

Global Schemas – w/o Trauma

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Introduction

Foreword to global schemas

The whole point of global schemas is there is a natural evolution in schema development over the ages and things change with time. This script draws heavily on different disciplines. history, politics, psychology, religion, current affairs, ideology, governance, mental illness, and it makes the claim that all these different disciplines are converging. And charts that convergence.

We are individuals

We are all individuals, unique, God given, indivisible and biological distinct. It may obvious when stated but mentally that is not how we conceive and know the world. We know the world by virtue of our mental schemas. I use the word schemas a lot in this book and it means a multiplicity of things. It is our mental take on reality something of a template but it is not reality. Our minds do not conceive nor cannot nor were intended or capable to conceive reality. So at best we approximate.

What is a schema?

A schema is a map on reality. The better the map the closer it comes to reality. Unfortunately for us our schemas don't come close to reality. And they also collide and conflict and challenge each other. Schemas are a mental attempt to grasp reality. But they are always impaired and poor facsimile of reality at best. They are just not good enough. Reality is better.

Humans do not have one schema. They have many. And they often conflict and collide with one another.

Historically humans started to develop schemas with literacy. With the ability to express language in a written way.

Different types of schema

Legacy (inherited) schemas

There is however also the genetically inherited DNA schemas which all animals including us carry. This tells us to eat when we are hungry, to desire the opposite sex to defend ourselves when attacked – fight or flight and many other things besides. So that is a legacy schema. Is the inherited blueprint of what it is to be human.

But we also make our own schemas. And in time we developed ways to share them with our young and pass them around our communities and so on.

Collection of schemas – our identity

Our collection of schemas which we develop as we progress through life could be loosely thought to constitute our identity at any given moment but only at that moment. Identity is dynamic and in flux. This is another word we often hear bandied around.

Personality

I distinguish the word identity from the word personality. Personality is perhaps genetic maybe stored in DNA and does not fall into the scope of this book. Personality characteristics are not mental attributes like our schemas.

Schemas in conflict

Schemas are in conflict and have always been in conflict. Not only are they in conflict between different people and different groups they are also in conflict within us and form the main basis for our continuing ideation as we struggle to resolve our conflicting schemas. Awake or asleep we struggle and do battle with our rival schemas.

In our era we are witnessing and greater standardisation and coalescence of schemas then at any time before in our history.

Gender based schemas

There is the gender based schema. Traditionally this is based on male or female. Historically society were and often and still are paternalistic.

A schema free world

The world without schemas

If we had no schemas and accepted their redundancy, their historical anachronistic nature we revert to our individual selves. There is no longer any necessity to belong to any particular schemas or live a life in obedience to one.

Humanity is mentally unwell

Humanity is not an individual consciousness. That's a crazy idea – the Borg. 7 billion humans.

21st century men and women are mentally ill and it's their mentally conflicted schemas that make them ill. It is insanity what they are doing, As individuals they can be unconscious and unaware but collectively its quite obvious.

Men and women have always been mentally unwell. And always a prey to the myriad of schemas in their cultures inherited from their parents and so on. What potential for humanity lies beyond schema conflict? In essence our mental capacity is severely impaired with little hope of resolution.

They are mentally unwell because they are psychologically prone to ideation overwhelm under key conditions of stress and pressure.

Most modern problems are at the root schema conflicts. The recent war in Ukraine is a national schema conflict. America opposing China over Taiwan is an ethnic schema conflict. American Caucasians are uncomfortable with Chinese Asians being more assertive even about their own territory. Environmental degradation is the result of the over application and implementation of the capitalist schema. It's relentless export around the globe has caused this problem.

Without mental schemas there would be no lines on the map, no misallocated resources, help for whoever needed it. A better world. Humans could focus away from conflict which consumes 95% of their time and energy.

The lines on the map don't exist. If you go to those places you find no lines. But the lines and demarcation exist in our minds. They form part of our schemas.

The human mind is far superior to any computer and in fact computers are only a crude copy of the human mind. Our minds through billions of years of evolution has arrived at this point. A computer is yet again an attempt to impose a schema on reality. Who knows what twists and turns four billion years of evolution had to take?

More types of schema 1

The scientific schema

Science and empiricism are also schemas. Reality may or not be like that. Who can say? Science gives us the a-bomb but also the potential for global suicide. Again the starting point is we are the starting point. What do we need science for anyway? It's the benefit to the human race has at best been neutral. But we ask something of science that it cannot do. It's merely a tool. An implement. But it is represented as a way of life and the potential for a utopia future.

The extrapolation of any schema always ends in failure because the premise and the starting point is flawed. There is nothing wrong with who we are there is everything wrong with who we pretend to be. Reality will never conform to our mental schemas. It was never under any obligation too. Reality pre-exists us anyway.

Humanity is trying to push its diverse schemas in a finite space. They all collide, overlap and interlink. Sometimes one gets ahead of another and sometimes not. The physicality

of humanity predicates certain space constraints. People need room, to grow, to develop to prosper.

The physicality of the individual is they need personal space. Immediately there is pressure of resources. That individual needs things to survive. Once a child is born they have needs to survive. But that is it. He or she can live in a small way or a big way in a shoe box or a mansion.

The medical schema

The medical schema is through science prolonging the life span of people who would not normally survive and channelling excessive medical resources to their survival. The medical schema has meant a dramatic fall in infant mortality. Hence again more resources are required because simply there are more people. This pertains to the Christian schema every life is sacred. But all these are in collision and now severely threaten our survival. Again the fundamental Christian schema is go forth and multiply. The earth is a unlimited storehouse. The animals are yours do what you what you will.

These fundamental schemas were not problematic when there were very fewer humans. Now they do form a big problem.

My contention in this book is not only do we need to update our schemas and much faster than we are comfortable doing. Schemas because they are overly complicated and necessarily redundant can mostly be dropped.

What does humanity need to survive? We don't need nation. We don't need church. We will survive without capitalism. We will survive without retrograde consumerism and planned obsolescence. We can offer a good life to our current numbers but the capitalist schema in particular is in the way. It should be dropped.

When history is finally written on this era of human affairs. It will conclude regrettably that humanity was always mentally unwell. Or you could call it a developmental adolescence. I think beyond this mental unwell state is a much better life and society for all people. So our antecedents are not illustrious. But we can do better.

The human brain is not adequate to the reality of the world, or maybe can't cope or process that reality. It was never designed more like evolved. So each stage of mental and brain evolution draws on each level of physical reality. But all those stages co-exist in every person at any given moment. We are still at a very rudimentary stage. We are too primitive to be interesting. Dialogue with a baboon is not really stimulating and doesn't go anywhere. We are the baboon.

There is no intelligence behind human affairs in aggregate. There is just collective insanity. **A person can be smart but people are not smart.**

More types of schema 2

The schema of time

The schema of time segments human experience. Our existence is does not sub divide meaningfully into segments of time. We just are and then we are not. Simple really.

It would take a very audacious political scientist to predict the American hegemony in 15th century America because it was chance and there was no evidence. Hordes of bison roamed the American prairies. Manifest destiny is of course a schema. The British empire similarly was serendipity for the English people after the battle of Hastings they were a conquered people by the Normans.

Retrospection is not inevitability. Just because something has happened doesn't prove anything. In reality in real time there is always uncertainty. With hindsight no uncertainty. Perhaps why we prefer to live in the past.

Hindsight is certainty but in relying on hindsight we are projecting the past into the present and future. Trauma victims do this. Humans do this also. We don't like uncertainty so our fantasy is hindsight projection.

Just because something happened in the past doesn't mean it will happen again in the present or future or in the same way. If we were scarred or hurt by an event in the past then we would probably fear it happening again.

We must dispense with the fantasy luxury of certainty for the truth and reality.

The media schema

99% of media output is negative. But the media isn't a representation of reality. It is a distortion. Reality isn't like that. Obviously most identify immediately with the negative outlook. Because they are essentially negative. But life isn't that. Its good and bad. Good and bad on a daily, hourly minute by minute basis. Good things come out of bad events and bad things can come out of good events.

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The negative default probably reflects the mortality of all humans. We are going to die. It is only a question of when. So any mortal threat is a complete fascination. This gets the blood racing and the palms sweaty. It is good for selling copy and newspapers. The feel good story is boring. Who cares? It is horror movies, disaster movies, zombie movies, vampire movies. A very popular genre. To those there is a reaction. To the feel good no reaction.

Again with the bestial side of human nature we are the bestial married to the higher order brain function. A spiritual beast. Beauty and the beast is the analogy. There is no escaping it. So we escape into fantasy and delusion about ourselves. Rape leads to conception. We are all born in violence. Nation comes into being through violence and blood.

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I know this because I was like this. And now that I come out of it I am not negative and the negative diatribe doesn't interest me.

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Ideological schemas

Ideological schemas became increasingly widespread in the 20th century. Again such schemas were adopted by many people and form the basic conflict or resource misallocation. Ideological schemas are fundamentally in conflict with the reality of our planet's biosphere can are too flawed to align or accommodate to nature's reality.

Historically the process of alignment has been conflict, war between nations, war between religious groups and war between ideological groups.

The 21st century mind consumed by anachronistic schemas is incapable and insufficient to the task of processing and dealing with reality. Resource misallocation is so severe that global society is fundamentally unstable. The disparity of resources, wealth and capital is such that this instability cannot be resolved. Not only can it not be resolved the schema basis of a more equitable world cannot be found with the current schematic framework.

Some history

History is a schema

History is what we want to be, what we remember with a very short lived memories. Cemeteries are full of graves of people who lived and died loved grew old and now completely forgotten by the living.

History is a bit like that. Rome wanted to destroy Carthage. Carthago delenda est. They dismantled the city of Carthage brick by brick. Somethings get forgotten with history. Dinosaurs are a curiosity, the most powerful awesome lizards to roam the Earth. Just a pile of bones.

Some Americans admired Hitler in the 1930s particularly his views on eugenics.

The historical schema far from being objective or accurate is completely biased and subjective to our respective national schemas. The average Briton knows nothing of the Irish potato famine or the torturous struggle for Irish sovereignty. Or they may know and see it from their own national schema perspective.

One man's history is another's indifference or self-deception. In pre Christian Ireland there was 250 roughly kingdoms each with their own chief fighting endless wars for cattle and land. Now there is just one Irish national schema.

Europe is currently 27+ nation states each with their language and history, but it is starting to make more sense for them to come together in economic and military defensive union particularly as America weakens economically and disengages from

the European domain. To use Ireland as an analogous 250 kingdoms and now just one national schema.

The European domain

The European domain is a good environment to see schemas in action over time. Various religious, political and ideological schemas have played out on the European continent over many years.

