

ERA SPIRITS Excerpts

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Preface

The inhabitants of tiny Asturias, a province on the Bay of Biscayne, separated from the other Spanish provinces by mountains, decided among themselves that they would have none of this. Knowing little of what was taking place in the rest of Spain, they revolted, threw out the new French governor, attacked and secured the armory, and with its weapons took control of their province. Then they pronounced themselves a 'republic of rule of law', declared war on Napoleon, and in June 1807 sent envoys to England --- who they understood was fighting Napoleon --- to propose an alliance of themselves with the British against the French empire!?!

The British foreign office did not know what to think. It seemed certain that this tiny province government did not clearly understand what Napoleon's France --- which had just beaten the Prussian empire, and Austrian empire, and was driving the Russian empire out of Moscow --- really was. But it was also clear that the province of Asturias had a certain *zeal* to accomplish what the empires fighting Napoleon had not shown. Britain decided that Spain most surely would be the place to land Wellington, to start to reverse Napoleon's fortune...

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...On a September evening's front porch, in State College, Pennsylvania, older people talked of the end of summer. One lady on a porch swing moving slowly to and fro, waved an explicit hand, while she spoke of the altering of time by an hour in the middle of a coming night. All the clocks would have to changed, she said. The lady, twice my age (perhaps 8 or 9, for I was surely 4), spoke with the experience and calmness of years, of this event, which seemed to me, on the contrary, a shocking revelation.

I disapproved that everyone took this with untroubled acceptance, and toddled the steps to bed that eve with some uneasiness. Grown in a comfortably ordered parental environment, cultured in the inter-relational teaching of kindergarten and Sunday school, deferent to the uniform of the postman and the sovereignty of grandparents, I had not in any tousled adolescent moments, harbored uncertainties for my universe. I just had not imagined there were

people somewhere who have the power to ‘*change time*’ in the middle of the night...

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...Those ‘time-changing’ people usually reside over the mountain, away from your clans. For Americans, these people live mostly at the place near where the Potomac meets the Chesapeake. For others, it often turns out also to be place of confluence of rivers and seas. For all of history, we still have not come to complete agreement on how to conduct that function --- called ‘*government*’ --- between ourselves and the people at the meetings of rivers and seas. Maybe it is just as well. All of our history, including the immediate past, seems somehow subject to error, and in need of more discussion.

In the 1900’s century, we strode into immense wars against some, whose management proposals for us seemed very wrong and worth fighting against, and we observed other proposals for administration thrust at parts of our world civilization, which were equally unsatisfactory, again as before calling us to be ready for battle. Looking back, one wonders why all this happened. It seems so unthinkable that in an alternate ‘*if-history*’, our globe, would be dominated by victorious Prussian emperors, Nazi bureaucrats, Marxist cadres. Where do these specters come from? How, in hindsight did the majority of us escape the fate, that such proposals held for our world’s societies? Will the problem come up again?

1. East Frank West Frank

British historian Arnold Toynbee, in recounting for us the story of the famous Emperor Charlemagne and his Carolingian empire, explained that when the emperor’s three grandsons divided up the realm, the state that was chosen by his eldest grandson, whose name was Lothaire, became an unusual long and narrow strip of land. This strip reached from the city of Aachen on today’s German – Belgium border, all the way south to Rome.

In Lothaire’s time, this stretch of grandfather’s empire was called the ‘Middle kingdom’ or ‘Lotharingia’. It was reapportioned on Lothaire’s death in 875 CE. Toynbee saw that geographically, this narrow Lotharingia was actually a ‘*rib*’ of the old western Roman civilization, that by Charlemagne’s time in the 800’s CE, was four centuries dead.

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...Charlemagne's north-forest people would look much the same as their population does today. They had a larger Latin component as you go west and south across the Rhine into the old Roman territory, and a larger German component as you go east, but were basically one people. The Romans had called them, all together, 'barbarians'. We call them all together 'western Europeans', but the title 'European' is a relatively recent label. From Charlemagne's 800's time onward, they were usually known as '*Franks*'...

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...The Franks under Charlemagne (771–814 CE) were organizing a large part of these Frank peoples under their own rule, and they now were, Roman-style, writing everything down. The word 'Frank' to its own culture, would mean 'bold'. The furthestmost western part of Europe, Roman Gaul, would eventually write its own name, 'France', from this same title. 'Franks' from the time of Charlemagne's sons onward, came to be a barbarian *mixture culture* phenomenon, that historians later called, the beginning of modern Europe...

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...This new post-Roman north neck-of-the-woods society, which took over Europe, gave us the strange narrow '*Lotharingia rib*' kingdom on Charlemagne's death, that historian Toynbee described. Toynbee's rib seems instructive, for, in the Europe that developed, after everyone got out of the woods and the fur skins, to proceed toward modern European society, there remained a dichotomy, a split, at roughly the geographical point of the rib (Aachen to Rome), a split among the Franks themselves, one that showed up in various ways, but showed up continually over the thousand years after Charlemagne.

The split did not have to do with warrior society. All Europeans, both Franks from east of the 'rib', and west of the 'rib', continued to be warrior societies. Both, by the twentieth century, would lead the world in science and technology's implements of comfort and implements of weaponry, that would give the prominence and the dominance, which that century would attribute to these 'developed nations'. Likewise, these nations would lead world in education systems and commerce systems, which supported their leadership in that science and technology.

The difference was not in those areas. East Franks and West Franks after Charlemagne took up the concept of re-constituting a 'Rome', grew in their learning curve to share a common, if growing and mutating, view of what stood

for good civilization, from Carolingian times onward. And east and west Franks were all Caucasian racial stock with the similar social and spiritual customs, 'brothers and sisters' of sorts. You would think common race, spiritual tradition, levels of education and 'civilization', would cover all the important areas to dampen difference, but difference finds its ways to endure in the societies of men...

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...By August of 1914, on the eve of the first world war, the prospect of domination by the East Frank system of government of head families, presented a particular threat, not just to West Frank territory, but to some special new concepts and beliefs, we may say special '*thought accords*', that had grown to strength with large groups of Franks, all of whom were located west of Toynbee's 'Lotharingia rib'. These were concepts and beliefs about kings, citizens, governments, ideas which had germinated since the 1600's, and by 1914, represented a major difference in opinion, east and west of the 'rib'.

The rib had been a line, over which the east and west Frank head families who succeeded Charlemagne's grandsons, had for a 1000 years, unsuccessfully led their societies in wars to try in various ways, to 'take the other half of Frankdom'. But with the new 'thought accord' ideas about the relationship of citizens and governments, the rib became more and more a fault-line in the European portion of world civilization, where an '*East Frank*' commitment to continuing the old ways of military confrontation by a society, in glorification of the despot system of government and turf grabbing for 'empire', found itself resisting adamantly new ideas that '*West Franks*' were now increasingly taking to heart...

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...Charlemagne kept his Frank furs, for Charlemagne's 'Rome' was still a series of forest hamlets, where wolves were a principal danger to the public, and Carolingian matters of empire suzerainty, busied itself promulgating laws to encourage tracking wolf packs, and procedures for posting warning signs to citizens about ubiquitous wolf traps (pre-strung arrows pointed at trip-wire locations) in the imperium. A thousand terms for wolf behavior and wolf traits would carry on for ten centuries, in fifty western languages and societies, of the future Europe, which Charlemagne's 'Rome' would spawn, while head families of kingdoms would often cherish a label of 'Charles I, II', etc. for their first born, as 'Charlemagne' means 'King Charles'...

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...Silk clothes or not, Charlemagne wanted to be emperor. Any preferences there might have been for 'rule of law society' over 'rule of head family society', in the old historic barbarian Frankish forest culture, had been weakened within the history of head family Merovingian and Carolingian states, in the period preceding Charlemagne. Charlemagne clinched the head family empire system for European society. The old 'count' and 'duke' locally-elected or appointed positions in his formerly-more-equal Frank society, now became hereditary, and stayed that way for a thousand years...

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...It was Republican Rome (509 – 27 BCE), that perfected a long running stable society, apparently acceptable to its citizens for many generations, based on rule of law, that is, a body of decision-making representatives, a constituency of different citizens, and a court system to seek justice for disputes. The model was of Rome's own making, in the isolated Tiber River basin. The refinements through the years had come from Greek experiments and thought.

Rome had brought its own menace upon itself, ending rule of law, and allowing rule of head families. This established the inevitable 'empire' that follows closely, on the heels of such error. It had all happened through a progression of economic successes (based on conquest), which led to large chunks of wealth becoming available to individuals, through political manipulation at home, and in the provinces. The system under which individual service to the state in the army and in government, was rewarded by small agricultural estates, was gradually replaced in the later Rome, with a system of larger and larger accumulations of the state's total land and wealth, into the hands of fewer and fewer families...

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...At the end of that thousand-over years, by 1914, only a small number of European societies had any foundation in rule of law, but those societies seemed to demonstrate a strength far beyond their numbers and resources, a strength that appeared to come in fact from a certain '*magic of zeal*', that rule of law could bring to a society, in economic and scientific innovation, and military prowess. It was the magic strength that had created Rome, Republican Rome, that had presented the world the worthiest of governments, it had known from all of history (including the failed Greek attempts) in 27 BCE, when the republican era came to an end. It would be strength potent enough to win the First World War, and carry the most important events of the twentieth century...

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...But, as powerful as these new ideas about citizens and governments would prove to be for Europeans, over this course of their 1900's history, the ideas themselves had never actually found their growth to strength to accomplish all that, west of the 'rib', in West Frank Europe. They had, instead, gained their momentum in a more secluded location, an Isles location, (where indeed some Franks would be part of the story), but necessarily Isles that were safely distant from the turmoil'ed history of head family wars and turf-grabbing, in the years of East Frank/West Frank history after Charlemagne.

Magic-wielding in zeal, indeed, but very slow to catch on, these ideas arrived back from the Isles, into Europe, and grew to just enough power of consensus, to travel with Charlemagne's forest descendants, over the whole of the 1900's century, molding outcomes, and fighting against champions of the other era spirit's proposals for citizens and governments --- Hollernzollern, Hapsburg, Nazi, Stalinist --- to eventually win, and win again, right on through the Lotharingia 'rib'...all the way to Russia

2.Isles of Chalk

Rule of law and equality, as we know it today, returned to the world stage, reaffirmed both its ancient society and its old Frank roots, and began its growth to substance, in England. It was on the English Isles, distanced from East Frank West Frank Europe, that this tradition of ideas came back to hold the soil.

The English would find in their ancestry Franks from Normandy, Saxons from north Germany, and Norse and Danes from Scandinavia. Some English, the original Britons, had always lived on the Isles, and for 400 years after the 43 CE Roman arrival, had mixed with the Roman administrators of Britannia. It was here, a society would develop that would become the world's first model for rule of law. It was from here, such ideas would some day, somewhere in the 1600's, wash back to Frank Europe, and begin to have their influence, for a future three hundred years of history, west of the rib of Lotharingia...

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...One wonders why? Why would the ideas that emerged as the goal of all western civilization in the early 1900's century, gain strength enough on those Isles alone, to reach for such authority on our globe. The ideas, themselves had

always been around, and they had even ruled early societies as with some Greek city states (700 – 300 BCE), and the Roman Republic (509 – 27 BCE). But rule of law had never held its own before. Where it appeared, it had always eventually been overthrown. A rule of head families and despots had habitually disbanded all republics through history, in times of their weakness, when the virus of self-interest would appear...

