower, to replace the UN with a new instrument of "world government", to kill a lot of people and to wean Americans off democracy and their high standard of living....."

Makow went on: "...For almost 100 years the American leadership class has belonged to an international cabal that is determined to dissolve all human loyalties, including the nation-state, and establish a global tyranny. George Bush, who is part of this cabal, has led the American people into a trap.

Who in their right mind would deliberately alienate 1.3 billion Muslims? Of course Hussein is a bad man, but this is not the motive. The US is acting as 'gofer' for the Zionists and the oil cartel, two leading parts of the cabal. They will come out ahead, while Americans will foot the bill and take the brunt of Muslim indignation".

After comprehensively illustrating his theme, Makow concluded: "... While Americans are distracted by jingoism and jiggle, they are being set up for a nasty fall. The leadership class has already 'left the building' as it were. The end of the Iraqi war will find the United States isolated and reviled. As the Bush cabal tries to push its advantage, it will come into conflict with China and other nuclear powers. A major confrontation will ensue and an overextended US will be humbled. Americans will take a greatly reduced place in a new world order.

Americans should direct their anger not at their country but against their political and cultural elite, which is corrupt, cowardly and traitorous...." (<http://www.savethemales.ca>) Makow's personal E-mail is henrym@mts.net.

It would be nice to imagine that our bullish Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, has this long-term scenario at his finger-tips, and is forward-planning with Australia's best interests at heart. Why does one recoil from any conviction that this is so?

BEYOND BAGHDAD from Brian Whitaker's email: "As the assault on the Iraqi capital looms, machinations about the country's future are already under way," writes Brian Whitaker, April 2nd, 2003. "The battle for Baghdad is about to begin in earnest, according to numerous reports this morning. The invasion forces are said to be 'poised' and a massive ground offensive is 'imminent'.

Amid the talk of capturing Baghdad, *The Guardian* reports that Pentagon experts have spent several months observing Israeli military operations in Palestinian cities, and have been studying videos of the assault on Jenin last year. The article quotes a retired Israeli brigadier-general: 'An urban environment is the great equaliser. You can't utilise your superiority in training and equipment. It's very easy for your adversary to hide and he usually knows the terrain much better than you.'

Meanwhile, Iraq's government-in-waiting, which the US is setting up under great secrecy in Kuwait, is beset by political turmoil. Pentagon hardliners appear to be mounting a coup d'etat even before the government has any territory to control.

Apart from the attempt by Paul Wolfowitz, the deputy defence secretary, to install Ahmed Chalabi, the failed Iraqi banker, and his cronies in advisory positions (since all the ministerial posts will be filled by Americans), the Pentagon has also ousted eight senior officials nominated by the US state department. The Pentagon is seeking to replace the state department people, who include several ambassadors, with a bunch of neo-conservative hawks – most notably James Woolsey, a former CIA director. One of the first concerns of this government-in-waiting is what to do about Iraqi banknotes which – horror of horrors – carry a picture of Saddam Hussein. Their solution, according to the *Washington Post*, is to scrap the Iraqi dinar and replace it with the US dollar. This will doubtless be viewed by all Iraqis as conclusive proof of America's imperialist intentions.

Several major Iraqi opposition groups, such as the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Iraqi National Accord, say they have been excluded from discussions about the interim government. A KDP official yesterday described the US plans as "not workable at all". Although Britain has been consulted, it also seems unhappy about US plans to establish neo-colonial rule, even if it's supposed to be temporary. Prime minister Tony Blair yesterday called for a UN-sponsored conference of all groups to start reshaping Iraq's future.

Most reports so far suggest that the Pentagon's government will be very short-term – 90 days is the period mentioned – and that it will not start to take over until Saddam Hussein has been removed. However, if resistance in Baghdad is prolonged, it may assume control over the "liberated" parts of Iraq earlier. It is possible, therefore, that by the time Saddam falls, a new Pentagon regime will have become firmly entrenched on Iraqi soil..."

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