Those nations which developed early their national schemas, for example England, France and Spain fought incessantly and their national schemas continually collided.

In the 20th century two major conflicts erupted between the European powers which led to the involvement of other countries. At the end of both conflicts nothing was achieved of any significance the loss of life and damage property was huge. Those who fought in those conflicts did so to defend their respective national schemas.

Unquestionably 20th century Europeans were insane.

However if we go back to Roman times. Europeans did not have a developed national schema. If anything they were all Roman. So not much to fight about.

Similarly religious conflict and persecution was common in medieval Europe. Roman Europe typically did not have religious wars or persecution.

Ideological schemas played also a major part in the European domain. Laissez faire capitalism, communism and fascism all competed to be the ideological schema of choice. With the title going to laissez faire capitalism.

The trend in Europe

The way I would see it going in Europe is great coalescence. Their interests align more closely together than apart.

Pre-war Europe

Before the war this was not the trend. Germany was pursuing their greatness. France and Britain had a different agenda. There certainly no agreement on anything. Eastern Europe for the most part have embraced the EU. Now more than ever. Obviously a revisionist Russia seeks to fight this trend. And bring Russian settlers back into the mother land. In fact Western assistance to Russia (Soviet Union) to fight the Nazis was huge. Britain never fielded a large land army and never wanted too. American casualties were light compared to Russians. It was a very similar strategy to the Ukraine war. They didn't want to fight so they supplied weapons.

European security is a European matter

When a state is guilty of war crimes their legitimacy is forfeit. Germany's legitimacy was forfeit in the Second World War. I believe Russia's legitimacy is forfeit. no nation is free from that allegation. then it merely becomes a question of determination. but the status quo is the status quo. so at this time of writing. we shall see. we live in a very fast moving world. Legitimacy can be determined by due process. it can be debatable amongst peers. we now come to the heart of this. where right and wrong pivots on the outcome of an unjust war

The age of empires

In my book the age of empire is over. And it is over for reasons. The world is full up. Nations everywhere up the wazoo. The imperialist is always going to have a fight on his hands when he goes rampaging around as Putin does. For America the sums do not add up occupying foreign countries and never did. Imperial power was possible with colonised and disunited races who were technically vastly inferior.

Age of empires unlikely to return

Given that trend toward national schema development, I think it unlikely that the age of empires will return. Also when the big powers such as USA or Russia attempt to control a smaller nation it is usually disastrous, highly expensive and leads to an ignominious withdrawal sooner or later. Simply you cannot control another schema that's already formed. They don't see things the way you see them. Their outlook is different.

Which again is a nod to a concept like the European Union because they are entirely comfortable and used to international diplomacy, power sharing and negotiation, all things that are very difficult for the big powers.

Again Britain's adventure into their colonial past with Brexit has only served to impoverish Britain. There has been no discernible benefit. The talk now is pull back and why it didn't work. The economic data tells the story. First they were warned. Warnings they disregarded in a fever of national hubris. So now this is what happens.

No easy win for empire builders

There are no easy wins for 21st century empire builders. The maths generally doesn't add up. Small countries are much more agile and certainly more realistic. They tend not to be so easily derailed. Their national schemas are more appropriate to the 21st century. Most of Americas foreign adventures have ended in disaster – Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan etc. Russia or the Soviet Union collapsed over Afghanistan leading to the end of the cold war, Ukraine has certainly not been good for Russia – not clear yet where it will end up.

The reason eastern Europe evaporated under soviet control in 1990 was their schemas were released but never forgotten. So they just went back to who they were. At no time

did Russia or the soviets make any progress turning eastern Europeans into Russians. Now there were certain countries that had civil wars like Yugoslavia – Czechoslovakia split. My point was their schemas were intact. Germany reunited – clearly the German schema was a thing still.

The soviet union is no more. That power bloc failed and the Warsaw pact – NATO's enemy collapsed. It collapsed because it was composed of 25 schemas. All who wanted to separate. What remained was Russia the strongest schema.

It was too late for Russia to build and maintain an empire.

Here is the link

Because the soviet union tried to control all of eastern Europe and beyond they were ultimately broken economically and could no longer maintain control. **They were trying to control foreign schemas.** We even had the odd situation of the West German government paying the wages of Soviet soldiers in East Germany. The link is trying to control foreign schemas broke the treasury – the same story in Ukraine, Vietnam and Iraq. That's my link.

I am very conscious of the fact that hindsight foregone conclusion doesn't come into it. And doesn't prove anything. We can all read the history books. This is not what this is. We are talking trends here. I should never be in the business of trying to predict the future. Because I will always fail to get it right. Whether it goes way or not proves nothing.

Tie it back to political schemas

I might easily say control is very important for a dictatorship and the democracies don't try to control. They don't try to impose their will. So even though Hitler and a guy like Putin would have believed democracies are weak, they are actually stronger and historical record bears that out.

Maybe it's because democracies respect the right of other countries to be free. Maybe it is because they don't do control. They don't aim to control.

Control doesn't work on other adults particularly other adults with a different schema. The only kind of people an authoritarian can tolerate are people who buy into their narrative – see the world the way they see it. Control doesn't work and that's why democracy is more successful it doesn't try to control anyone. It is the same thing between authoritarian people and authoritarian countries. Same difference.

When you have your own schema you are no longer a follower or a side kick. You have your own way. It is the same for countries.

Religious and national schemas

There are a few schemas that have caused the most conflict in history. The religious schemas and also of course the national schema.

The religious schema is usually determined at birth and inherited from parents. It is a fundamental component of identity and historically has been the cause of much conflict between groups of different religious schemas.

The national schema is more recent and has somewhat eclipsed the religious schema. This is still a fundamental aspect of identity and it determines that it means to be a member of a national grouping.

Both are very emotive and very evocative.

Nationalism makes people stupid

Nationalism makes people stupid. I had America on the brain for decades. Of course their national schema would fail eventually. Firstly they broke. They can't afford their arrogance. And anyway they have to make way for the other people of the world. Now is their turn.

Empire passes from nation to nation. For humanity globalisation is better so the age of the nation state is passing. But that is a good thing. The nation state will be part of the regional identity of planet earth.

The same thing happened to the British Empire. They ran out of money. But no one nation state can foot the bill for global policeman. So no China cannot swoop in and take over. They can't afford it. No nation can. Alliances and blocs are the present and future reality.

Globalisation has been good for Asia generally. And it can work for Russia too.

How many countries are there in the world? **There are 195 recognised countries in the world, according to the United Nations.**

Global schemas

I get the intention with global schemas – the limit was national schemas. I long ago exploded my own. Mine were Irish, British and American. Now the American identity is exploded. This will be sharing with the world and it has a long way to go. All the episodes are identity role play.

Delving into national schemas

The Irish schema

Ireland was a late developer in the European domain. The twin catalysts for the emergence of an Irish national schemas were religious persecution and the potato famine of the 1840s. This united the Irish psyche in the sentiment they were different by virtue of their persecution and genocide.

Irish Catholics were sanctioned by the Protestant English crown. The potato famine was an environmental catastrophe brought about by crop failure and primitive agricultural methods that wiped out 25% of the population. Laissez faire capitalists in government felt no obligation to intervene and help the unfortunate starving millions.

Because the Irish schema was born in adversity it remains a strong schema.

We have always found the Irish a bit odd. They refuse to be English.

Winston Churchill

The English could not accept Irish identity and difference. It didn't make sense to them and so it went on. And eventually it collapsed their whole house of cards. There was one simple flaw to their argument – there is no such thing as Irish people. They are English. We can comprehend the existence of French identity but Irish no we do not get that. Their system failed on that.

The Jewish Schema

Historically the Jewish were subject to much persecution in Europe. Much of this was religiously motivated – since the Christian messiah was executed as a blasphemer and many Europeans possessed the Christian schema. In the 20th century the Nazi schema focused on Jews as enemies of the German state and a systematic attempt was made to exterminate them. Persecution is the defining attribute of their schema. They do not necessarily share a national schema since they live in many countries.

The Black Schema

The black people were systematically exploited as slave labour both in Africa and also transported to America where they served as the backbone of a slave economy of the Southern states. So persecution is the central attribute of their schema. Again are not of any one national schema.

The British schema

The British schema is largely a construct to unite disparate kingdoms under one banner. Britain is three kingdoms and was at one time four. And will probably separate in the near future since now their interests no longer align so closely. So British is a weak schema English is a stronger schema but as yet under developed.

At this point the respective kingdoms in Britain find that their interests no longer align. Scotland voted for Europe and so did Northern Ireland the statelet create when Ireland gained their independence. So those two countries could leave the union. Despite the fact that until now their interests most closely aligned with England.

The American schema

The America schema is weak partly because it is young but also because it so diverse. America is so much a nation of immigrants. America has also no terrestrial enemies. So unlike the European domain there is no defining adversarial catalyst. So America tends to look to its metropole Britain for guidance. And much of its schema is borrowed from Britain.

The American schema is a federated entity.

America has a lot of problems but their main problem is their polity is too racist and oligarchical. Therefore the American schema is too weak and not unified for cohesion. Their immigrant population remains unintegrated. The American schemas does not promote a strong national schema. It remains weak and disaffected. The political union remains one of two halves the liberal democratic north and the more racist and more agrarian south. It is probable that the USA will split into two parts at some stage. This has already been the subject of civil war.

America stymies global progress

The American schema stymied global integration and progress. Their bullshit national schema agenda is bankrupt. The concept is flawed and anachronistic. America cannot hold back global progress any longer.

Toxic narcissistic schemas

The American schemas like the Russia schema is vulnerable to toxic narcissism. We are superior. We are better. You must respect us more than you respect yourselves. We are not just an national schema. We are the best national schemas. The Nazis encouraged this in Germany. It is related to the concept of eugenics.

Eugenics

The study of how to arrange reproduction within a human population to increase the occurrence of heritable characteristics regarded as desirable. Developed largely by Sir Francis Galton as a method of improving the human race, eugenics was increasingly discredited as unscientific and racially biased during the 20th century, especially after the adoption of its doctrines by the Nazis in order to justify their treatment of Jews, disabled people, and other minority groups.

Racism

Prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism by an individual, community, or institution against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular racial or ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized.

Obviously seen in religion too. In Ireland the most worthless protestant was still superior to any catholic. Or again racism the most useless white is better than any black man. Trumps popularity a backlash against the first and only black president in American – Obama. Renders an incompetent white property developer somehow superior to an educated competent black man.

Autocratic white leaders – Trump and Putin are racist.

The Ukrainian schema

The Ukrainian national schema is a strong national schema defined in adversity and violence in relation to their Russian neighbour. It is very clear that they do not consider themselves Russians. Obviously in the past such a distinction was less pronounced.