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...That '*imperceptible decay*' which Pericles identifies, seemed available to destroy all rule of law societies in history! This would happen when those who seek rule of head families under their own kin, would appear from within the society or a next-door society, to conquer rule of law republics in their times of 'imperceptible decay' - sponsored weakness. They would do this, usually utilizing an efficiency of arms and armies which they could find ways to allocate to themselves. This seems true from Greek times onward. The pattern was often the same...

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...This was assisted by the English Channel. Distance --- the width of the channel --- kept England in its times of 'self-interest sponsored weakness', a safe farness from Europe. The Romans in Gaul had given a second name for the Isles across the channel, that Rome had labeled 'Britannia'. The second name was 'Albion' (Latin *albius*: white) for the redoubtable white chalk cliffs of Dover, that faced them as they crossed from Gaul. England's useful distance across the Channel was punctuated by these white chalk cliffs, which looked out on this water moat, their determined faces eventually of another mind, to all the established political thinking of the Europe of East Frank/ West Frank history...

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...Such a force seems to develop a life and being of its own, and seems to protect itself. German historians have spoken of *Zeitgeists* in history --- spirits of the time, ghosts of the time --- that seem to lead the thinking and events of eras. We might use the term 'mindset spirit force of an era', '*Era spirit*'. In using such nomenclature we observe that in a way no such force is ever permanent. It is a living thing, and lives for an 'era' even if the era for which it holds sway in a society, becomes a very long period.

The republican spirit ruled the Roman mind for 450 years, then disappeared completely... in a generation. On the English Isles, certain early notions, '*thought accords*' that would grow to era spirit force strength, appeared sometime in the late 1100's. Those notions stayed on the Isles, spawned daughters in new world American and Australian continents in the 1600's, and 1700's, and then appeared all over the globe, from the 1800's onward. The Era Spirit that grew from those thought accords, still lives today. This was the force of thought accords, which made the East Frank conquests of 1914, seem a threat worth fighting to stand against, by European West Franks, and the British and American thinking, of 1914...

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...Shakespeare was writing in the late 1500's, for a historical Gaunt of the 1300's. By Shakespeare's time, there was a definite awareness of a certain spirit, special 'Era Spirit' of society, that lived in England, defended at that time by its island status, against influences of Europe. Gaunt's times, had been one in which historian Thucydides' 'imperceptible decay', had in fact regularly occurred in society, through self-interest, but England had maintained its rule of law, and its era spirit had survived, in spite of 'imperceptible decay'...

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...But later Saxon kings were weak, and came again under control of Danish kings, until one 'William the Conqueror' took matters into his own hands, and in 1066 settled a claim of his to the English throne, by invasion and conquest of all England, both Saxon and Danish. William came from Normandy, a part of France. What did Normandy have to do with a claim to run English society?

Intermarriage of head families by William the Conqueror's time --- and ever after until 1914 --- had make it possible for any European society to end up with its leadership given to a current heir of a distant head family. This was because the idea that societies would be led by head families, had grown to become the prominent Era spirit in the forests of Europe, from Charlemagne's time onward.

This was, of course, the antithesis of any Era spirit of rule of law and equality; this was an 'Era spirit of head family despotism' which would rule unchallenged, on all the continents of humanity, for an incredibly long period of human history. As William's claim demonstrated, the marriages of the head families, alone, could count as to who would have the right govern a society, even if the claimant was not even from that society (and could not speak their language)...

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...Then having become a *mixture culture* of Europeans, and having attached themselves to European medieval society in custom, head family relations, religion, and trade, the Isles strangely turned to their own course and slowly, but progressively, distanced themselves from those origins. English society's island geography, in this earlier period, seems no hindrance to arriviers, who were to mix and make its population, in spite of the resolute countenance of its white chalk cliffs, that stared across the channel at East Frank/West Frank Europe.

But then, gradually, island geography began to become a prominent factor, practically, militarily, and emotionally, that would lead to the 1500's Elizabethan thought accord, the 'blessed plot built by nature for herself *against infection*' type of sentiment, behind Shakespeare's speech for John of Gaunt...

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...Henry II took the Saxon concept of 'king's peace', and did something to bring criminal cases to his king's courts to attract people to seek their justice there, as opposed to seeking it in their own local lord's courts. He offered the people something new --- a trial decided by a jury. Only the Henry's royal courts had the right to summon a jury. Individuals who had special knowledge of the event in litigation, eventually became witnesses, and bystanders with no knowledge of the case (12 men usually) became the deciding jury. Judges evolved into referees.

Only on the Isles, did such a system develop and give rise to the idea that justice, therefore, comes from the people, and is not handed down from the king or the lords. Looking at this from Henry's Plantagenet family history as kings, this exercise in freedom and justice seems motivated basically to give a headache to local barons, who Henry II needed to keep in place, but the process started something for the *Era spirit of law and equality*, that would not be reversed...

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...Was this detail of the system of law courts all that important as a force in England's society? It would seem so. European societies adopted the Roman Empire court procedure, brought to their emerging monarchs by the Catholic Church. Roman Empire court procedure and the court systems that grew from it in Europe, usually had the judges, appointees of the king, who then held an inquisition of the litigants, investigating the case themselves, all in secrecy, unscrutinized by the public. In some cases, it would be modern times in the 1900's, before this would change. Law would be part of the government power, the power of head families that owned the government...

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...It punctuated this thought accord, for it did not hand down the law from the government, but rather commented on it. All English legal thinking would forever follow this approach. The thought accord of the early 1200's, would eventually become part of an Era spirit, which would pervade society far beyond the dealings of courts. The genes of the brilliant, irascible Henry, and

the un-hinderable Eleanor, through the toleration of the kings, that were their offspring, seemed to give this thought accord some time to take hold and grow in England...

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...English society rose in protest, and successfully censured the Stuart kings for violating the 'Charter of an Englishman's Liberties', the Magna Carta. Actually, the Magna Carta was not in its writing or intention, really that sort of document. Its text only dealt with specific grievances against a specific king, John Lackland. The word 'freedman' in it, in feudal terminology of 1215, meant 'feudal lord'. The Magna Carta became a 'charter of an Englishman's liberties', only because it established one important point. The rule of law was the rule of the land. Everyone was subject to it.

Father, King Henry II Plantagenet, had naturally assumed, in the 1100's, that he was above the court system he devised. Son, King John Lackland Plantagenet, in the 1200's, was instructed that he was not. He was bound by law. His signature on this document created a thought accord at the top of society's hierarchy, which would rule for all future English kings. Furthermore, the barons in their wording quite accidentally, it would appear, secured the right to rule of law for every landowner to include the farmer of sixty acres....

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...Yet the Plantagenets are so important. They are important for what they never attempted. Other events in Europe would produce other opportunities for rule of law in the centuries before and after this, but in every case, head families and the 'Era spirit of despotism', would find ways to wipe out the effects of such events, for their own societies... and for their neighbor's societies which lacked the defense of Chalk Isles. The Plantagenets were extraordinary, simply in that they did not attempt to overturn the effects, either of the Magna Carta, or the newly developing common law court system...

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...But Simon went on further in questioning the other powers of the great barons over the country gentry and middle class. In the resultant discord, in 1261, King Henry III asked the pope to free him from his vow to abide by the recently signed Provisions of Oxford, with its requirement for the council of fifteen to look over his shoulder in government decision-making. As a result, civil war broke out, and the greater barons began to call Simon de Montfort a popular dictator.

Simon reacted to the ‘dictator’ accusation, by gathering in 1265, a ‘parliament’ in London to which representatives of all shires and all towns were summoned. He did this as much to consolidate his own mandate, as for any purpose in democratic representation, but this gathering remains the first real Parliament of the Isles. Simon was eventually defeated and killed by Henry III’s son, Edward, but king Edward I Plantagenet then turned out to be an admirer of his uncle Simon’s ideas, and the system of parliament was retained!! Once again, the Plantagenets seemed to go along with these ideas...

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...In some ways, it looks like our ‘Liberty era spirit’ tiptoed into English history, while the Plantagenet masters of the realm were charging around two lands split by the English channel, trying to hold on to their feudal incomes. Henry II actually fought his own sons more than once. On finding that wife Eleanor may have been encouraging un-cooperation of this next generation of boys, he locked Eleanor up for fifteen years house arrest, at Salisbury.

Henry even receives one felony accusation, as being responsible for getting his Canterbury archbishop, Beckett, murdered by barons, who were overly anxious to exercise the king’s fury, in a king-bishop move that was part of a long running power argument of the times, between secular rulers and ecclesiastical prelates...

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...The whole process seems to occur because of the Plantagenet kings’ preoccupation with fighting (other kings, lords, ecclesiastics, crusades), but from Henry II’s encouragement of the common law precedent in his king’s courts, through to Edward I’s continuance of a rebel’s parliament, it is not clear what is happening. From the hot tempered, freckle faced, bull necked, Henry II, to great-grandson, Edward I, these people seem important agents of a process, of which they were obviously not clearly aware, themselves...

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...Eleanor of Aquitaine, as mother of Henry II’s lot of boys, was equally preoccupied with everything but an Era spirit of rule of law, from the time of her flirt with Henry II, when she was a teenager queen of France, onward. With that French husband, Louis VII, her first ‘king conquest’, she had gone on a crusade to Palestine, accompanied by her own court of ‘Amazon fighter ladies’.

Known from youth for her good looks, Eleanor was even the topic of a student 'pop song' from the University of Paris.

“If all the world were mine, from sea-coast o the Rhine,
I'd gladly lose them all, to have the queen of England,
lying in my arms.”

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...Dubbed an 'eagle' because she flew away from first husband, King Louis VII, to marry King Henry II, she was subsequently called the 'woman of four kings', as two of her eaglets became King Richard I and King John Lackland. When Richard I died, Eleanor worked to maintain her last son, John Lackland's position in France, offering a granddaughter to be queen to King Phillip II of (northern) France, as a part of one compromise for who-runs-what in France.

Occasionally chased for capture in her own earlier years by barony (once by Henry II's own brother), who were anxious to force marriage on a beauty, who happened to own the province of Aquitaine, she rode to Spain with an entourage, age seventy-eight, to bring the granddaughter from the court of Castile for the marriage. Once again, she was waylaid by barony (to whom she gave away one small county in order to permit the completion of her mission)...

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...The disheveled situation that Eleanor and Henry's clan presented their years, allowed England to become home to the most important event in all of our civilization's history. Later centuries would show that a certain disorder would always favor humanity's hope for such an Era spirit, whether the situation arose from the push-and-pull of a 'mixture culture' of different people within a society, or from more momentous cataclysms of history in war or economic change...

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...The Abbey is south of the river Loire in France's Normandy, where the Plantagenet family forebears originated, and where Winston Churchill and allies, would someday choose to land the troops for their prayer for their Era spirit's recapture of Europe, during World War II. Eleanor's tomb at Fontevrault is topped with a full sized image of her, (in the photo section on the website), reclining, head propped up, reading a book.

Wags have quipped over the centuries, about exactly which book that is. Whichever book it is, Eleanor has been on the same page for eight hundred years. Maybe in her woman's way of knowing things, this is her own book of history, and one important and enduring page, which her men inexplicably wrote for us.

It was certainly a page that saw some important ideas born into the insularity of the Chalk Isles, on their own larger way to support the spirit of a very special thought for our globe's civilization. We will review Churchill's idea of 'agate points', and this writing's idea of 'tryers' and 'pivots', a little later; but for history's estimate here, the question of knowledgeable intention for this particular Plantagenet family of players in the 1100's and 1200's time of our civilization, will probably remain unknown.

3.Thought Accords

In the story of the English Isles, we looked in to observe group thought accords, finding their way through to take a firm hold, and begin the developments that would eventually welcome what we have described as, our Era spirit of rule of law and equality, the 'Liberty era spirit'. What exactly was it that caused the ideas of a few, within one or two generations of Chalk Isles history, to leap to become accepted in the hearts of a majority, as an ideal. What allowed a new ideal to become a force in English society's institutions and in their country's policy toward other societies? And then again, what about instances, where such a growth in strength of ideas toward 'thought accord status', is interrupted, and reversed?

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...What would have happened if the young thought accords of rule of law and equality, born of ideals from America and Britain, had survived in Japan? An alternate history may have emerged for Japan, in the coming 1900's century. As it was, the group thought accord of Prussian ideas survived, and the public found themselves more charmed by another lady, another Era spirit that knew them well, one that would beckon them back toward militarism and deference to an emperor head family.

By 1935, a Lieutenant Colonel Aizawa was being tried in Japan, for killing a General Nagata, who had been trying to prevent a military extremist takeover. Schoolgirls wrote letters defending the murderer colonel, and all the

military extremists... in their own blood. Obviously by this time, a consensus had finally grown from *group thought accords*, to become a true *Era spirit* that could indeed pervade society, but it was an *Era spirit* that stood for army imperialism and rule of head families...

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...The *alternate* group thought accords of law and equality for humanity, that had been born in 1870's Japan, had withered, long before they had a chance to grow to strength as a Liberty era spirit, in Japan's history. Those who continued to raise their hand to speak for such ideals often died nobly. The viciousness of their silencing had long been consecrated with schoolgirls' volunteered blood-letters supporting the *Era spirit* of despotism. New ideas had all come from outside this particular society, but they arrived only as suggestive ideas, on the Prussian and then on the English-American sides of the alternate proposals, not with conquest, so the decisions for preference came from within...

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...In the mid-1300's, a hundred years after the early Plantagenets in England, Poland entered a special age under King Casimir the Great. Casimir chastised the church in Rome for allowing the Teutonic Knights' scam, to carry the church's sanctity as a missionary order, and sent his own missionaries and clergy, rather than troops, to northern pagan areas (Lithuania). At home, he created a body of law somewhat similar to the English law, that we have seen developing at the same time, with a concern for the rights of non-nobility and peasants.

Poland was heading in the direction of England, in creating group thought accords for equality and rule of law. Casimir, last of the Piast's, died childless, and the Polish nobles invited Ladislas Jagiello from Lithuania to begin a new head family dynasty in Poland bearing his name. New charters ensured personal rights, including the guarantee that no one could be imprisoned without trial. The leading family had changed, but Poland's group thought accords had held...

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...Sigismund Augustus was the last of the Jagiello family, when he died in 1572. Poland continued as a royal republic, and politicians like John Zamoyski emerged to positions of influence during the late 1500's, the Elizabethan time in England. Poland maintained a preference for the Liberty era spirit. With such

group thought accords, Poland became an ‘Island’ of sorts in an ever-absolutist Europe, a Europe where total control by the early 1600’s, was steadily falling under domination of a few head family names: Bourbon, Hapsburg, Romanov, whose societies had no royal republics or constitutional concerns for rights of any sort...

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...Poland’s kings, after Sigismund Augustus, in the 1600’s, were still elected by nobility, but Poland’s increasingly bullying neighbors had much to do with their selection. Poland entered defensive fights. The reforms that King John Casimir planned for the peasants --- to make Poland the one country in Eastern Europe to remove the slavery of serfdom --- were neglected, as Poland became a military camp to protect itself against its neighbors. Poland as an ‘*Isle*’ in Europe, was unfortunately an isle only of idealistic thinking, not like England, of geography. Unlike the Chalk Isles, Poland could not in the end hold its own, and Frederick II of Germany and Catherine II of Russia and their successors, ended up partitioning the whole country between themselves!

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...The group thought accords of this society, which grew to some maturity in the Jagiello family years of the 1500’s, and tried to blossom under King John Casimir in the 1600’s, and then again with the Third of May Constitution of 1791 with General Kosciusko, and then again under Paderewski’s republic of the 1920’s and 1930’s, finally was strong enough --- and fortunate enough --- to enable the Era spirit of rule of law and equality to capture not only the minds of its own society, but also the minds of its neighbor societies.

This so often conquered ‘isle’ of republican idealism, would lead the whole of the eastern European continent on the road, to throw off the empire Stalin had built. And the electrician politician, Lech Walesa, would become elected president of the first republic formed in the new eastern Europe...

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...As the thought-accords and era-spirits phenomenon goes, Poland’s tale is a most arduous story of thought accords grappling with historical situations over a very long period of time, to finally win force-strength. Polish society saw its country’s drawn outline of borders, actually *removed* from the maps of Europe, its own language *banned*, in the course of that story.

4. Society Pyramid

It is said that the long-ruling Louis XIV (1638-1715), the ‘Sun King’ of France, gave an edict to his great grandchildren, when he noticed them adventuring into a new practice at dining time. The children had begun utilizing a ‘forchette’ for eating. This was a new device with a handle and two to four prongs, that you could use to stab a piece of meat or vegetable, and lift it for eating, or alternately maneuver it for cutting with a knife.

Louis, like all others, king or common, in European history to date, used a knife in one hand and the fingers of the other hand to bring about cutting and delivery of food from a plate. Louis found this slick use of a needless instrument, foppish and improper. He forbade his grandchildren to use the forchette in his presence...

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...The grand palace of Versailles, which Louis completed by 1685, was actually a supreme device of empire control, for it was large enough to house all the nobility of the land, and that is exactly why it was built. Louis could invite (*instruct*) every powerful family of the nobility to send a part of their family to permanently enjoy quarters (*stand as hostage*) in this sumptuous and immense palace. Versailles was an anti-Runnymede protection plan, which England’s Plantagenet King John had lacked. It worked.

Louis vouchsafed us, in his time, some appropriate quips that show his take on kings and kingdoms:

“ I am the state.

It is legal because I wish it.”

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...Louis had no use for the new fad of the fork at the dining table. It is fitting that he should have objected. His great grandson Louis XVI, deposed, sitting in prison, and seeing the works of liberal French thinkers Rousseau and Voltaire on a bookshelf, made available to him, exclaimed, “These people have destroyed France!” He should have said they had finally destroyed France’s Bourbon head family’s society pyramid structure, by persistently casting new thinking, against the fitted stones of its walls.

Louis XIV again:

“Has God forgotten all I have done for Him.”

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...All head families' wealth came from the land, not trade, manufacturing, or service, and from an economic system, where many workers of a society were originally tied to their job and location. Sometimes a competitive head family had the success to replace a ruling head family. Nevertheless, there were few different parties controlling the events of these societies, the events of history, through the whole period from Charlemagne in 800 CE, up to the late 1700's. The weight of such monoliths of social organization kept everyone in line, and what from a critical point of view may seem curious, it even kept everyone's *thought accords* in line!

When territorial Italy would rise to object to the Holy Roman Empire idea, it was done because Italians wished to support their own head families' power, against that of the German head families. The pyramid structure of society headed by a king (or duke or emperor, etc.), was the only idea in stock anywhere. It was hard to say whether it is more peculiar that this Empire era spirit --- in spite of the culture shocks of the Renaissance, and Reformation, and the counter example of English history from the 1100's onward --- sustained to the end of the 1700's, indeed to 1914; or whether it is more peculiar that alternate thought accords, should be able to grow to welcome the Era spirit of rule of law and equality on the Chalk Isles. In Europe, wherever there was any success in change, it was only the change of creating an alternate head family society, in accordance with the era spirit of head families...

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...Venice, like England, had been helped in its efforts to maintain its independence and republican ways, by geography. Like England, it was an Isle of sorts, separated by marshes from the Italian mainland. The ancestors of the early republic had fled to the Venetian lagoon in the early 400's CE, to escape Alaric's Goth barbarians, as the Goths swept through eastern coast mainland Roman cities. In 1310, after 600 years of elected doges, a major threat against the republic materialized, in the person of one Tiepolo, who tried to establish himself as a tyrant.

Marching to the edge of the famous St. Mark's place on the feast of St. Vitus day, in a plan by which it was hoped some of the populace would rally to

his rule, he was met by a tipped mortar stone from a building's upper window. The attack --- as it turned out by an old patriotic lady --- missed Tiepolo, but flattened his flag-bearer. All fled. The Republic was saved, and when the old lady was asked how Venice could show its gratitude, she requested:

“I will be always allowed to display the banner of Venice from the same upper window, and also my landlord will never raise my rent”

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...A parallel situation with the same problem with the same head family, existed in the Forest Group of Cantons, which gives hint to the partial success of the Swiss in avoiding the burden of head family rule. Geography helped again here, in that the Swiss cantons are on the precipitous Alpine mountain forest ground, forever in history remote until the 1900's road/rail tunnel infrastructure was completed.

At times, as under Hapsburg Emperor Rudolph in the early 1200's, the Hapsburg head family announced they were too busy to enforce their right to rule. At other times, at the famous battles of Sempach and Naefels in the late 1300's, Hapsburg troops lost the fight. The simple truth was it was usually too hard to get to the Swiss Cantons, and too hard to get safely out.

“We are too busy to assert our suzerainty”

...German Emperor Rudolph said to excuse himself.

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...Surrounded by Hapsburg head family administration and military, what thought accords for rule of law and equality that could develop, in the partial geographic isolation of the Venetian isles and Swiss mountain terrain, could never grow to sustain an era spirit, to reinforce the thinking of their society, and reach to neighbor societies. The swamp islands and mountain forests were *better protection* from one's neighbor society's advice on government, than a flat northern European plain gave the Poles, but as geographic features, they were not as successful a bulwark for isolation as a Chalk Isles...

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...In Hapsburg East Frank Europe, it was customary to genuflect whenever the emperor's name was mentioned in high society conversation --- whether he was in the room or not --- in a polite body-language reinforcement of the thought

accords that support a society pyramid. It was assumed that there could be no other right way of doing things, than government by despots.

But it was just at that time that our Era spirit on the Chalk Isles was finding strength. From a head family point of view, things were actually moving out of hand in the Elizabethan society of the 1500's century, as political figures of national recognition in England, appeared in the activity of Parliament. Then, in the 1600's in England, not only parliamentarians, but everyone, was getting in the act of expressing their opinions and values about society. An Agreement for the People was drawn up by one such opinionator, who we see then paying the price for bringing forth a Liberty era spirit thought:

“Number One. That the supreme authority of England and the territories therewith incorporate, shall be and reside henceforward in a Representative of the People.”

“From (the location of) our causeless captivity in the Tower of London”

William Walwyn.

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Much of world civilization's citizenry has always been Chinese. In a world population of over 7 billion, today, 1.5 billion are Chinese. In a Chinese imperial census of 2 CE, there were already 59 million. A civilization that throughout its history has avoided much contact with the world, and was not really on the world map of Europeans, until the late 1200's visits of Marco Polo's family, China nevertheless today and in the past, has been the society of a significant proportion of all civilization. Its capital in the 700's CE, Chang'an, was then already the largest city on the globe.