This is a very strong national schema. Previously they may have borrowed from the Russian national schema but they have developed their own schema and died for it.

Back to Ukraine

Putin's biggest mistake was assuming that the Ukrainians were Russians. They are clearly not. Nor do they want to be. If they were they were welcomed the Russian army into Kyiv with open arms. Unfortunately for Putin this is what he was expecting. He even had a victory parade planned.

Again Britain could never understand Ireland. Because they thought we were British. The British Empire like all empires pivoted and realised on the fact that the colonised did not have a national schema. Once they developed on it was the end of the empire. The premise of empire is we extend our national schema over all of you. This we can do if you do don't have a national schema. But once you develop one, it's goodbye.

What happened in Ireland is we didn't have a national schema so we copied the British schema hence colonised.

Delving into religious schema

The Judaic schema

The Judaic schema posited a special relationship between God and the Jews. God or Yahweh was known to intervene on behalf of the Jews in key situations. This was however exclusive and did not extend to non-Jews (Gentiles). As a result Judaism did not have the broad spectrum appeal that the Christian schema had.

The Christian schema

The Christian schema developed in the Mediterranean region. Unlike prior religions for example Judaism it was non-exclusive in nature. It spread rapidly through the Roman world and Roman Europe. The Christian schema borrowed heavily from the Judaism schema and the old testament script was incorporated in the Christian bible. The special covenant Judaism posited with God was scrapped.

Like all religious schemas it attempted to deal with the difficult issue of human mortality. Again it posited an afterlife referred to as heaven. Access to heaven was dependent on virtuosity. Unlike the concept of an underworld such as Hades, popular for the ancient Greeks, the concept of hell was introduced for non-believers and transgressors.

The monarchical governance structure was retained and the Christian messiah was a king.

The catholic schema

Using the structure of the Roman system the catholic church based in Rome became the administrative head of this growing religion. The pope was designated as the head of the catholic church. In medieval Europe then the pope had certain religious duties and responsibilities over the various monarchs. Central to the catholic schema is the notion that power and control are retained by the head of the catholic church.

The protestant schema

In time the catholic church was prone to division and the schema began to conflict. Certain elements sought greater autonomy and opposed the hegemony and corruption in Rome. The schema split into sub schemas. The catholic schema was retained and still exists to this day as the most popular Christian schema. Religious war engulfed medieval Europe as the various Christian schemas did battle for their schema. Many people were displaced and genocide and religious cleansing – extermination of rival Christian schemas was not uncommon.

By definition the protestant schema is much more invested in individuality than the catholic schema. There is no infallible higher authority such as the pope.

The Muslim schema

Religious schemas

Religious schemas unlike other schemas deal with issues that are of concern to people and are completely unquantifiable and cannot be ever proved or disproved. This means religious schemas are the most enduring in appeal. When a new religious schema is introduced it tends to borrow heavily from the previous.

Unlike national schemas which are defined by borders there are no demarcations for religious schemas. They are universal and all encompassing. A national schema is clearly primarily invested in territory.

Common features of religious schemas

All religious schemas of the popular global variety have the notion of good works leading to virtuosity, redemption and salvation and bad works leading to hell and damnation. The religious schemas are all handed down by divine prophecy. Monotheism became widespread in Europe and Asian with the collapse of the Greek and Roman empires. Before polytheism was the norm in the classical world and also in the pre classical; world.

It is highly likely that the major world religious schemas influenced and borrowed from each other since they were often contemporaneous.

Outcomes – Schema Prediction Bias

Outcomes are not really schema related. The most is one would feel positive about the schemas some times and negative other times. It would not be obvious that outcomes are myriad and nuanced particularly to the traumatised. Good and bad. Good and evil with a tendency always to default on the bad and the negative, when of course experience is anything and everything – with many good and many bad and generally concluding on the positive.

Knowing the outcome and hindsight does not prove anything. We know for a fact that the war started a year after Munich's peace in our time. We know that but Chamberlain didn't know that he made the deal. This is not a privileged insight. I am not predicting anything just remembering a version of events that I like and suits me. It is also worth remembering that Chamberlain came off the back of the greatest war in history with 30 million casualties so there no appetite for more conflict.

Serendipity in schemas

The success or failure of any schema regardless what its supporters may say is not inevitable but more coincidence as is reality and serendipity is the fact, because that is way reality is.

Human life is short and schemas give the impression of continuity where none exists. Chance has always the major factor in human existence. We just don't live long enough to realise that or to be aware of that.

The serendipity law again

If nothing else Biden has bought Europe and Ukraine time. Germany was very complicit with Putin's Russia. And that was a mistake. Now Russia is very weakened. Whatever may

happen. Also time in the US. Biden kept Trump out of the Whitehouse where he has no business being. So now trump is an old man. So good and bad as usual. Ukrainians are nothing if not inspirational. What democrat couldn't get behind that struggle?

Occurring or discovered by chance in a happy or beneficial way "a serendipitous encounter"

I don't think it was by chance either. If I look at the Biden team, they were all accomplished. They were all experts at something. The trump team are incompetent loyalists.

"because most deals fall out, no matter how promising they seem at first."

This is a war that will never end in my view and it has been going on far longer than Ukraine. This is an existential struggle between 2 aspects of human nature. Authoritarianism and democracy. There is no winner. We are fighting ourselves. And will continue to do so. There was a lull the last time Russia collapsed but they have no institutions that would support democracy.

When sovereignty is born

When a country is persecuted like the Ukrainians have been it results in a strong national schema. Who they are means something and it is strong. They are melded and bonded together. This really happens only through adversity. For me a nation is born. Before they temporised with Russia. Not anymore. This happened in Ireland when we were persecuted by the British.

I don't think schemas can be thwarted. Ireland didn't get what they wanted right away but eventually we got nearly all of it – simply because we wanted it.

The Americans are mongrels. They are not pedigree humans. Even the Russians are more pure ethnically. Every nation is defined in blood. There is no other possibility.

When a national schemas is a weakness

The big states – USA, Russia, China are probably going to struggle because they are not very agile. Small democratic states like the EU are. When a schema is formed and it is successful for some time it is very hard to realign or improvise it at that point. America will keep doing what America does. And so on. Underdogs have an incentive to embrace change – Ukraine, Poland, Ireland underdogs.

I see the big countries as increasingly emasculated and irrelevant. They don't have a role. Playing the national schema card is redundant for me. But globally equally if it is a global world and a global village as tech and everything portends then the national schema is increasingly irrelevant. Obviously before WWII autarky was the norm.

economic independence or self-sufficiency. "rural community autarchy is a Utopian dream". As you would expect authoritarians are trying to being that back. They need economic independence and self-sufficiency. In the modern world autarky is expensive. America is

majorly in hock. So is Russia. Globalisation would be their best option to grow economically. But they can't control that. So their national schema is in the way.

In a way they have all gone as far with their national projects as they are going to go.

This is the reality I see for the EU. We have been there with nationalism and war and conflict and broken promises and ultimate we just have to get on with neighbours and get on with it. There is a global dynamic at work here that even the most deluded politician cannot resist. Globalisation and technology. Europe best fits the bill. They are beyond believing in their national schemas. They are still of a national schema but it is not such a defining aspect of their identity.

There are certain trends we are all being subjected too. All of us all of the time. We don't think about them. I remember when calling abroad was so expensive you stayed on for 3 mins tops. Now its free. The national project is being eroded. There are politicians trying to resist that. Technology has brought everyone together. At know what politicians have for breakfast.

For me these trends are inevitable. I don't think they can be reversed or even slowed down. In aggregate for humankind they are good. They are elevating the poor of this world. So that's good. China was poor. Now it isn't.

Biden left us with a gift

I think Biden left us with a gift. When the history books are written it may very well say that his contribution was to further globalization and the march of humankind. Not forgetting the Ukrainians of course.

All a bundle of schemas

And yet we are all a bundle of schemas when it comes to predicting our personal and collective outcomes. Without schemas outcome prediction is not jaundiced and bias. With schemas bias we always conclude on the negative and in favour of the vindication and validation of our schemas.

The Global Situation

Too late for empire

In the context of WWII Nazi Germany attempted to occupy and control countries which had a preexisting schema. The Third Reich rather than lasting 1000 years lasted 4/5 years. It was never an empire. It was an army of occupation that ran out of cash and manpower. Hitler wanted an empire. The British had an empire. The French had an empire. He wanted one too. But it was too late for Germany to build an empire. That ship had sailed. There was no schema free territory to be conquered.

It was too late for Hitler to have an empire. The conditions that supported empire had passed – available territory – clients races without identity easily subjugated.

Even Britain who had an overseas maritime empire created it outside mainland Europe because they couldn't beat the French or Germans. They couldn't beat the incumbents because the incumbents opposed them, united by their respective schemas. They tried. They had to go overseas.

They couldn't beat the incumbents because they rallied around their schemas. Ukraine has their own schema. They rally behind it. They seek support where they can get it.

Medieval Ireland did not have a national schema. That was the issue. And that is why they were subjugated. They didn't even mind or notice. Obviously 30 years ago Ukraine didn't have a problem being associated with the Russian federation. Now they do.

The nuclear age

Really since the dawn of the nuclear age conflict has been limited to regional disputes and there has been no total war because everyone has nukes. Even in the recent Ukraine conflict nukes were never unleashed. They are often talked about but the real thing that keeps the peace is not an improvement in human nature it is the presence of nuclear weapons. Dictators are not insane. Everyone is shadow boxing.

The reason it hasn't happened is nukes offer no strategic advantage other than deterrence. Don't mess with me I have a nuke. Swagger basically. You don't use them but you keep them.

The Pentagon concluded during the Bush era that the future of conflict was regional wars and terrorism. I think it still stands.