And China, and everything it would inspire in the Far East, would be a pyramid structure society. The barbarians who would conquer Rome in the West, were possibly pushed that direction by other barbarians, who knocked on China's door, in the first few hundred years of CE. In the West, the barbarians would eliminate one all-encompassing pyramid society structure. Various smaller head family societies would re-organize themselves in Europe. Their competition and status, in coveting less than the whole of Europe, would at least allow the thought accords to appear, that produced the Liberty era spirit stories of Venice, the Swiss cantons, Poland, and England...

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...Amazingly, the pyramid mentality era spirit, was so total in its strength, that the non-Chinese Manchu's, the Qing, could actually take over China in 1644, and operate the levers of the Chinese society pyramid structure from its top, for an incredible 350 years of the last 500 years. Outsiders could operate an established society pyramid to successfully instruct citizens to wear pigtails and take up the role of servitude in their own country, in an eastern version of Europe's Poland story.

The perfection of this pyramid system, would have been the envy of Louis XIV, or any European head family. Sui dynasty Emperor Yang in the early 600's, had 1.2 million peasants impressed in state service, to do great wall repairs in his time. At the same time, the extension of the canal system that would stretch from Loyang to Hang Zhou, dispatched an additional 5.5 million peasants to labor.

On completion of the canal, the emperor's four-storey-high dragon boat was towed by 80,000 men, with a walking cortege of people 200 kilometers long, following on the canal banks. European head families, in negotiating, fighting, re-negotiating, with their laboring classes to obtain work and military commitments, even in the serf areas of eastern Europe, never had such unquestioned success, for their head family pyramid structures...

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...One enthusiast for Confucian compassion in government, who came from an empress' side of the royal family of Han, Wang Mang, took over the government of China in 9 CE, at the very beginning of our last two millennia. Wang Mang announced plans for peasant rights and Confucian justice against the Han landed gentry, but the event failed to bring his hopeful thought accords, to be taken up by China's society, in his times. He was killed, and the Han dynasty apex family society-pyramid, resumed...

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...The Tang dynasty in the early 700's CE, briefly instituted agrarian reform, to allow peasant land ownership, at the very beginning of the Tang rule years, but the reform was eventually overturned. Another strong-minded proposer for thought accords to bring some economic equality, to a broad franchise of China's people, Wang Anshi, appeared in the Song dynasty in the 1000's. This individual might have changed the history of China, for he gained a young Song

Emperor Shenzong's, confidence before the emperor assumed the throne at age twenty. Wang Anshi's programs included low interest loans to peasants, allowing peasants to buy their land, and other measures for equitable '*equal access*' economics. But when the emperor died in 1086 at age forty, Wang Anshi was quickly dismissed, his reforms abrogated...

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...It was by then in China, one century before the Chalk Isles saga of our Era spirit began, with the Plantagenet kings. Like in so many technical areas, the Chinese may have brought the new thought accords, which would lead to the Era spirit of rule of law and equality to our world civilization, first, but this did not occur in world history, or for China's people. The Era spirit of despotism and society pyramid seemed to have little trouble, to successfully step on new thought accords before they could obtain enough size to live. And so, a large percentage of the whole world's civilization, remained a peasant folk, toiling on the Chinese mainland for their aristocracy, until the early 1800's when European colonialism intruded to observe a bright and industrious people, not much heard from in history, their women with bound-up feet, and all with bound-up thought accords. The society pyramid thought accord had enjoyed over 4000 years of amazing effectiveness, to maintain the Era spirit of despotism...

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...The '*Isles thing*' in history in the East, worked out differently for the Japanese people. Their Isles marked the far position, '*eastward*', on the great land mass where most of our mutual civilization had tumbled through its 5000 years of life-stories and issues, much like England's Isles marked a far position, '*westward*', on that same landmass, through those 5000 years.

In some ways, the Japanese pyramid era spirit persisted in its society, in a more extreme manner, than the Chinese one, the right of life and death of an individual more arbitrarily belonging to the empire. The legacy, in the early half of the 1900's century, was group thought accords that saw conductors on trolley cars passing the imperial palace, have all passengers bow to its stone walls, and where a school principal would commit suicide, for making a reading mistake in the recitation of the 'Imperial Rescript on Education'...

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...And so it came to be, that the Isles, which some ancient tectonic motions left far on East, and other Isles, which were left far on the West, stood in their respective assigned spots, to become symbols in contrast, of a very special part of humanity's story, the part that deals with our civilization's situation between the calls of two Era spirits. That story for humanity, through thousands of years of history on that expanse of Euro-Asia continents, brought only a persistent win, for an Era spirit of Versailles palace-hostage-devices, mechanically hoisted 'holy' emperors, and pigtail submissions to autocracy ... until events begun in the late 1700's 'new fork times' of Louis XIV's grandchildren, finally started to bring a different tally to history's scoreboard...

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...This story highlights the fact that our Era spirit's arduous progress in our mutual civilization, took place on one Asia-Euro landmass. That landmass brought its curious tale of special roles, of two groups of flanking westward and eastward Isles. The next part of our era spirit's story, also has a geography footnote attached. 350 million years before any of our civilization's history took place, a major part of what was then a one-world landmass, *broke away* from everything else, and started to drift on the tectonic plates, westward from the British Isles. It finally reached a location, remote enough, to allow it to rest in seclusion, quite *en-distanced* from the story we have unfolded here...for a while.

We call that self-remoting piece of the whole landmass of important bio-dirt, on which all souls humbly stand, North and South America. The breaking point, the severance line, which sent that part of the whole, away, became known eventually, to some researchers, as the edges of a tetrahedron shape.

Those researchers point us to the fact that that a tetrahedron, is in fact one of the Hindu-Platonic shapes, that lies as a 'active structure' outside and around our globe, a structure that has its influence over our planet, over the courses of living things, you could say the history of living things, that call our planet's surface home, because it is a structure that is --- strangely enough --- related to us.

5.Yank and Brit

In a wide globe's map of the diverse societies of humanity's citizenries, throughout the first 1700 years of the Common Era, since Augustus Caesar showed up in 27 BCE, one red pin could be stuck on one country, for leadership in rule of law and equality. The Chalk Isles geography had yielded a difference

in outcomes in the parallel experiences that England, Poland, Switzerland, Venice, individually shared, in their separate courses of events, with the *thought accords that wanted* to establish this Era spirit, in the face of the unending absolutism on Europe's continental Westside, of the land mass which most of humanity called home. That difference in outcomes, left England the sole location of consistent progress...

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...Then, suddenly in the 1600's, tens of thousands of individual minds in Europe, working in full view of the disdainful countenance of an old group of thought accord's long-dominant *head family era spirit*, somehow believed they should change their societies. They mostly worked independently of each other, but demonstrated a 'conscious or unconscious humanity's vast frame', type of connectivity, of the later James Russell Lowell type of description for these matters, where betterment is involved.

“...an instinct bears along, round, the earth's electric circle,

The swift flash or right or wrong,

Whether conscious or unconscious, through humanity's vast frame,

Through its ocean sundered cables, feels the gush of joy or shame,

in the gain or loss of one race, all the others have equal claim...”

(Lowell would create this phrase, when he observed the build-up of thought accords, on the subject of the abolition of slavery, among 1800's citizens in America and Britain)...

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...*Coffee houses*, locations of the newly introduced stimulating drink substances from the Ottoman Empire, became the locations for discussions about change. The coffee houses that appeared out of the Ottoman Empire in the 1600's, quickly became a European continent-wide e-mail tool, for people in their aspirations to establish new ideas. Everyone was talking up the Liberty era spirit thought accord, but in awaiting their discussions to turn into the first concrete events of history that would allow some success, these Liberty era spirit enthusiasts would see quite some time --- over a hundred years --- pass by...

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...A writer of the time, John Locke, published a work in which he justified this English Bill of Rights, stating that any government actually existed by a sort of unwritten contract with its citizens anyway, and that all citizens had rights of 'life, liberty, and property' that were actually *natural rights*, and furthermore if government was not good government, or was managed with absolute power in disregard of those natural rights, its '*contract*' was broken: people could re-assemble a new government!

It is sometimes difficult today to see this man's ideas as an earth-shaking statement of a new thought accord, but in the context of world history so far presented, one can see that in history in this 1600's Bourbon, and Hapsburg Europe, and in the Orient and Africa right on through to the mid 1900's, that it was not the intention of any other society to reason in such terms. English society alone would begin in these times, on a journey of serious rethinking in just that direction; and in the British North American colonies, much more would happen...

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...But the seeds of thinking for a totally different society, than that to which the world was accustomed, had arrived with this motley gathering of settlers, and it would seize upon the ideas of John Locke --- who himself was not at the time popularly well known, in his own England.

In the mid-1600's, less than a half century after the colonists arrived, a member of the Virginia legislature (colonies had their own mini-parliaments), Nathaniel Bacon, staged a short rebellion against the authority of his legislature and the king-appointed governor. The rebellion quickly abated after some compromises. Nathaniel, a Virginia planter, wrote a manifesto explaining his position. What is interesting is the assumptions and attitudes in Nathaniel Bacon's formal statement to government and society, as Bacon complained:

"See what sponges had sucked up the publique treasure and wither it hath not bin privately contrived away by unworthy favourites and juggling parasites, whose tottering fortunes have bin repaired and supported at the Publique Charge..."

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...Nathaniel Bacon does not seem to be worried about characterizing his government in un-charming terms. The developing English thought accord for rule of law, which would be punctuated in this century by John Locke's 'contract-with-the-people' idea, is very quickly taking a new turn on the North American coast. Bacon writes as though he truly always assumed Locke's idea to be correct, that is, that he as a voter for a local legislature, had every right to chastise Parliament and King in England, for their mismanagement.

And this is the very time, in the rest of the world, when Louis XIV was building Versailles, the Qing's were instructing Chinese society that they would have to wear pigtailed from now on, and the early Tokugawa shogunate was perfecting its absolutist pyramid of samurai rule, that would last another 250 unquestioned years...

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...In the 1760's, Britain witnessed an uproar over a parliamentarian, John Wilkes. Wilkes, an alternative lifestyle citizen of the times, for whom the term 'rake' was used, came himself to public notice when he published a lewd parody of poet Alexander Pope's literary 'Essay on Man', entitled 'Essay on Woman'. (The whole essay was read word for word in Parliament, when he was chastised). Wilkes was then further implicated, as being one of a group responsible for a newspaper article, which had criticized the king's ministers. John Wilkes offered his own cant on the new political thinking

Earl of Sandwich . . ."You shall either die of the pox or on the gallows".

John Wilkes . . . "That sir depends on whether I embrace your mistress or your politics"

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...The respected William Pitt, the Elder, argued in parliament for Wilkes' rights, and in the end, the courts ruled the 'no-name warrants' illegal, and awarded Wilkes damages. The issue was really freedom of the press. British rule of law and equality was making one more step forward in that area. The matter of Parliament's rejection of Wilke's re-election by the public, was however not addressed. It was 1770...

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...The footnotes about the American revolution, actually being a British revolution, appear because of actions of many of these British parliamentarians,

some like Burke and Pitt the Elder, among the best known figures of their time. These men wanted Britain itself, to walk further in the direction of fair elections for Parliament, and more control over head family government by Parliament. Burke, in particular, wanted to give respectability to the notion of ‘*opposition*’ and ‘*political party*’, which had appeared in Parliament in the 1720’s, after Sir Robert Walpole had become a ‘prime minister’ (appointed by the king).