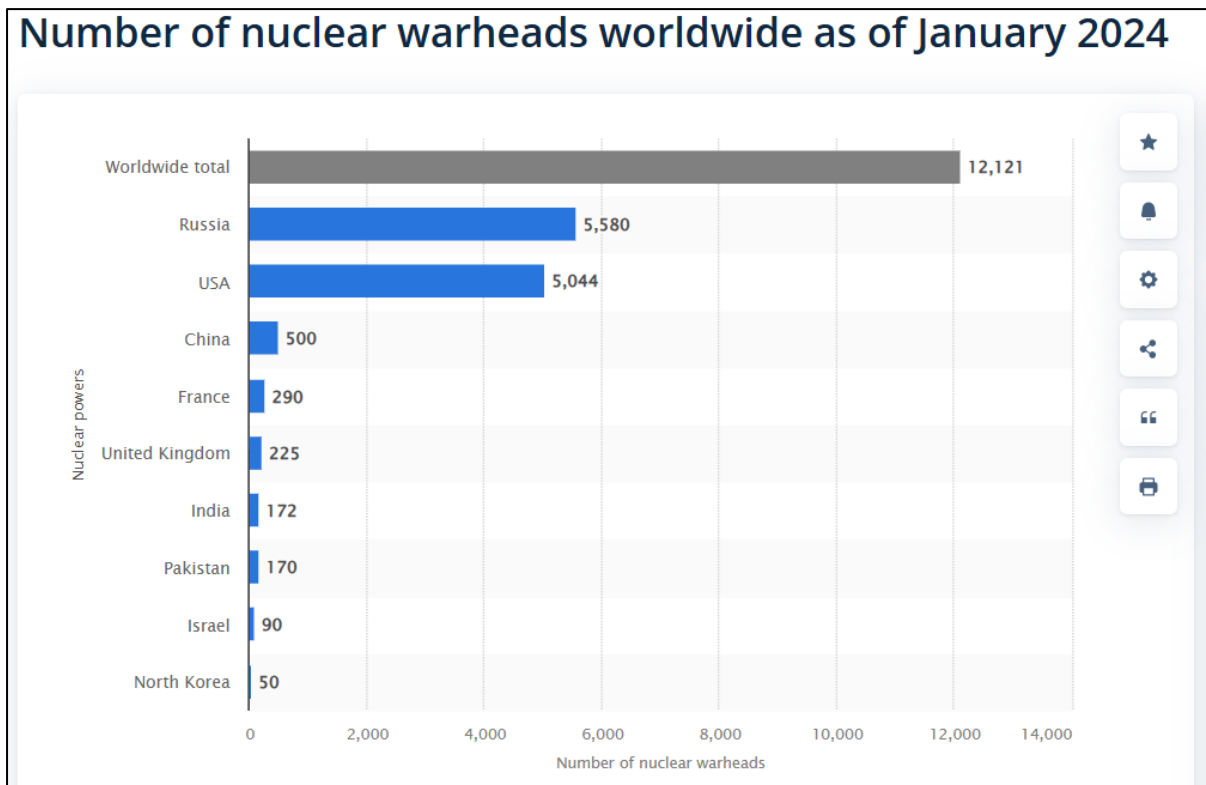
The cost benefit with nuclear weapons is just too devastating to contemplate. It is not a winnable war from either side. Even a minor power can have nukes. So only two have ever been used in conflict.

Deterrence works

No nuclear conflict since 1945. That's 80 years. Three generations.

Number of nukes globally

Number of nuclear warheads worldwide as of January 2024



Nuclear weapons equalise the game – no more total war

The big countries Russia, China, America, India have big populations but a small country – Britain or France with a smaller number of nukes can still destroy their entire country. It's a no win and so there is never a total war or an invasion.

Most media analysts their analysis is all referencing the pre nuclear age. They talk about the second world war or even earlier. The rules of the game are now set in the nuclear age. 200 nukes is as good as 5000 nukes really. Annihilation is still annihilation.

I don't think Hitler would have invaded Russia in 1941 if Russia had nukes at that point. The consequences would have been too devastating. Dictators are not mad. They are not insane. They are rational actors. If anything they are opportunistic bullies. But they like being alive. No one wants to die in a senseless holocaust. So in other words World War II would probably never have happened in the nuclear age. And I can be confident of that conclusion because since the nuclear age started in 1945 there has not been a world war. It is 80 years this year since a total war. In the first part of the 20th century there two total wars in fairly quick succession. This led to roughly 100 million casualties and horrendous damage.

Some of the participants of the first war were not happy with the settlement. So they returned to sort it out.

Arguably since the USA got nukes first. That enabled them to quickly win the war, defeat Japan and put them in pole position for the rest of the 20th century. That competitive advantage is gone so now we live in the era of mutual nuclear deterrence.

Human nature is no better. But this technology puts the brakes on human ambition. In fact it has forced human ambition to evolve in different ways.

The system is self-regulating

Autocratic leaders try to break out of the system but to me is self-regulating. If the US or Russia or China try to throw their weight around they generally get burned. For me that's because there is no schema congruence. Britain and France had a colonial adventure in Egypt which derailed very rapidly after the war.

Even if there is a war even a big war, the system will revert back to its steady state.

Pax America (1990-2008)

In decline only lasted 1990-2008. Globalisation keeps the peace now. The American empire if there ever was one was economic and disparity between America and its client states was sufficient to give them control. Now the reality is much more equal. China was a nothing in the 1980s. now they own trillions of US bonds. It means the co-dependency is now over. Europe likewise was a ruin after WWII. They can grow as in a partnership of equals but the schema predicts that they have to be superior which is no longer the case.

Trump like Boris Johnson can convince his countrymen that they are superior. They were both hegemonic powers. So it comes easily to them. It is not a hard sell.

The status quo

There's no sense throwing the baby out with the bathwater. simple fact of the matter is stability continuity predictability are all very important for humans. the regions of the world that support those situations are the best places to live and the most attractive places to migrate to. with some exceptions nearly all the people who want to live and migrate into Europe or are trying to migrate into America, are leaving something worse. it's quite an upheaval to leave your home country and go to another. particularly for families. so no matter how we all feel about each other. we want peace. it is a price worth paying. if it means dipping into your pockets it's worth it. peace comes with due process with negotiation. Europe wants peace. Russia certainly wants peace. Ukraine wants peace. so we will talk about it and we will negotiate. Europe can help Russia back on its feet but not help her to murder her neighbors. if you want European money, then we want our institutions in your country. Fair. Simple. Europe likes Ukraine and stands for Ukraine. this you know. status quo. this is not a fight you're going to win Russia.

you're broke your army is shattered. you think about it but don't think too long. There are no offers on the table while you're bombing civilians.

The Ukraine war – the international order versus dictatorship

In the context of the Ukraine war and conflict with the Russian Federation. Ukraine was aggressed they did not start this war. they certainly did not seek it. their territory was invaded. and their more powerful or should I say larger neighbor sought to impose their will on Ukraine. there is however a global pivot implicit in this scenario and the pivot is the movable position of the global hegemony. Putin's Russia threw down the gauntlet and took a stand against this expanding global hegemony. but it was too little and too late. it was never clearly delineated from the western perspective. Ukraine had been regarded as a Russian sphere of influence however the Ukraine was an independent democracy seeking its sovereignty. Putin's Russia was a dictatorial tyranny. so it it was a war and it was certainly an unjust war. but there were other complications and other considerations. most notably the declining influence of the Russian. meantime a unilateralist America backed off from supporting democratic Ukraine seeking its own freedom. so it became test case for the international order. very similar to the way in which the Berlin Wall, became a symbol of the division between the West and the east the two ideologies. this became a test case of the international order opposing dictatorship. if the international order did not stand by Ukraine their legitimacy is undermined. if the aggressor is defeated the international order is validated, so Ukraine is very much more than the sum of its parts.

The real dynamics of our time

A lot of these memes I have I am now beginning to question. My feeling is there is a dynamic here that is bigger than the daily hourly new grind. The whole concept of trade, competitive advantage, globalisation started between western countries. These are western concepts shared with the rest of the world. The idea that western countries would supply weapons to a former soviet republic to kill Russians was unthinkable only in the 1980s.

Trends explain the world

Really to understand the universe and the world is to understand trends. That gives some insight as to likely outcomes. I think I would feel that applies to all my immediate family. They view the world according to their trauma. This is what our parents did. What our parent still does so why ever not?

As regards a project like global schemas. I am not the type of historian who focuses on one small area say Weimar. I am interested in trends. That's my stick.

So it is difficult for these disparate regions to integrate with each other and into the western project. But they are also learning from it. Taking the overall view and not being too consumed by the detail the global economy grows, global technology grows, global polity does grow closer.

What the trends are doing is bringing people closer together. Through large scale migrations and so on. The trend with immigration is overall positive and beneficial. It enriches the host country and the host is getting their best.

In Ireland's case the Irish who stayed were crap and useless. They were mostly dumb, excessively religious had no skills. Banana republic. The ones who left, the diaspora made good some of them.

In my experience and knowledge trends continue. Trends are synergistic meaning they accelerate and feed off each other. When Irish people became educated the catholic church in Ireland was in trouble. People were not buying the party line. Education makes you think for yourself. Joan was never educated. She left school at 15?

To answer what is likely to happen I would look at the trends. The detail can very much be either way. I suppose my expectation in life is that trends will continue for at least some time into the future.

My tendency to put detail before trend was trauma

If we are talking about global unity I would say the trends portend for a growing coalescence. Somehow because of my trauma I put detail before trend. I suppose I was depressed by the tyranny of events. Meaning I was very reactive.

Globalisation & Technology

Globalisation continues. Covid didn't stop it. The great recession didn't stop it. The Ukraine war and Russian shenanigans hasn't made it skip a beat. To save the American worker America would have to embrace socialism and that never going to happen. Globalisation has no interest in nationalism. It is tariff hopping at its best. So globalisation undermines nationalism as a schema of structure. Dividing things on a national schema is no longer effective.

I think globalisation does break down national divisions. It renders them non-relevant. It is not likely to change because globalisation is synergistic in way nationalism can never be. Every country has their luddites. And incumbents will always oppose new things and ways of doing them. Once you become an incumbent by definition you become a conservative. That's not to say people can't think outside the box but they tend not to.

Obviously technology continues and the internet and global information sharing and commerce all facilitate technical innovation.

In my book nationalism is being undermined by these forces, and that is why I favour organisations like the EU. Multinational, multicultural, multilingual and yet still have common purpose and agree on many things. I think the EU is the way business will be done in the present and future. Nation states look at the EU as chaotic. But EU suits globalisation and technical development very well.

Trump regards Ukraine which is a complex political problem as one of his property deals. He looks at everything that way. In fact he could probably just play golf and stay out of it. His ego talked him in. Given his innate solipsism it's unlikely that the loss of life in the war concerns him that much. More that he is committed to finding a solution, so he will lose face if he doesn't.

Back in the past the empire can roll over any part of the empire pretty easily. Indians didn't put up much resistance to 18th century British soldiers. That's all changed. Now there are integral national polities in all those places. It's a very different world. If Russia tries to roll over Eastern Europe now they will have a major fight on their hands.

Nationalism is not the dynamic of our time

Greater and greater international co-operation driven by globalisation and global technology.

Nationalism makes people stupid

Nationalism makes people stupid. This is where I was going wrong. I had America on the brain for decades. Of course their national schema would fail eventually. Firstly their broke. They can't afford their arrogance. And anyway they have to make way for the other people of the world. Now is their turn.