All hoped the debate over the demands of the American colonials would bring about changes in Britain. In fact, changes would come to Britain. In the British elections of 1779, all topics for which the Americans had pushed, would come into consideration, but this was after America had already started to battle (1775), and declared its independence (1776), to split the two societies. Looking back, one of Edmund Burke’s comments seems relevant to that moment of separation:

“Magnanimity in politics is not seldom the truest wisdom; and a great empire and little minds go ill together.”

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...Commander George Washington decided on New Year’s day 1776, in the dawn light at Boston, to raise the republic’s brand new flag, which had been recently designed and sewn. The British commanders squinted through their field glasses and breathed a sign of relief. The strange-looking thing they concluded, must be a flag of surrender. Now life could return to normal.

But a war was on, that would last to 1781. Famous British military men, from Admiral Keppel to the Earl of Effingham, would simply refuse to fight this war. British letters of the time confided much uncertainty, about there not being ‘so clear a cause’...

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...Thomas’ document advocated that there existed a ‘right of people to alter or abolish’ a government that does not recognize the ‘unalienable rights’ of men. Most important was his document’s statement, ‘All men are created equal’.

The English revolution had come a long way since Runnymede and the Magna Carta, since Henry II, John Lackland, Edward I, Simon de Montfort, the ‘Long parliament’, the 1689 Bill of Rights, but the idea that all men are created equal, had never been seriously voiced in all this history of rule of law. The Americans standing as a new government of the North American coastline, who put their signature to Mr. Jefferson’s declaration, were truly affirming a radical

thought accord to the world, a timely impulse that had finally --- over the times since the 1600's Europe coffeehouse chatter --- pushed itself into the minds of at least some of Jefferson's Continental Congress gathering, slaveholders and all, in that special Philadelphia July...

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..Nevertheless, from the time of Mr. Jefferson's Declaration, British and American societies and Britain's other offspring societies in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, would move in an unplanned and unspoken unison of commitment, to act to make the ideals of this declaration, the Era spirit of their societies, and eventually, of others. In spite of the piques and dislikes that would forever occur --- famous English thinker, Samuel Johnson, said in the revolutionary war times, "I am willing to love all mankind, except an American" --- in the inter-hearing and inter-reading the 'cross-modulation' of these societies in the next 200 over years from 1776, give some of the best examples of thought accords growing, maturing and becoming, an Era spirit that self-assertedly deigned to become an *Era force* in global history...

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...A portrait painter, who became well known in the new society for painting government figures (and who gives us today most of the likenesses we have of the American founding fathers), Gilbert Stuart, painted portraits of George Washington and all members of the first government. Upon having an argument with the new Secretary of war, Henry Knox, Stuart decided to use

Knox's portrait as the door to his farm's pig sty. As the door slammed open and shut, and the pigs strolled by the likeness of the country's Secretary of war, something of note in the 1700's world, was being demonstrated about this new society, and the relationship it heralded between the governing and the governed...

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...It was a trait that would indeed enjoy a frontier, in fact always seek a frontier, even a frontier which people could someday measure in parsecs. But this trait would exist from the very beginning, even in the small city life of the English colonies. That trait (and its corollary disposition not to cower from 'the sting of battle' as General George Patton would eventually phrase it) would in time prove important, because the Liberty era spirit, given a full chance in this one society's '*revolution*' as Americans called it, would almost without a moment's delay, move herself outward to a whole globe, that was home to an existing Era spirit of a different ilk, wherever enthusiasm welcomed.

And for 200 coming years after these events of this revolution, the Era spirit of rule of law and equality, now would encounter a murderous response from apex family pyramid structure societies. It was a response, which more often than not, would repeatedly call for sacrifice and soldiers from the societies, that she had already enlisted, particularly from her charter folks of Britain and the U.S.

6.Fight

It was the war against Napoleon, where the British had fathomed from the feisty attitude of the province of Asturias against Napoleon's empire, that Spain would be the place to land troops first for their continental campaign. In that war, when the commander under Wellington finally captured the town of Badajoz in Spain, it was considered acceptable to allow (one day's time limit) sack of a city, which had withstood a siege with a heavy loss of life to the attacking forces.

War stands in every age as the inhumane choice of confrontation of societies in disagreement. The wrangling of societies through battle, allocates torment to all, especially youth, uniformed and trained for the purpose of killing and dying. Homer in his Iliad, complained there was no glory in this for our mutual civilization, back in 800 BCE...

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...Yet, in mapping out the past patterns of pyramid society absolutism, and for the successful establishment of rule of law and equality ideals in various societies, those better-hope thought accords, only held their own in history, through fighting for their lives, and winning against hide-bound viciousness. The fact is that there has always been a fight awaiting against rule of law and equality. The growth to Era spirit strength has not been a progression to greater influence in our civilization's globe of societies, through a willing acceptance by an increasing number of logical minds --- a victory sweep for heartfelt coffeehouse discussion conclusions --- but rather through military victories, won by people who were willing to risk their lives to preserve or establish the system for these ideals...

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...On August 26, 1789, a brand new legislature, the French 'national constituent assembly' proclaimed a 'Declaration of the Rights of Man' drawing on the ideas of the century. From their own thinkers, from a hundred years of discussion, and from the inspiration of America and England, the Declaration announced:

“Men are born and remain free and equal in rights... Law is the expression of the general will... All men being equal in its eyes... No one ought to be disturbed on account of his opinions, even religious...”

Again, the late 1700's, had produced a document from a society's spontaneously-created legislature, proclaiming the rights of man as the new law of the land. And again with its 'all's' and its 'No one's', like with the American's 1776 'Declaration insistence' of a decade earlier, this document seems to want to talk at the whole world of its times...

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...A hundred years earlier, the questions about society pyramid absoluteness reached a fierce moment of bitter arguments in Britain, which called for King Charles I to part with his head. Now in the 1700's, the chatter and the arguments were actually taking over two societies, American and French, and consciously broadcasting the thought accords about rule of law and equality. This 'broadcast' of the French announcement of the ascension of these thought accords toward Era spirit force-strength, a decade after the American bulletin for the same sentiment, would be heard through the hundred year old 'coffee-house net', immediately, over the land mass of Europe, east and west of the Lotharingia rib...

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...It had all happened so fast, in the 1770's and 1780's decades (Poland's own variety of this type of 'Declaration', would come soon after, in 1791). Active commitments from within other societies would follow, but results, successful as they would eventually be, in Europe, would only see its victories, an incredible twenty-two long decades after these times. There would be a reason for that, and a certain culpability...

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...But the twist in the French revolution would continue to undermine itself. General Napoleon's success against the empires of Europe, finally led to a military dictatorship in France, with Napoleon as first citizen, first consul. This resulted in more debate among Europeans, and British and Americans, as to the realness of the French revolution, as a 'revolution for the rights of man'. Then one more thing happened.

Ludwig Beethoven flew into a rage. It is said he ripped out the first page of his new symphony, the Third Symphony, and threw it on the floor. The page had evidently named the symphony for Napoleon. It would be renamed. Beethoven, a citizen of the Hapsburg Austrian empire, had the frame of mind of a lot of Europeans, for whom the French revolution was the first real move toward rule of law and equality, on the empire-ridden bulk of Europe. Napoleon's victories over the pyramid societies seemed a harbinger of a new era. But Napoleon in 1804 had declared *himself* a French emperor, and had married a Hapsburg daughter! It enraged many.

Napoleon would lose his empire, and French society would eventually end up with one more Bourbon head family king plopping himself on a throne. One man's decision can make so much difference in time of change and war, but what was really being demonstrated here was the difficulty that new thought accords have, to hold their own, when they are too quickly and too radically given the opportunity to rule where they never existed before...

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...It was ironic that it had to be the English military, which moving up through Spain and France under Wellington's command, would conquer France. In France, the thought accords had taken first hold though, and the 1800's events would finally stumble onward to an established Era spirit of rule of law and equality in France, and also all West Frank Europe, finally by 1914.

But the loss of Napoleon's victories over the East Frank Prussian and Austrian empires was catastrophic, for it would stop our Era spirit of rule of law and equality at the Lotharingia rib from 1815 to 1945, and hold success back from eastern Europe until 1989! The British necessarily had to defeat Napoleon by adding their weight to the European empires' armies at Waterloo battlefield, south of Brussels in June of 1815, for Napoleon had foolishly attacked the British.

But in doing that they inadvertently killed off any hope of the Era spirit of rule and law and equality, to establish herself tentatively, under an equivocal Napoleon, in all of Europe. It was an event that may have made the first, and then second, world wars in the next century unlikely. It was one of the curious pivot moments of history.

Napoleon seemed to grasp the problem, himself, at the very end in referring to the birth of democracy in the American Revolution with President George Washington:

“They wanted me to be another Washington.”

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...The Congress of Vienna brought the end to the Napoleonic wars, and forced a Louis XVIII wagon'ed back from exile, upon France. It seemed like nothing had happened. All was returned to the starting point. The French revolution had however run tilt at the Era spirit of despotism throughout Europe, commencing a period of change, and eventually the beginning of victory, for the liberty era spirit in Europe, later ... in 1989...

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...Napoleon I's change of philosophy over sixty years earlier, after he had marched east of the Lotharingia rib, had collapsed a mammoth project, a fight, indeed, a victory battle of his own design, for rule of law and equality throughout the vast center of the European section of civilization of his time, east and west of the 'rib'.

It was just the dream, that the coffee and tea house discussions (the British switched to tea in the 1700's), had hailed since the 1600's. The echoes of the song, Napoleon's armies picked up from their volunteers from Marseille, and sang aloud, across the hostile 'Empire era spirit' stretches of Germany, Austria, into Russia, lyrics of 'liberté, égalité, fraternité', had faded into the

road ruts of the marching victorious empire armies, that drove them back, after Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo in 1815.

But the strains of this thought accord, set to music, nevertheless seemed to hold some melody in the air, to influence the long future decades of Europe's 1800's century. The little marching song eventually became the French national anthem...

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...Napoleon wasn't the only problem. The twenty decades of delays with success for our Liberty era spirit in Europe, after the late 1700's, had much to do with the one culpability item. This had to do with some selfishness on the part of the very citizenries, who were slowly winning victories for rule of law and equality. Our Era spirit, in bringing us to a true course destination with her, in time, *turns our awareness* toward a bearing, which delivers a special realization.

This realization is that rule of law and equality *in maturity*, must mean freedoms in law and freedoms in equality, will eventually have to extend to freedoms *in economic opportunity* and freedoms for *cultural-variance respect*, within a globe civilization. Disregard for this true-bearing that our Liberty era spirit seeks, can only bring unhappiness to societies that claim to embrace her...

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...As a result of the new 'rule of law and equality societies', in the course of the 1800's, dawdling on the '*equality part*' of rule of law and equality, and in particular, the '*economic access*' part of that equality, desperation set in for many. As a result, some authors of other thought accords for a different type of despot society under a special economic and social theory, became a subject of the coffeehouse net chat. That new coffeehouse chat, which evolved in the wake of the selfishness culpability, would gain enough followers to make a difference, an especially unfortunate difference, in the coming 1900's century.

This was because in the struggle for rule of law and equality, many members of society, who could in those times be described as a new business '*class*', so often seemed willing to fight far enough, to obtain concessions for their own interests, then stopped and shut out any efforts for improvements for the wage-earning '*class*'. It even was helpful to business to allow the large laboring part of society, to remain disenfranchised and available, as they had been for all of time in civilization: as controllable cheap labor. 'Freedom' often

quickly became defined as freedom by some to make profit, and even ‘freedom’ to control matters pertaining to the wage-earning part of society...

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...Already in the 1848-49 fighting to free societies from head families, some anger was directed against this new aristocracy of sorts. What no one had bothered to think about in the American, French, British, Belgium, Swiss, Dutch, evolutions to fuller rule of law and equality, was that *economic pyramid structures* could grow quite comfortably inside a rule of law legislature-controlled society, and they could evolve into monsters, not unlike the *head family political pyramid structures*, that everyone in the 1800’s was finally starting to complain about...

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...Europe and Britain would now in these times, witness custom and legislation established for the Liberty era spirit, only on a limited scope. Proposals for systems that included ‘access’ to economic equality for all, were in a very absolute way... not discussed. Karl Marx in these 1800’s times, identified a problem here, and growled. Others ignored the issue, accepting the business logic that access opportunities were only ‘natural’, for certain classes. (Herbert Spencer’s social Darwinism, that spooked the Japanese learning curve, at the turn of the twentieth century, worked well here.)

Such self-interested thought accords to keep the benefits of rule of law and equality for some folks, only, began its course in history in this 1800’s period, and that thought accord began immediately to slow down the victories of the rule of law and equality Era spirit. No one would miss paying some penalty for that selfish ‘selective homage’ to our Era spirit, in the coming 1900’s...

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...By 1914, West Frank mainland Europe saw four societies (Holland, Belgium, France, Switzerland) proclaiming rule of law and equality, joined by a combined Sweden-Norway which established constitutional monarchy on the British model in the 1800’s, and Denmark which followed the same pattern from 1830 onward. The Era spirit, born in England, brought to dominance in the young American republic, fought for repeatedly by the French from 1789 to 1875, finally lived in many societies of Europe.

In a globe of pyramid empires, a handful of societies of exception would now with some pride, proclaim the correctness of their way of life. A chart enthusiast may have concluded, that this improved type of society rule, could, at the dawn of the 1900's, sweep Europe, then the world. But such a chart would have been very wrong, in indicating a smooth ascendancy for rule of law and equality dominion, for the whole of the 1900's would prove to be one long fight, against the goals of her ideals, a fight that got underway at the beginning, in August of 1914...

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...The story of the commencement of the world's First World War in that month, is a profile in the calamities, that rule of apex family pyramid-societies can bring to their globe. The decisions to begin the war that would kill a million Frenchmen, as many English and Austrians, half a million Italians, two million Germans, and a number of Russians that has never been totally calculated, were made by three men, chiefs of their head families and of their pyramid-societies. Their societies would have to follow the decisions of the personal interests of those three families...

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...The Hapsburgs proceeded, because the Prussian Hohenzollern chief, Wilhelm II, had encouraged Franz Joseph to discipline the Serbs, after which Wilhelm and his cousin, Nicholas II, Russia's Romanov chief, exchanged warm telegraphs between themselves (Russia took the side of the Serbs) signed 'Willy' and 'Nicky', then had their societies declare war on each other. For good measure, 'Willy' also declared war on France.

England was called by France to help. It is true no one anticipated a four year bloodbath, but the faltering into a global war, highlights the arbitrariness of a political pyramid structure society, in its decision making for everyone to follow the interests of apex chiefs, while the inability to stop the conflict after its scale became apparent, shows the dangerous inflexibility that will always characterize a pyramid society. If the Americans sounded inappropriate in entering the war late, while stating in their tardiness that they came to the conflict out of necessity, 'to make the world safe for democracy' (President Woodrow Wilson's words), they were not too far off the mark...

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...This war was in fact, the last one in which the apex chiefs of the head family system of government in Europe, in place for a 1000 years since Charlemagne,

would have the power to do so much harm. The war was actually an effort by two head families and their East Frank pyramid societies, to dominate Europe and its colonial world. For rule of law and equality societies west of the 'rib', it was a battle worth fighting. Their way of life would have been altered if they had not won; the Liberty era spirit set back at least (another) hundred years...

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...A French soldier in a platoon marching homeward on a road, crowded with refugees, shouted to an American platoon headed the other direction, 'The war is over!' An American with some schoolboy knowledge of French shouted back, 'Pas finis', 'Not over'. The ensuing first fight of Americans against Germans was won, the German advance halted, in an engagement that became called the 'Battle of Pas Finis'. A zeal to commit to fight had won against preparedness and seasoned experience.

It had been Britain's army and its navy, that carried the flag of rule of law and equality societies through the 1800's, and it was the same that gave France the help to hold the line in the trenches of the First World War. Before the war, America had been so inward-turned, that the New York Herald had suggested discontinuing the State Department, because it had nothing to do! The First World War brought America, through the efforts of Britain, to begin to take responsibility for the success of rule of law and equality in societies, throughout the globe...

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...The thought accords for rule of law and equality were dismissed by German societies, in their encounter with economic problems of the world depression of the 1930's, before the thought accords could mature to welcome full Era spirit strength to their history, and a despot political pyramid of old familiar uniforms, enhanced with new blazon insignia, was welcomed home. Like with Napoleon's France over a century earlier, this failure of one Frank society, for the Era spirit of rule of law and equality, was to prove disastrous for so many from 1938-1989...

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....America turned away from the passiveness thought accord, in that early December morning's wake-up call in 1941, and never returned to its old assumptions, throughout the 1900's into the 2000's century. Pearl Harbor drove home the point that in a smaller world of improved military technology,

pyramid political societies on the aggressive could reach everywhere they wished, unless met with a fight... and beaten. It was a 'pivot' of history...

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...After two hundred years of facing up to the troops of kings, edicts of emperors and politburos, head family escutcheons, swastikas, red stars, and all the emblems, that the lady of the Era spirit of despotism had conjured, to hinder their progress, Europeans finally saw their way through. The U.K and America's role in that, was their ever-persistent, vague and hopeful strategies, which seemed to echo Tom Paine's imprecise, non-linear, but always positive, commitment to press on with the liberty era spirit thought accords, for our civilization's globe...

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...The story, dramatic and bloody as it had been, particularly in the 'fight time' moments since the 1700's, still had not seen success. The culpability for some omissions in homage to the Liberty era spirit, actually lay with the very citizenries, who had benefited the most from her. And then at the very beginning of the new millennium, in the very first decade, something happened that that would bring into view, for every citizen of successful of rule of law and equality societies, the need to take a closer look at their practices in equality for cultural differences and equality for economic access.

The event was the attack on the World Trade Center in New York. Al Qaeda afterward said that New York was chosen because it *represented the free world*. Why would a symbol of free world capitalism be targeted? Does our Era spirit still have mortal enemies? At this stage of history, with her advanced progress, why would that be?

7. 'If-History'

American President Estes Kefauver had always been an independent thinker. In the Joseph McCarthy years, of Senate investigations of everything communist, he had been the 1 vote in a 81 to 1 vote, by the Senate to make membership in the American Communist party a crime, saying at the time in his country Tennessee vernacular, "Ah figur'd th' way th' resolution was worded, you

could put a man in jail f'r just what he was thinking in his haid". His position on the Liberty era spirit was manifest.

America has always credited Kefauver for the advanced mass transportation network it has today in our energy-saving times. That was mostly the result of his first term appointment, controversial at the time, of Walt Disney as Secretary of Transportation. Plans to buy vast swaths of city real estate to create concrete platforms for swarms of future automobiles, had been greatly modified to produce the practical, attractive, and ultimately egalitarian city transport infrastructure and maglev intercity links that America has today...

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...President MacArthur's health only got him through a one-term administration, and with President Kefauver appointing Adlai Stevenson as Secretary of State, the balance between military intervention successes and the unexpected disasters that occurred in such half-hearted fought, half-hearted won, events could not be maintained. Kefauver had been willing to take a risk in substituting a major build-up of a controversial program, whose ideas had been around for some time that became known as the Peace Corp. Kefauver had come to believe in a vast network of American volunteers here and there, throughout the many newer societies of undetermined fate on the globe...

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...It had all stemmed out of the American invasion of Germany in 1936, after the German chancellor Adolph Hitler, had attempted to recapture the Alsace-Lorraine areas that were taken (back) by France in the Great War settlement. Some said the aggression derailed the plans of Chancellor Hitler (who was assassinated in the power struggle that centered around his dismissal after the Alsace-Lorraine fiasco) to bring about a rematch of the Great War. Americans also claimed their aggressive action against Germany, kept the coming China war with Japan (1938-39), a smaller event, than if Japan had thought they would be able to attack throughout South Asia.

But much of world opinion had remained critical of American policy for twenty years, Germany, itself, protesting with street demonstrations shouting down Kefauver, when he gave an outdoor speech in front of the Hollernzollern palace in Berlin, in June of 1963, in their demands that the U.S. change their school history textbooks, to stop claiming that the 1936 aggression was a preventative measure against world conflagration...

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...In the Kefauver and later administrations in the 1970's, the controversy would become heated. It seemed a 'standing army' of 500,000 Peace Corp members did have its successes --- in the northern part of South East Asia, where the scales were tipped against Marxism by traditional distrust in that region of control of Marxism by mainland China, there the prominent figure for Marxism. But in South America, it was arguable that the system was less effective, and there, as well as in Asia, the deaths of Peace Corp workers continued. Many argued that military intervention should have been the policy. There is no way we can determine how that alternative history would have worked out, particularly in Asia...

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... '*Agate points*' are the points in old mechanical watch mechanism technology, by which the revolving '*watch balance*' wheel rests, to make its timely revolutions per second. Winston Churchill in writing about the American Civil War battle at Chancellorsville, remarked that Stonewall Jackson, the South's brilliant general, was in the process of enacting a plan, that could have cut off the main union army's one chance of safe retreat at a river ford, when he was shot accidentally in the dark by his own troops. He fell unconscious, without anyone else knowing his whole plan, and a major opportunity of the war was lost forever to the South. Churchill commented, that the "*balances of the world*" indeed sometimes run on such small '*agate points*' of events and circumstances."²

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...Indeed they do seem to. In observing a few situations for group thought accords, their seeding, strengthening, maturing to create an Era spirit, or on the alternative, withering, we wonder what players and events were in fact '*agate point pivotal*', like the death of Stonewall Jackson in the midst of the battle of Chancellorsville. We wonder if a few events were pivotal in the death of the rule of law thought accords in 1870's Japan, or if any modifications of Poland's long delays and necessary hibernation of its rule of law and equality thought accords, could have been brought about by just a few changes of people and events.

We may query what exact chemistry of circumstances allowed the times of Eleanor and Henry's 1100's and 1200's Plantagenet England, to support the strengthening of the rule of law and equality thought accords there, that would go on all the way to world prominence, as a future Era force, and what allowed England and America to develop the military might later to defend that Era

force, which they had chosen for their commitment? The other side of any run of events of course is *alternate history* that would have happened ... *if* event and circumstance were changed...

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...Late 1800's East Frank Germany often wrote of itself as a nation of philosophers and poets, and in many ways its people held and reinforced that mindset for a self-image. Looking at that from our side of Wolflair objectives, the S.S., and other unlovely trappings of the Third Reich, such a self-image seems odd, but perhaps it is the ghost of an if-history of an alternate group of thought accords for German society, that died untimely, or indeed were murdered...

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...But in the mid-1400's, a decision made from the apex of the China pyramid, chose to end all of that. A new emperor, made it an offence punishable by death to venture overseas, or even own a ship of two masts or more. The fleet rotted, and was never replaced. In an alternate history, if things had continued as they were, the Chinese may have discovered the new world. (The southern Yue trading society most likely did). They had the technology --- Chinese civilization always had the important technology of gunpowder, printing, magnetic inventions, before anyone else --- and their ships at 1500 tons displacement, were heavy enough to sail the Pacific.