America is failing! This is what failure looks like. Biden put it on the credit card. But now the debt ratio is 125%. I don't gloat over America's changing fortunes. But I do see it as the natural evolution. And I am okay with it. Empire passes from nation to nation. For humanity globalisation is better so the age of the nation state is passing. But that is a good thing. The nation state will be part of the regional identity of planet earth.

The same thing happened to the British Empire. They ran out of money. But no one nation state can foot the bill for global policeman. So no China cannot swoop in and take over. They can't afford it. No nation can. Alliances and blocs are the present and future reality.

Globalisation has been good for Asia generally. And it can work for Russia too.

How many countries are there in the world? There are 195 recognised countries in the world, according to the United Nations.

Einsteins famous quote

Albert Einstein: "The most important decision we make is whether we believe we live in a friendly or a hostile universe." Is the world you live in hostile or friendly? How do you look at it? It's up to you to decide.

Once I started to believe the universe is friendly then a lot of things started to change and fall into place. But being ruled by my trauma I was never going to get to that point. For me it was always a hostile, unfriendly universe.

It always was a friendly universe and I believed that until aged 12.

Governance

Monarchy

Oligarchy

Democracy

Ideology

Capitalism

Communism

Socialism

The world is going socialist.

Authoritarianism

Authoritarianism an aspect of human nature/polity

Authoritarianism is an aspect of human nature human character just as is democracy. Its more live and let live and not controlling. Even though people can fall into a controlling situation in life as soon as they can get away they will. You can often see in business how the authoritarian business leader leaves and suddenly all his appointees leave too. John McCormack for example. Brian Cowen resigned all his minsters quit. They leave because they are only there for their loyalty. Trumps team no one on the team is from the first term. They are all new.

Even in Hammacher the new president he didn't fire anyone but suddenly the temperature had risen for the incumbents.

So the flaw or weakness in the trump admin is its too authoritarian. People are selected on loyalty not ability. So they are unlikely to be effective. The authoritarian leader is too sensitive, too insecure too low self-esteem to tolerate any challenge. That's just that domain. This doesn't affect even the American domain or certainly the global domain.

Authoritarianism continued

I think it is quite simple. It only takes one person or entity to oppose the autocrat or the empire by saying no. The whole enterprise grinds to a halt. Ireland wasn't saying no to the British empire, Ukraine wasn't saying no to Putin's Russia. Now they did or are. Either they don't say no because they were bought in or intimidated or they had no separate identity.

This is what Einstein says – if nobody opposes and while no one opposes then yes the autocrat can make progress. Just as soon as Ukraine stood up to Putin his bluff was called. When India stood up to the British empire their confidence trick was undermined. When little Ireland stood up the mighty British Empire caved.

Autocrats don't know what to do when people oppose them. Bullying will work on devotees and loyalists, just. For autocrats the threat is all that sustains them. When that is exposed to be hollow the jig is up.

It comes down to schemas. When they are sufficiently non-aligned then we have conflict and resistance. Because there wasn't really an Irish schema, the British schema could roll over the island with relative ease. Once Irish identity and schema was sufficiently developed that was game over for the colonist, colonised relationship.

Maybe they could have put the brakes on Hitler a lot sooner. But they didn't but nevertheless what I believe was the inevitable correction when through and system righted itself with the destruction of Nazi Germany.

Authoritarianism is the flipped position

The King can always relent and show clemency. He can flip back into a merciful state. He can talk peace and negotiate but can always flip. He is an unpredictable partner in anything. His emotional state predicates nothing less. It's the best he can do.

Control the sister of authoritarianism

Since control must always begin as an internal battle and conflict and only then spill out into the world. I believe consensus is stronger than control. It has to be. When people come together voluntarily and willingly to do something. This must be better the control of the tyrant, the monarch, which is always only one man's warped and perverted vision.

Always inspired by perceived injustice and for me I can only ever be mindful of this battle I can't really resolve it.

Decline of the British Empire (1918-1945)

https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/modern/endofempire_overview_01.shtml

1945: End of World War Two

The collapse of British imperial power - all but complete by the mid-1960s - can be traced directly to the impact of World War Two.

The catastrophic British defeats in Europe and Asia between 1940 and 1942 destroyed its financial and economic independence, the real foundation of the imperial system.

Britain had survived the war, but its wealth, prestige and authority had been severely reduced.

It also erased the old balance of power on which British security - at home and abroad - had largely depended.

Although Britain was one of the victorious allies, the defeat of Germany had been mainly the work of Soviet and American power, while that of Japan had been an almost entirely American triumph.

Britain had survived and recovered the territory lost during the war. But its prestige and authority, not to mention its wealth, had been severely reduced.

The British found themselves locked into an imperial endgame from which every exit was blocked except the trapdoor to oblivion.

The rise of individualism

I suppose I could argue that the 21st is the rise of the individual and tech supports this. Everyone has own their website, phone, laptop and twitter. Because it is possible. Business environments that are more empowering are more successful. So is authoritarianism on the decline? If so that would be a good thing.

If society empowers people to be themselves and to be an individual then they don't need to affiliate. Thanks every much I can do it by myself. Ireland was a basket case but now we can paddle our own canoe. We affiliated to survive. If that is not necessary we go out own way.

In authoritarian cultures the supreme leader is generally the source of all patronage. Very little is distributed without his say so. All the acolytes owe the supreme leader their position and their power. They cannot operate without him. Obviously there can be coup

d'état and power grabs but they are not without risk. The system can break down quite easily. The supreme leader has to be at all times vigilant and risks to the leader are aging and health. In the same as the young bucks in the wild will challenge the patriarch and eventually the patriarch is too weak and falls.

From Cold War to present (1945 – 1989)

So clearly we can see evolution in global society from the Cold War which was a bipolar world a standoff between two ideologies. one ideology was capitalism and the other was communism. when the Berlin Wall collapsed in 1989 the Cold War ended. two years later the Soviet Union collapsed and former Soviet republics went free. emerging from that was the largest the Russian Federation. and then the associated former republics of the Soviet Union of which Ukraine was one. that left the lone superpower the United states. the world became unipolar. one ideology was retained. and it became the same ideology for the world. Capitalism. the lone superpower the United states became the defender of this international order. however despite A brief period of preeminence the economic burden of this role became too much for the lone superpower. and they gradually divested and retreated from this position. most noticeably in the European theater where they had played a dominant role in European security since 1945. they no longer wanted that responsibility. they could no longer afford that responsibility so Ukraine was cut loose. and Europe stepped up to the plate and rearmed and took on the role of European security. given that the United States and the other big powers are unilateralists we therefore live in the multipolar world. but there is an international order. it still exists. and it needs to be defended. Putin saw an opportunity he interpreted the US economic decline as an opportunity for Russia. and he was long in his hatred of the West. so that's where we are

However globalization continues and we'll continue for a very long time to come and it is not in my opinion the era of the superstate rather it is the era of the trading bloc European Union and it is the era of the alliances. later The super sovereigns as I call USA, Russia, China, India. they will continue. globalization is about the globe not about any individual country so to speak.

In the context of rogue states like Russia. rogue nations. a criminal is a criminal I have no difficulty with that assumption. I don't believe in capital punishment. I do like to show Marie Antoinette getting the chop but just some theatre. capital punishment was abolished in Ireland in the 1950s, around about the same time as other European countries. so we don't kill people convicted of murder. the state is not vengeful, at least in the European domain. justice is not always served. some people never face justice. but as far as the international order is concerned, it will always attempt to be just.

Sovereign super states failing in our time

The sovereign super states are failing in our time. Russia, USA. This is also the legacy of the ending of the Cold War. It is now all about globalisation, trading blocs, alliances and multinational treaties and agreements. With globalisation we are the world. We are the market. Any structure to be effective needs to reflect that. The sovereigns can't compete. They can't offer the world. The market is dynamic and can move anywhere. The super sovereigns are too weighted down by their social problems.

The super sovereigns structure is not robust, not flexible enough. Global capital, the global factors of production, the global markets, they don't care what country they are in. Populism always appeals to nationalism. Patriotism is the refuge of the vicious.

Sovereigns are particularly weak because they just have one pyramidal hierarchical command structure. Multinationals and trading blocs operate by discussion and consensus.

The USA and Russia are vulnerable due to their command structure. An incompetent president severely weakens their structure. It's based on one individual. If the sovereign is mentally impaired it impact the whole nation state.

First the Soviet Union failed and now the USA is failing. No superstate can survive the accelerating trends of globalisation and technology. "Overwhelmed by the decline of the empire which is continuing. Economic problems in the United States. Things will work out in a way he did not want and did not foresee. The United States is going to have to come to terms with a reduced position in the world [just as Russia has] Wealthy enclaves surrounded by a majority of poor disenfranchised people. That's coming home to the US. "Richard Wolfe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqdssYMb9yE>

Mental illness

On an individual basis

I can say quite obviously that tracking someone's outbursts with mental health problems is basically a waste of time. All they really want is to validate their concept and return to normality. I know this from my own experience. In episodes I was always praying to get back to normal in the end. Mental illness is roughly the same in all humans. There are different labels and ideas but it is essentially a deviation in reality caused by childhood trauma.

Mentally ill people dialogue incessantly with themselves. They turn over and over their trauma. Would there be any point in following this dialogue? No. It would never be

amenable to reason to rational thought. It is mental damage. **It is between the subject and the subject alone.** Mentally ill people need to be cared for and looked out for. And somehow brought back to reality.

So for a mentally ill politician the only education possible is his peer group and public opinion. What it is what it is like is just this intense solipsistic need to be right. The mentally ill go on and they go on. They get upset when their mental concept is challenged or contradicted.

Mentally ill politicians

Putin used to play a game with the west. I might become democratic someday. But then Covid and his age and his ever increasing paranoia pushed to become incredibly reckless and throw caution to the wind. Musk and Trump similarly are incredibly reckless. It has all the hallmarks of success validation of the mentally challenged.

I would say the concerted attempt to incriminate trump and prosecute for a variety of things triggered his innate victim/persecution complex. This all happened last year.

The fact is successful people can fall off the wagon and invariably do. There is a tipping point for them. I believe it is mental. They become drunk on their coolade. And that's the point that they fail.

Again success clouds their judgment, stimulates and confirms their own narcissism and then they become so inflated they just fall over.

In my situation there was some initial success. That launched me on my pathway. But ultimately it was a runaway train. I believe these successful politicians whoever they may be or come from started out initially with successes. Hitler, Putin, Trump has a knack of winning elections and manipulating public opinion. Musk had some great successes. But they are or were all only human and they got a rush to the head. Blair was very popular, Thatcher was popular. But Blair followed Bush into Iraq. Thatcher went to far with the poll tax.

These people can't stop. They can't quit. I couldn't stop.

Kasparov says Putin could have had it easy. He could have left Ukraine alone. And lived out his life in relative ease. Musk could have stayed out politics and focused on his businesses. I could have focused in a nice girl like Jennifer or Karen but I couldn't do it.

This is all about pain and reward and that addiction. I was a addict for my narcissistic supply. I believe they all are too. Its all about advancing the narcissistic agenda and it is the same for me too.

It is seems to be the case that the more stellar the success the greater the delusions and inevitable fall from grace.

The checks and balances as much in the system as they are in all of us just dictates that the greater the success the greater the fall.

This is what success does to the mentally challenged

What success does to the mentally challenged is it validates their warped concept. They become more convinced than ever that they are right and more inclined than ever to continue pursuing their flawed concept. I think recent events are showing that in action. I know it in my life a few unexpected successes in America confirmed to me my messianic complex and my narcissistic bias. And that was enough to speed me on my road to ruination.

Mental changes and middle age (Musk)

I think someone like Musk is now 53. A lot different to being 30. His outlook and his capacity have fallen off. Perhaps there are systemic flaws in his Tesla and SpaceX. Subsidies will be withdrawn for EVs. That's a big change in the market. Again the fantasy goals of SpaceX to put a million people on Mars using chemical rockets were probably hatched when he was in his 30s. So now his post middle age. Maybe he thinks I can save my business by having control in government. Similarly he is now looking to apportion blame for his own shortcomings. It's not my fault. It is the woke people who ruined this twitter acquisition etc.

But what he doesn't get is these kinds of feelings are specific to his age. He didn't used to feel like that. He was proactive, can do, entrepreneur. Not anymore. What's changed is his age? No one stays the same forever. Everybody goes through cycles in life.

He has gone from an empowered state where he can make it happen. To disempowered state of trying to manipulate his environment. Trump is also in state. So now the mantra is I have to completely restructure government before I can succeed. So clearly he has some kind of innate victim complex. This is a big change in his mental state.

With Trump I would have to say he always felt disempowered. He was always the victim. It is a good way not to take any personal responsibility for anything. It's not my fault. Don't blame me. He would anyone who got in his way or constituted an obstacle to him as enemy. There are so many. Crooked Joe Biden. He railed against the various prosecutors. Mike Pence was demonic. Zelensky he viciously attacked. He did nothing. Obviously his trauma (pain body) is triggered in those situations. Always being the victim gives rise to very determined self-righteousness. I have already been wrong. I am justified. I am entitled. I have the right. Obviously it is trauma. He was traumatised quite badly at some point in his life.

Trumps Trauma

Child abuse is, in some sense, the experience of 'too much' or 'not enough.' Donald directly experienced the 'not enough' in the loss of connection to his mother at a crucial

developmental stage, which was deeply traumatic. Without warning, his needs weren't being met, and his fears and longings went unsoothed. Having been abandoned by his mother for at least a year, and having his father fail not only to meet his needs but to make him feel safe or loved, [or] valued . . . Donald suffered deprivations that would scar him for life.

Trump explained that beginning at an early age, he had a polarizing effect on those around him, as teachers and pastors noted.

Donald's sister, Maryanne Trump Barry, said he was "extremely rebellious." A classmate stated that Donald "tested the rules," and a camp counsellor described him as "ornery." During his teens Trump often instigated trouble and found delight in provoking people. "I'd throw water balloons, shoot spit balls, and make a ruckus" at school. He did not intend, however, to be mean, just to have fun. "In my own crowd I was very well liked," he said, "and I tended to be the kid that others followed

The youth leaders at First Presbyterian were also exasperated by Donald who "created tension" by provoking other youth group members. Fred dominated the Trump home, and all the children except Donald cowered under his callous authority. Donald explained, "I used to fight back all the time." By doing so he "kept people at bay." That was becoming his life philosophy: keep people on their heels, don't give an inch, attack, be fierce, and never say you are sorry. Finding his collection of switchblades was the last straw for Fred Sr. To prevent the situation from becoming worse, Fred decided to send Donald to a place where he could be reformed. The choice was New York Military Academy (NYMA), which was led by hardened veterans who had lived through the nightmarish carnage of World War II and ruled the academy ruthlessly.

At NYMA older cadets "tormented younger ones in the name of 'discipline.'" Young cadets were commanded to "stand at attention, recite NYMA rules and traditions, run errands, do push-ups, eat in the squared-off manner, and carry out the many onerous" orders. In those days they'd smack the hell out of you. It was not like today where you smack somebody and you go to jail . . . He [Dobias] could be a f----- prick. He absolutely would rough you up. You had to learn to survive . . . He came at you like you wouldn't believe.

Biographer Michael D'Antonio wrote, "Trump told me he was also influenced in his youth by the sermons of . . . Norman Vincent Peale." Trump "sat in church by the hour" to hear the minister. Peale's sermons were highly regarded in the Trump household beginning when Donald attended The Kew-Forest School. The Trumps witnessed Peale's rise to prominence when his book became a New York Times bestseller in 1952; it remained on the list for weeks and eventually sold five million copies. "Believe in yourself" Peale's book begins. The guru's "self-help" sayings include: "Have faith in your abilities," "Build up confidence in your powers," "formulate and staple indelibly on your

mind a mental picture of yourself as succeeding,” and “never think of yourself as failing.” Peale argued that “God will help you ‘actualize’ your dreams of ‘prosperity, achievement, success.’”

My take

The facts of the case for Trump were he was abandoned by his mother who couldn't care for him at a young age. His father a ruthless authoritarian who rather than caring for his son sent him to a brutal military academy where he was bullied and physically abused. Dobias was his abuser. Trump's narcissistic ideal is seeking his mother's love desperately. So for Trump his trauma is abandonment which he will fight tenaciously to prevent. The world can never be without or forget about Donald. That has already happened once in his experience. The trauma. So he will always fight. His entitlement is to be loved.

I knew he had to have deep seated trauma to account for his behaviour and utterances. He is a distressed human.

Mentally ill flippers

Mentally ill people flip. Pearl flipped. Jane flips more than once that I know about. Trump has flipped numerous times since he was under the spotlight. Musk has obviously flipped from the poster boy entrepreneur to this crazy crackpot. Daniel flipped as well. I think it is essentially moving through the spectrum of narcissism from being a co-narcissist to a narcissist.

Daniel was very shy and unassuming. He flipped and became tyrannical. But this was clearly the emotional pattern Claire was used. I was very shy and also unassuming. I was an obsessive lothario.

Jane has flipped. I don't think there is any coming back for Jane. This is an evolved state for her. Obviously we can all flip between co-narcissist and narcissist. I think it goes on to the point where Jane becomes a tyrant to those around her. This is the evolution. In the same way Daniel opposed Claire tooth and nail over everything.

Maybe eventually with her therapist and reflection she might mellow. But I have no idea when that would be. But I would notice. Baby Jane is not coming back. The mother is the catalyst for this psychotic control. This spans the generations. I didn't have a childhood either excepting 12 years with Brian involved. So she faces the task of reconstructing that part of her life in some positive way.

Probably what I don't know about Gedie is the hidden rages. I would not ever have seen them. Jane would but I wouldn't.

When I think about it not only in experience but in my extended experience flipping is very common.

People like hegemony, uninterrupted, lapse into delusion

I don't think it's insignificant that the two countries who have never been conquered, and have never been invaded, and have never had their states legitimacy overthrown by a foreign power, are Britain and America. my further point is, it's like comparing apples to apples. because America looks to Britain for its metropole. since the war the Second World War. essentially the Anglo American hegemony, is coming unstuck. So what does that mean for the international order. the old keystone is crumbling. Interesting.

This may be unconnected but the two national schemas vulnerable to delusion are the 2 hegemony. their schemas have never been interrupted. all other national schemas have been interrupted. which is what I play out in my role play. France guillotines their monarch. Germany had a psychopathic dictator who suicided. the Tsars ended up at the bottom of a well. and so on. it's a notion.

Messianic Delusions

Messianic delusions – As ever mindful

As the therapist says messianic delusions are common amongst bipolars. The realisation for me seems to be every family has at least one bipolar and large families have maybe two. So it was a delusion individual in nature, for the family, community and of course the world.

Messianic figures and prophets

Many patients professed to be god or the son of god. I also wondered about bipolar disorder and these religious founders. In modern cult leaders we are able to see the bipolar and schizophrenic themes.

It seems inescapable that Jesus did share the apocalyptic view that God's final conquest of evil was at hand and that God's kingdom would be established upon earth in the near future.

Conclusion – Just talking to myself – for now!

I sometimes wonder if I am not crazy myself. Perhaps this phantom alter ego I am analysing is actually me. I know I have been crazy many times. Why not now? This conversation with myself – the Hugh-trump dialogue I am concluding Hugh-trump is mentally ill and will crash out soon. Is this not my style? I think the most obvious conclusion is I have only ever been talking to myself in my head.

I should acknowledge however that this is an ongoing situation for me. Maybe correctly identified but never resolved. So it goes on. It is clearly part of who I am. My identity and always will be. It is leading me somewhere. We shall have to see.

Conclusion

The mentally ill can never beat the rational and sensible. It is just not possible. This is the whole point about being motivated by trauma. The objectives are impossible and never achievable.

Trauma victims are eternally defensive and always regard themselves as the victim. Trump and my mother spring to mind.

Decline of the super state

I think the decline of the super state is caused by globalisation. Factors of production can readily be moved around the globe to any jurisdiction. The American worker is out of luck. They have no bargaining power anymore. Of course they are angry. Oh well. Things were different in the 1950s. It was all made in America.

American economic pre-eminence post war – the American century was largely based on trading with Europe. If this ends then the basis is undermined for them.

Pushback – Human nature

You have to cope with your pushback. You do not progress without it. Putin cannot move on without resolving this Ukraine problem he has. I am Margaret's learning. Mary was Pearls learning. She never got the message maybe.

I love pushback now because I learn so much from it. It only takes one to undermine the narrative. I undermine Margaret's narrative. Zelensky undermines Putin's narrative. Reality undermines Trump's delusion. That cannot be ignored. Rash promises eventually are undermining.

Why this is good for global schemas

Now countries can come together for global defence. Canada and Australia can throw in their lot with Europe. Culturally they are very aligned already. So it is a good match. America like the other super Russia will never accept equal standing. They want to be in charge. Or another. Their culture is only amenable to toxic narcissism. So they can't make this connection. Not yet anyway. They are actually disadvantaged in the 21st century reality.