One individual at the apex of China's 'society-pyramid', could decide this would not happen, and all of China could not change the decision. It was an 'agate point pivot'. World trade grew directly from the 'East India' type of seafaring companies of Britain, Holland, France and others, starting in the 1600's. In fact, a free-enterprise China would have swooped that trade domination, or equaled it, in an alternate world business if-history, right from the 1400's onward, if one man had not had the power to decide everything for all...

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...If Zheng He and successors had continued the Ming exploration in the early 1400's to cross the Pacific, and be the discoverers of the round globe passage to Europe, in 'the East', and the Americas continents along the way (the 'Middle East'), then Asia would have of course retained the nomenclature of being 'the West'. (If they bumbled their distance calculations like Columbus did, they might also have misidentified Native Americas of the new continents 'Portuguese' rather than misidentifying their society as 'Indian')...

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...Most Americans came to assume that MacArthur had been instructed to bring rule of law and equality to Japan. Actually as occupying military commander, he had received no instruction. (In any case, the rest of this general's career would make clear, that he had a rather limited outlook on taking instructions, and one of the quotes that endears us to him is:

“You are remembered for the rules you break.”

MacArthur went ahead on his own, instituting the end of political police, freeing political prisoners, and starting liberalized school policy, free press, women suffrage, labor unions, all within months, and enforcing these changes.

He also personally wrote Japan a Constitution, which is today their Constitution, published it to ask for suggestions from the public, and made it law. (Government officials voiced objection to the term ‘public servant’ in the constitution, for they had always been behooven only to the emperor in the past. Some of the public objected to the Thomas Jefferson phrase ‘pursuit of happiness’; it sounded immoral). The finished copy became known as the MacArthur Constitution...

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...Americans either did not notice, or assumed that was natural, but in fact this time around on the ‘Rising sun Isles’, far to the east of much of humanity's landmass, the grandsons and granddaughters of the people of the 1870's Meiji restoration times debates, were chasing imported rule of law and equality thought-accords with uncommon speed and interest. They seemed determined to get things right, this time around. Why? It is not easy to answer that, now in retrospect, or then, exactly how this happened. It was as if the Era spirit of rule of law and equality, was herself anxious for new friends for the future, in a globe she found still relatively unsafe.

‘If-history scenarios’ of the past can be interesting, even cute, but If-history scenes of the future, could turn out to be of life importance to societies dedicated to the constant balance, that is necessary to maintain rule of law and equality. Rule of law and equality will always be the more fragile lady, and ‘balance’ will therefore be important, forever. One century's short list of men, no more numerous than the fingers on a hand --- Franz Josef, Hitler, Hirohito, Stalin --- alone, almost halted all progress with this ‘balance’, from 1914, to 1989...

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...Will some citizenries, now free of head families, elect among themselves to scourge the Liberty era spirit in the new 2000's century? Does the chatter of some coffeehouses in support for organizations like the Al Qaeda network, give indications of difficult if-history potentials for the century, or can we find a felicitous outcome to our four hundred years of idealism, and two hundred years of revolutionary fights?

The answer to this may have to do with matters of equality and cultural-diversity respect, still unattended to, in the two hundred years, since the flag of the Liberty era spirit, was first pushed in the face of the lady of opposing thought accords. The good news is that these particular tasks, to which our lady calls our attention now, are ones that can be addressed right within the borders of successful Liberty era spirit societies, tasks unaffected by world affairs, and not even demanding one more call to fight.

Nevertheless, accomplishing that task, in order to clinch our preferred choice of if-history's, in the 2000's century, may call Liberty era spirit citizenries to show as much grit of determination, as they did in the battle of Britain or the World Trade Tower attack week. This time around, it would need to be a commitment, which would see new thought accords ascend to apply some matter-of-the-heart ideals, important for our future success. Our lady is off, in just that direction, with an accelerated step, it seems. We must keep up.

8.Profit Pyramid

The Corn Law was basically about wheat. The 1815 law passed by Britain's parliament had restricted the import of all grains. It was wheat, however that was important. (The British call both wheat and 'Indian corn', 'corn'.) Most wealth still came from the land and agriculture in 1815, and British aristocracy landowners complaining about the price competition of foreign import grains, had Parliament pass the law to protect their purses, pushing the price of wheat up to 80 shillings for a quarter imperial bushel. The result was that wage-earners in the growing non-agricultural sector of the economy, found they could not afford bread. A protest began, which ended in 50,000 people demonstrating outside Manchester, for repeal of the Corn Law, and soldiers firing on the crowds.

The Corn Law hostilities were a result, of a cross section majority of a rule of law and equality society, objecting to the efforts of a few, to establish a

pyramid of control and benefit for themselves. This had not been a pyramid established by a head family to control politics. It was definitely pyramid activity, but it was a pyramid established purely within the economy of a society, an '*economic pyramid*'...

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...It was the old landed aristocracy that would utilize the remnant power of a head-family political-pyramid in to enact the Corn Law, but it was the new business class that would from now on, begin the phenomenon of building economic pyramid structures for their own use, inside rule of law and equality societies. No ostensible changes came in government to address this new 'economic pyramid building' in England. The phenomenon progressively moved onward, in the vacuum, yielded through the 1800's, by the lessening power of the head family pyramid system of landed barons. The thought accords of the times allowed.

The history of this, we may say 'illegal pyramid building' in societies that are theoretically devoted to the dismantling of pyramid structures, is best observed in America, where we have a society that was right from its own inception, to be established as a rule of law and equality society. America at its beginning in this role, already had a major contradiction. The United States was in part a slave society. The American South was an economic pyramid owned by some 3000 families, who assembled their power in the 1700's, to emerge in the new 1783 American society, with their profit pyramid intact...

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...Thomas Lincoln, a few decades after the inception of this new society in 1816, thought deeply about the Kentucky slave economy where he lived, and decided that it was not really a place of opportunity for a poor man. He decided to put his assets --- farming tools and 400 gallons of whisky --- on a self-built raft with his wife and seven year old son, to negotiate the downstream waters, leading to the Ohio River and the non-slave territory of Indiana, to seek a better life for a middle-class farmer. America was then so apportioned into slave and non-slave economies.

Others from the South would not be so perceptive. Forty some years later, millions like him, would mobilize to fight for the pyramid, which Thomas Lincoln had rafted away from, themselves willing to die for a myth those 3000 apex families had successfully foisted on them to protect their personal economic pyramid, a myth of a Camelotic South, a portrait depicting a poor, caste economy, as a benign commonwealth.

In reality, this profit system to benefit 3000 families, nearly destroyed the dream of the Era spirit for all American society, for which Jefferson and his Declaration had prayed. It was Jefferson, a Southerner and a slaveholder himself, who in his early years in his twenties as a lawyer, had argued with the Virginia courts to allow voluntary emancipation of slaves by slaveholders. He was unsuccessful. A year afterward the ruling against his effort, the first organizations to abolish slavery, began campaigning, and a decade and a half later the new rule of law United States was created, around Jefferson's Bill of Rights...

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...When the War between the states came over the slavery issue, the seven-year-old from the downstream raft on the Ohio river, now President of the country, would make a speech at a battlefield of the long confrontation which would eventually settle this matter, at Gettysburg. This President would pray in that speech in the middle of that war --- that his society:

“...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

It would be a close call, as Abraham Lincoln well understood by that moment. What might have perished was the Era spirit of rule of law and equality under Jefferson's Bill of Rights for this particular society, and also for other societies, that it would influence in the future. But like the noblemen at Runnymede, America and its leaders, did not know then, even by Lincoln's time in the 1860's, what this Era spirit really had planned for them in the future, in the field of freedoms in equality...

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...Maybe the folklore of individual self confidence and self responsibility, depicted in wild west tales and Horatio Alger stories, of one individual striving successfully for his or her goals, prevented this society from perceiving that its economic prosperity with a manufacturing and transportation economy, was actually allowing the equality part of its rule of law and equality Era spirit, to be put aside.

By the late 1800's, America was no longer a yeoman farmer society of the founding fathers. Some of the tinkers had produced massive new

industries. More and more, the new economy and new wealth in America was accumulating in a few hands. Borrowing a term from the old European head family pyramid problem, some people correctly called these new powerful apex individuals ‘barons’: coal barons, steel barons. These new business chiefs were taking the attitude that their control over matters in American society was justified. One of these chiefs, John D. Rockefeller proclaimed that only *big companies* should survive: “As for the others, unfortunately they will have to die”...

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...The early 1900’s century battles against ‘trust’ economic pyramids, which had been waged, by notables like Teddy Roosevelt and Louis Brandeis, handed down laws that still stood on the books under ‘anti-trust’, ‘anti-monopoly’ headings, in the mid 1900’s. In the 1960’s, the U.S. Supreme Court blocked the takeover of two Los Angeles supermarkets, because the resultant amalgamated company would have controlled 8% of one city’s supermarket stores, and such ‘*combination*’ was considered threatening to the public...

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...*Real* new employment in the second half of the 1900’s, nevertheless often came from companies that had not been in the list of Fortune 500 major companies, twenty years earlier. And almost all technological breakthroughs, in an age of technological industry, came from individuals, and small groups working in their own laboratories or home garages. The advances in engines, plastics, information technology, franchising, in this period, all came from the same traditional American social settings, which had spawned the tinkerers and their inventions, of the early 1800’s age of this society.

Such traditional settings perhaps seemed archaic, beside the corporate-aircraft’ed, highrise-building’ed profile of big business, seemed a throw-back to an old yeoman farmer age. But it was that throwback, which was creating many of the new jobs in the American economy, and giving that society’s economy much of the new growth and invention it had to show its people...

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...Economic articles and news did not see any inefficiency on which to comment, concerning a process in which one combination giant in an important industry, was pulling an employee sector toward poverty, while it institutes so-called ‘*supplier support*’, which means it forces suppliers to sell products to it at loss levels for periods of time, to pull all consumers away, from smaller

competitors until those smaller competitors and local small businesses, fail. The unbelievable low price Liberty era spirit citizenries occasionally pay for something like a large bottle of Coke, is part of a very sinister exercise *against* the very process of equal access capitalism's future success for our Era spirit.

Citizens of the American capitalist experiment seem to patiently observe this same combination phenomenon consolidate the airwaves, media business and telephone business, without much discussion about how this will affect their livelihoods and the true efficiency of their free-enterprise economy in the future, while consolidating media companies paid millions for travel benefits for government agency employees, who are their regulators. One company, Clear Channel by 2003, owned over 1200 stations, including all stations in some smaller cities, and a handful of combinations owned half the radio stations in all cities...

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...Even Charlemagne, with his emperor mindset, at least thought he owed his citizens truthful reporting about wolf dangers. If the market crashes had not exposed the falsehoods --- in the early 2000's time, as before --- names like Kenneth Lay and Dennis Kozlowski, Bernie Ebbers, Dick Fuld, and dozens of others that their business models may have inspired, may have gone on and on, to someday plop themselves down on some future throne of influence, in one important rule of law and equality economy, controlling some matters that could affect everyone. (As it was, this group of apex chiefs only affected hundreds of thousands of lives).