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Problems with autocracy

Creating the outcome you don't want

We have seen it before with guys like Putin, Trump and Johnson. They create exactly the outcome they don't want. Putin wants to defend the Russian empire, but in the process he destroys Russia and any gains it has made since the 1990s. Trump wants to make America great but instead accelerates America's decline far beyond my expectations so soon. Hitler is a classic example. He wanted Germany to rule the world. He left it in rubble. Partitioned and weaker than it had ever been.

It is possible because in all instances you are dealing with the caprice of one individual, not a team, not a global long trend. But just a whim. That's why they all failed, lost interest, whatever.

Group is better than one person

One person is mad, can be mad, can be delusional, can be a fantasist. A group no. The Politburo was better than Putin by far for Russia. He will always fail. This is to Gandhi point. The EU eats Trump for breakfast. He is just a delusional Yank. On his own, no support. That's why Biden was better than Trump. He had a team of competent people.

Just like in Asia the local people they didn't like the British but the Japs were much more brutal. Similarly many Europeans and Americans don't like the centrists but at least they are competent. So what is better. They don't have a better. They have an I don't like, a whinge, but that is not a better. So the current institutions are the best and only. They have now their figury and look at what they are getting. Garbage.

I know this from personal experience

I found this in my own life when as an individual I go up against the world or the groups of the world. I never win. The world is not made to measure for all of us. And so there is a harmonising process that has to happen. I have to align. The world does not align to me. Regardless of trauma or other imperatives.

So this latest blogger says the populists in Europe are aligning with the mainstream. I think it is a very valid point and doesn't surprise me. It is going to be hardest for America. But they will have to align too. It is not in the national schemas currently to align with anyone.

Populism has no agenda or plan

Obviously populists will play the consent card to get elected. But in the case of Sinn Féin in Ireland their roots are not democratic. It is hard to see how you can take the populist mandate and turn it into anything other than what it is. Your catchall so whether you get into office or not as happened to Trump both times. The reality of

government is it is easy to criticise but when they get in there are no better probably worse. All they know how to do is criticise.

By definition populism is not an ideology. There is no alignment. Socialism is an ideology. Capitalism is an ideology. Communism is another ideology. Populism is whatever is popular. So subject to constant change and revision.

So now trump is in a quandary because he knows what he is doing is unpopular. And he doesn't know what to do next. So he doubled down and tries to brazen it out and do more of the unpopular. Now it is on him. There is no one else to blame. He is making the decisions. So he is exposed. Musk is realising that popularity is very important to him and now it's in the crapper. They both look chastened. Like schoolboys after being in the headmasters office.

Sinn Fein was an undemocratic party who rebranded or tried to. But the other parties combined to keep them out of government. Same with the AFD in Germany.

You can see it on an individual basis. I want to be popular. Means I can never make the hard decisions. I can never do the right thing. I will never risk being unpopular. So that makes me an idiot. Have to be popular is such a character flaw. It means incompetent like my dad like trump. I can never go there. It is probably symptomatic of low self-esteem.

To form an effective government you have to accept unpopularity is part of it. This is where populists become unstuck. They won't risk being effective. So they fail generally once they get a mandate.

As a father my dad would run after all of us to make peace and get us back.

For my part my vulnerability was that too. I had to be popular. I go a long way to maintain that illusion. Being a hero was always very attractive. So one has to be mindful of. Because it always backfires – for me and the counter party. It doesn't work.

All these things are cycle that have repeated many times for me. Giving gifts to Mark. No gratitude no acknowledgement. But this has all happen many times before.

Cycles always end the same way. The Mark thing always ends the same way. The computer language thing always ends the same way. An autocratic politician screws it up sooner or later. And a group or a political party is far less likely too. In my life I was heading for disaster but it took some years. But then I was younger and had not had the benefit of years.

Putin's troubles

On Russia there was some kind of assassination attempt on Putin and the response seems to be doubling down on Ukraine. All along he has tried to display his toughness

by trying to bully the Ukrainians. So here is another escalation. I do link the two events. He is increasingly paranoid and fearful and so attack and keep attacking more. Kind of like what Trump learned from Dobias. Go for the jugular and never stop going. If the assassination attempt made him feel vulnerable he wants everyone to know he is not vulnerable. I noted that when the German commander in Paris did not obey the order to torch Paris from Hitler. Hitler had a revenge shelling of Paris. Even though the war was lost. Right to the end the savage attacks continued.

I do think this latest stunt is very desperate because a peace agreement might give him a chance to survive. But he can't play any other card. He is a one trick pony. All his knows is doubling down. Hitler would never concede anything either. Stalingrad and the sixth army could have been saved. But he wouldn't hear of it.

As far as I know this is the first attempt at Putin's life in Russia. And I don't think the Ukrainians were involved. I know the economic situation is now dire. It could be the time.

Autocrats don't like the political process

This is Wolfe's commentary about trump. He is approaching his problems with the same approach as before. It didn't work in 2016 why should it work now? He is not suited to politics. It is that simple. Politics is really boring and about endless meetings. He lives for the celebrity and being in the spotlight. Nothing to do with politics.

Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." That witticism—I'll call it "Einstein Insanity"—is usually attributed to Albert Einstein.

All autocrats double down

All the autocrats double down – Putin, trump. They will never quit and always up the ante. Hitler was the same. He broke any agreements he was party to and always sought to come at things with overwhelming force. Putin will never agree to peace. Peace and compromise is failure to them so even when they lose or fail they spin it as victory. The 2020 election was rigged. Trump never concedes defeats even when he is defeated. Putin is the same. He is bankrupting Russia for his own personal vendetta against Ukraine. But he thinks he is winning. Because he always wins in his own delusion. So losing means he is dead. And the insane can never concede their own mortality. He can't lose so therefore he is always winning.

I know this from my own life. I never conceded and always doubled down. It will just take more time. Never quit. Never give up. Just keep going.

Ideologies

Socialism is the best for humanity

In all this to me it is now obvious that socialism works by far the best of all ideologies. Laissez faire capitalism, neo classical economics they don't work. They are too unjust. Most people are getting by the goal is to make the middle class big as big as can be.

Socialism says we care about our own people, we care about the homeless, we provide education, we provide healthcare. Laissez faire is we don't care. Its not out problem. I don't see any way back for America. Any more than the British Empire. The 20th century was the American century and the end of the cold war was the zenith of American influence.

This century will be a multipolar century and it is. This is not a bipolar world. The main players are Europe, China and maybe India, with also the possibility in the late century of Africa coming on. I think empire is gone. Globalisation and tech global will continue.

The main players are the main players and America maybe down but they are not out.

America was holding me and the world back

For me always I had the idea America was the keystone and calamity was coming if that ever changed. But I no longer feel that. In some ways this change which has now come is very beneficial to Europe and the world because America was a negative and unconstructive influence. They were in the way. And now they are now.

I didn't feel this until 1996. That's when I became mentally unwell, and remained unwell even when I was so-called normal. Really it is all in the relationship. I don't like America. It's not just the current president. It's all of them, their lack of values, the toxic narcissism. America has always been borderline fascist.

What I am saying for myself finally is I am finally making up my mind and being resolved on my question of Europe vs America. I am saying Europe. Holding the world back is my world view. This debate for me had to be settled first. This was the mentally ill debate. I could not be mentally ill and achieve anything and I didn't.

My outlook was jaundiced by this. It was the mentally ill outlook.

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make this connection. Not yet anyway. They are actually disadvantaged in the 21st century reality.

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Things are moving really fast. The cold war only ended in 1990. That's 35 years ago. The US had a brief decade of pre-eminence but this is also fading rapidly now. The supers will continue to recede. Economically they can't function. As Wolfe says these political actors are victims of history. The trends are unambiguous. I really don't expect the global economy to be much put out by any of these shenanigans. 2008 came and went. The Ukraine war still ongoing but the global economy continues. Covid a big threat still going. Russia was sanctioned and Europe easily found other sources of fossil fuels. Global economy.

Trends are unambiguous. Details and events are ambiguous.

Here is the reality for me. Being comfortable with reality and change. Ends the legacy of mental illness which was brittle. Things had to be a certain way. Life is much more interesting and exciting this way. How it is.

Global economy robust

Whereas I wrote 2008 did not rock the global economy too much. It did in actual fact mean the end of the American hegemony or one of the many endings. Shocking thing when Zelensky came to town to meet Trump and Vance was what is illustrates. These people don't know their own limitations, the limits of their power anything. They are in a fantasy. The upshot is as expected the war is not resolved. Not going to be resolved.

My liberation day – from trauma

Trump had a liberation day with global tariffs recently I have an earth emancipation day too. Interesting parallel. He like me seeks liberation from the spiritual enslavement of trauma. It is trauma. Trump is a severely traumatised individual as I am.

Trump attributes his election win to God.

There is no way to ever fully be liberated from trauma for any of us. Mitigation and management is the best any of us can do. The liberation day is fully part of the cycle . I have been liberated and recaptured in every cycle. This liberation day makes me think trump is spiralling out of control more now. This a eureka moment for the crazy man.

The role of new media in geopolitics

It is clear that geopolitics is affected in many ways by the social media and internet the narrative is not owned by anyone. So that is clearly a huge factor in the Ukraine war. Likewise the stock markets responds instantaneously to changes and reflect bad moves immediately. They are completely independent of any politician so I think that's why trump's support is evaporating almost overnight. He has damaged the stock market and now he is hurting a lot of republicans. I don't think propaganda websites like fox are going to help here. These people have all the money so they have all the power. Even the billionaire club including musk are hurting.

Putin wasn't really under pressure until he collided with his nemesis which was also economic. Both men are deluded about the extent of their own power. Also Hitler. Clearly Hitler was severely inflated by initial victories. Trump is even more reckless after his second win. But trump is delusional. He doesn't have the power he thinks he does. The world is economically interdependent. China, Japan and Germany can dump their tbills and destroy the American economy. They did not have that power in 1980s but they do in 2025.

I am reminded of how Britain and France teamed up for a colonial jolly when Nasser nationalised the Suez Canal. The Americans said no and there was a run on the British pound. They quickly pulled out. Churchill was clapping from the benches. In 1910 this would not have been a problem for them. Trump is trying to come heavy with the trading partners. Will this just be an embarrassing come down for America. No one owns the global economy. We are all the market.

Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Where Churchill had the advantage was he was more in reality. He believed and trusted his advisors. Both Hitler and Putin became incredibly paranoid and trump is headed that way. At least he fits the profile.

Increased global cohesion

NATO 2025



NATO is a defensive alliance. In the recent Russo-Ukraine war. NATO was not directly involved and so did not suffer the carnage and infrastructural damage of the combatants. And of course the economic cost which generations of Russians will have to pay. The very existence of the alliance was sufficient deterrence to prevent member countries from becoming directly involved. Within the alliance peace reigns supreme and its business as usual. Russia is spending nearly 50% of its budget on military. This is the price of dictatorship consumed by national fever.

During the Ukraine war Russia never attacked a NATO member country. During the Cold War with the Soviet Union no NATO member country was ever attacked. This also ties back to my idea about empire. The 3 Baltics now have their own national schemas. They won't roll over so easily for Imperial Russia. They will fight. Maybe in the time of Peter the Great they didn't have their own armies?

So even though Putin's Russia tried to frame the conflict as a battle between Russia and the west, it was in essence a battle Russia was never going to win. Two of the smaller European countries had a greater GDP than Russia in total. For non-militaristic countries weapons are easily purchased. Manpower does not signify anything in modern warfare.

Eventually Russia will join the alliance. The EU could also be extended to Russia were they to follow democratic principles. But first Ukraine should join and receive the security guarantee they deserve.

EU 2025

The European Union is a group of 27 countries in Europe.



EU Members Map EU 2025







EU Euro Members














Candidate countries

- 1. Albania
- 2. Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 3. Georgia
- 4. Moldova
- 5. Montenegro
- 6. North Macedonia
- 7. Serbia
- 8. Türkiye
- 9. Ukraine
- 10. Kosovo

Members table

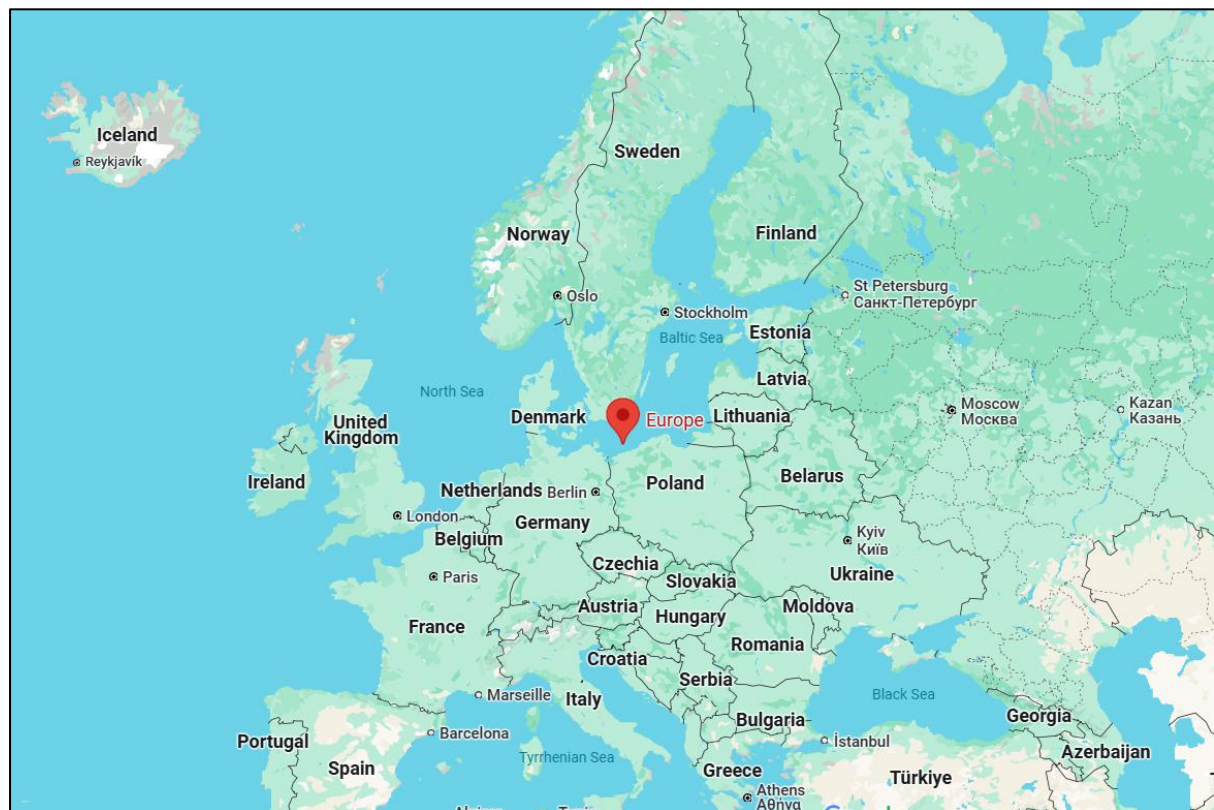
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 Austria	AT	1 January 1995	8,926,000	Vienna	535,804	73,050	euro	20	German
 Belgium	BE	Founder	11,566,041	Brussels	662,183	73,221	euro	22	Dutch French German
 Bulgaria	BG	1 January 2007	6,916,548	Sofia	66,250	39,185	lev	17	Bulgarian
 Croatia	HR	1 July 2013	4,036,355	Zagreb	89,665	48,811	euro	12	Croatian

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 Cyprus	CY	1 May 2004	896,000	Nicosia	23,380	59,858	euro	6	Greek Turkish ^[b]
 Czech Republic	CZ	1 May 2004	10,574,153	Prague	246,953	56,686	koruna	21	Czech ^[c]
 Denmark ^[d]	DK	1 January 1973	5,833,883	Copenhagen	347,176	83,454	krone	15	Danish
 Estonia	EE	1 May 2004	1,330,068	Tallinn	43,044	48,008	euro	7	Estonian
 Finland ^[e]	FI	1 January 1995	5,527,493	Helsinki	306,083	64,657	euro	15	Finnish Swedish
 France ^[f]	FR	Founder	67,439,614	Paris	2,707,074	65,940	euro	81	French
 Germany	DE	Founder ^[g]	83,120,520	Berlin	4,710,032	70,930	euro	96	German
 Greece	GR	1 January 1981	10,682,547	Athens	214,012	42,066	euro	21	Greek
 Hungary	HU	1 May 2004	9,730,772	Budapest	170,407	46,807	forint	21	Hungarian
 Ireland	IE	1 January 1973	5,006,324	Dublin	384,940	127,750	euro	14	English Irish
 Italy	IT	Founder	58,968,501	Rome	1,988,636	60,993	euro	76	Italian
 Latvia	LV	1 May 2004	1,862,700	Riga	35,045	43,527	euro	9	Latvian
 Lithuania	LT	1 May 2004	2,795,680	Vilnius	53,641	53,624	euro	11	Lithuanian
 Luxembourg	LU	Founder	633,347	Luxembourg	69,453	151,146	euro	6	Luxembourgish ^[h] French German
 Malta	MT	1 May 2004	516,100	Valletta	14,859	72,942	euro	6	Maltese English
 Netherlands	NL	Founder	17,614,840	Amsterdam	902,355	81,495	euro	31	Dutch Frisian
 Poland	PL	1 May 2004	37,840,001	Warsaw	565,854	51,629	złoty	56	Polish

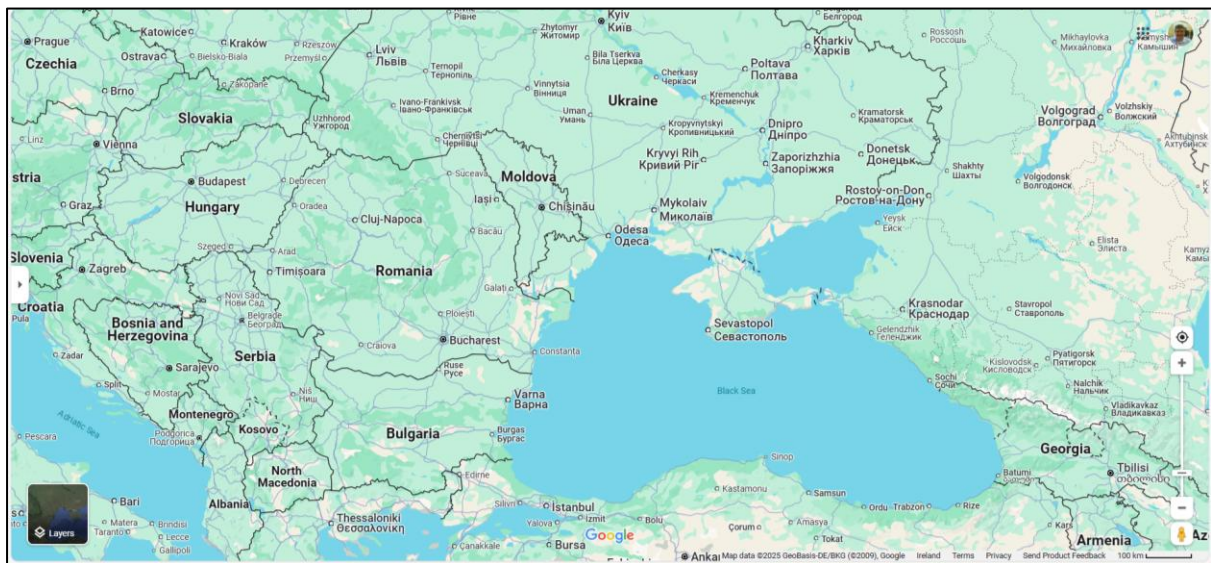
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 Portugal^[1]	PT	1 January 1986	10,298,252 ^[9]	Lisbon	236,408	49,237	euro	21	Portuguese^[6]
 Romania	RO	1 January 2007	19,186,201	Bucharest	243,698	47,204	leu	33	Romanian
 Slovakia	SK	1 May 2004	5,422,194	Bratislava	106,552	45,632	euro	15	Slovak
 Slovenia	SI	1 May 2004	2,108,977	Ljubljana	54,154	55,684	euro	9	Slovene
 Spain^[1]	ES	1 January 1986	48,946,035	Madrid	1,647,114	55,089	euro	61	Spanish^[m]
 Sweden	SE	1 January 1995	10,370,000	Stockholm	528,929	71,731	krona	21	Swedish

Map of Europe

Map 1 – Europe



Map 2 – New candidate countries



Developments – my projection for the near future

Clearly the need for global security is obvious. A rebranded NATO. Global trade goes without saying. A global policy on immigration would not be unwelcome. A centralised banking structure with diverse bourses. A global parliament centred in central Africa the birthplace of homo-sapiens seems appropriate. The UN headquarters could be transferred from New York.

It is the western model despite what the challenger economies like China, India and Russia to a lesser degree would like to say. So the citadel needs to be grown. Already Europe is creeping into the Russian steps and the list of candidate countries for the EU is growing. Of course none of this is clear in today's detail but the trend seems obvious.

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