Many may argue, in the early twenty first century, that such dramatic control of matters by apex business chiefs could never really happen. After all, the American society never had its politics and its armies commandeered off to a war, by a John Rockefeller type profit-pyramid. But when the real history of the war in Iraq is finally written, after future administrations are able to get to the bottom of things, will that war turn out to be just that sort of thing?

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...Shipowner Aristotle Onassis brought us a new twist to the phenomenon of the growth of business combination into profit pyramids, when he devised a business scheme for himself, in the 1960's. He tried to monopolize the shipping of all oil from the Middle East oil producing states. Onassis failed in his negotiations, but when he saw the OPEC cartel form, from those with whom he had talked, he is to have said, "I awoke too early, and disturbed those who were still sleeping".

He failed to create an international oil-shipping economic pyramid, but the oil producer countries would take the thought, to succeed in creating their own economic oil-supply pyramid, that could and would at times affect the whole world.

Thirty years later, in the 1990's, Saddam Hussein, looking at the major producers of the cartel, his six or so neighbors, easily deduced that if he were a successful neighborhood bully, his military control of the Gulf would in some ways bring him control of a globe, which had indiscreetly allowed its non-diversified energy sourcing, to remain dependent on a fossil-fuel economic pyramid in that region. When Saddam moved, and until he was halted in Gulf War I, much of world business came to a stop...

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...Rule of law and equality, and power pyramids, cannot co-exist, for the latter knows only --- at the end of the day --- how to serve the enemy, the Other era spirit. It almost as if the Era spirit of pyramid, now on the run from most of modern civilization's consensus about freedom thought accords for politics around the world, looks to parry a comeback in a careful new economic guise by which we may not recognize her. But surely, it is unimaginable that rule of law and equality societies, in innocent miscalculation, would welcome her.

Our wizened chiefs of Federal Reserve, Central Banks, Treasuries, never make any comment on this obvious danger of combination. No one seriously censured John Rockefeller, in his practice in crushing smaller companies, to create a profit pyramid in America in his late 1800's times. No one seriously does it today...

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...Right in the middle of the 1900's, America had itself a president whose particular Midwest background, far from Washington, far from New York and Los Angeles, allowed him an uncomplicated view of economics. This was Harry Truman, a man who sought effective government, right from his Missouri state county-administrator days, in personally observing cost controls and debt retirement planning, for local county farm-to-market roads. As a political leader, he had no particular respect for political leadership.

“I remember when I first came to Washington. For the first six months you wonder how the hell you ever got here. For the next six months you wonder how the hell the rest of them ever got here.”

Harry had wondered aloud, in his presidential years of the 1950's, if his nation would not be better served by 1000 smaller regulated insurance companies, than by the few large ones he saw growing in the economy. Harry also thought that he saw that much of America's economic strength, had always come from a diversity of states and laws, customs and efforts separated by distances. It was an economic strength, that came from the freedom, that knew no pyramidal apex business management, or centrist government. Some people thought this man could not grasp progress...

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...The United Nations speaks of itself as possessing some sort right to central control of the globe, in moral tones not unlike the would-be-holy emperors, who tried for a thousand years to sustain Charlemagne's legacy. Other organizations, less established, and more circumspect in benign intent, also insist that one world government and central control for economic and political matters, would be better for all of us. The face of the Other era spirit seems, again, somehow recognizable in this crowd.

You have to search back a little, in your history file recordings, and listen in on Europeans talking aloud in the early years of the new 1900's century. You would hear them complementing themselves in notions of mature-civilization self esteem, when in fact they were actually on the very threshold, of demonstrating in their life times, that they were to be marched off on courses, as powerless subjects of the 1914 apex political decision-making of Willie, Nicky, and Franz Josef. It is the fact, that they seemed so *totally unaware* of what was just about to happen, that should cause us, in self-interest, to observe those photos and newsreels so carefully...

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...Any parallels to that, may seem a stretch, but we have many of the same linkages to deal with. Hopefully we will volunteer to accept responsibility for some vigilance for our Era spirit, to keep our Liberty era spirit economies from being harnessed, by either combination-built 3000 apex 'families', or 'future Ming emperors', to drag us to face the un-pleasantries of Corn Law scuffles in our home economies, or un-purposeful fights on our globe.

9. Access Society

“Foul is useful, Fair is not”, John Maynard Keynes pointed out, to all of us.¹ It is an uncomfortable thought, but Keynes felt it would help us understand better, what was thought of as the necessities of greed, and envy for consumption, in obtaining the proper working results of a free enterprise economy. If the ‘*economic equality part*’ of the rule of law and equality goals of the new free societies of 1900’s America, England and West Frank Europe, was often the less embraced member of the family, it was to some extent because there arose in the 1800’s, some strong well-meant philosophies about how free economy systems should best work.

Keynes, an Englishman, was born in 1883, the year Karl Marx died. In his life, he would utilize a brilliant mind to conjure systems for governments to manipulate their economies, to allow the business classes to lead economies in steady success. Marx had planned his own type of manipulation to propel the wage-earning class to lead. Both these economic philosophers shared a point of view. They viewed societies as naturally made up of ‘classes’, and their solution was to reorganize and regulate fundamentals of economies, to bring about their various concepts about what would be the best results possible, for people in their classes in their societies...

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...Someone had to design a protective system for free enterprise, or more citizens of the world would be rereading Marx. (For that matter, more would be reading the ‘economic arguments’ of Hitler’s National Socialism which had been operational for three years, as Lenin’s Soviet Marxist state had, itself, been running twenty years, by Keynes’ 1936 publishing date). If modern economists do not agree that ‘Keynesian economics’ solves all problems to permit sustained health, in free enterprise economies and avoidance of crashes (most do not), they will at least concur his suggestions continue to play their part...

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...Marx’s major work for communism ‘Das Kapital’, was 2400 pages of pure economic thought and arithmetic. Never earning a good living at the British museum, he damned the middle class for his drudgery, “I hope the bourgeois will have cause to remember my carbuncles”³. (Some in future history would!), and died on the year of Keynes birth, a few days after announcing, “I am not a Marxist”. (He wasn’t?).

Negative-ness can become its own philosophy, with unhappy people, but Marx probably meant that his economic creed would automatically take over future societies. He had, after all, used history philosopher Hegel's assumptions that a crash of new ideas into old ideas, automatically destroys existing consensus for society, and creates a new consensus (and new society), without anyway waving red flags, and making an effort.

Lenin knew that wouldn't work, but Lenin was one of the political argument activist types ready for a fight, like Washington, Jefferson and most of the personalities we have seen here, from John Locke onwards. Lenin would have discarded our Era spirit of rule of law and equality in globe history. This is because, in his 'class membership' assumptions, Lenin wanted to bring his wage-earning class to take over all politics and all economies, to establish a freedom-less emperorship of his political party, to train civilization... until it believed in its heart, the Marx economic argument...

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...Karl Marx and Maynard Keynes combined lifetimes hold the central span of the two hundred years when the 'political proposals' for equality from the Liberty era spirit, were sorting themselves out, in the Yank colonies and Chalk Isles, moving on through Napoleon's lost-intensions march, then two World wars, and on to the Russian Revolution against Lenin in the 1990's. In those two centuries, many special players from politicians Washington and Jefferson in America, and William Pitt the Elder in Britain, and the French revolutionists, to General MacArthur in Japan, electrician Walesa in Poland, demonstrated very diverse applications of the *political proposals* for rule of law and equality.

By the beginning of the 2000's, the old counter political arguments of Franz Josef, Louis XVI, Hitler, Hirohito, et alia, belonged in the corridors of Marx's British Museum. Few citizenries would entertain their 'political proposals' from the 'Other era spirit', now in the 2000's century...

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...Both these free enterprise economic theories were offered to governments (and have been subsequently applied by governments) in the spirit of avoiding the horrors of world crashes of the 1929-1933 type. The solutions of Keynesians and Friedman Monetarists sought to answer all, in their plans to fix the free enterprise system, specifically, to avoid the pain of collapses. Keynes and Friedman theory successes in this area, enabled the stability through the rest of the 1900's, lessening the impacts of market falls of 1987, 2001, 2008, and

allowing free enterprise to win its contest with the Marx economic arguments for the macro-economic alternatives, that 'Marxist societies' insisted to proselytize.

Wage-earners through various ways and efforts, within the freedom which free enterprise allows, improved their own situation, from dingy short unhealthy lives in the poor environments that Marx and Engels observed in 1840's Europe, to arrive at their own success status, with budgets to include good housing, automobiles, education, and leisure. In any case, that was an obtainable truth in the world, that Keynes and Marx knew, the world of Europe and North America, Australia, South Asia, and some other locations...

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...Marx's followers, in red anger about our free enterprise rule of law societies ignoring the 'economic arguments' concerning equality, nearly collapsed all the progress with our Liberty era spirit, in the second half of 1900's history. The turmoil that resulted from this, took place not just in Russia and China, but also in Africa, South America, Korea, Vietnam, and spawned sagas of sad events in all rule of law and equality societies in that century. That was because, there is a lot of power in the 'economic arguments' for equality.

No society can escape the consequences of not dealing with these issues in our future. The role Marxism had in our history, was the result of the omissions of the citizenries, who benefited from the success the Liberty Era Spirit brought them. Overlooking the power of 'economic arguments for equality', was the culpability that perpetuated itself with successful middle classes throughout the 1700's and 1800's...

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...As we reviewed that political pyramids were the way of all civilization in the past, we should observe that class was a necessary component of any political pyramid. Korean society in the East, under the Silla dynasty of kings, had used the most lucid terminology for that phenomenon. They called it '*bone-rank*'. Your class rank in society had to do with your bones. The bones given you by your parents, as in turn their bones by their parents, reference the whole system! It seems a clear, (if un-florid), description of the thinking behind class systems.

America had addressed the subject of 'bone-rank' in the inception of its political arguments, with the Declaration of Independence, that all men's bones are created equal. Then a Bill of Rights was drawn up, for specific protections to be incorporated into the new Constitution, and sent to Jefferson by his friend

James Madison, one formulator of the Constitution, who would become fourth president of the United States. Jefferson and John Adams in the course of time, wrote each other on the subject of 'bone-rank'. The conservative Adams, who would be the second U.S. president, after Washington and before Jefferson, wrote that he believed there must surely be a 'natural aristocracy' of men...

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...The aristocracy of 3000 in the American South, Karl Marx economics, appeared as part of the stubborn persistence of the notion of class in new societies, who otherwise considered themselves under the aegis of rule of law and equality. In America, most of the country's citizens were actually Europeans, who would uproot themselves from societies where their ancestors had lived for immeasurable generations, boat themselves to America, then look back often in favor to customs, prejudices, etiquette's, of the old land. They would forget, sometimes, that the traumas of those customs, prejudices, etiquette's, had led them to their decision to leave the old land in the first place. A classism of clan, education, wealth, would endure...

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...Equality is of course the very obvious final goal of rule of law, whether the barons of Runnymede, or the Plantagenets, or Alexander Hamilton and John Adams, ever thought about that or not. It is significant that so many African-Americans did end up in the United States to become a signal percentage of its population. The events begun in the 1950's would never have occurred with a smaller population, and America's practice of its Bill of Rights and its other, subsequent 13th to 15th amendments to its Constitution, would not have been so dramatically challenged. The Era spirit would never have a chance for even the qualified triumph, she had in those occasions.

We saw the Latinisms that the American founding fathers chose for the new society. One of them had been e pluribus unum, 'all for one' equality, a phrase that like the others, was stamped on the society's emblems and money, as an ever-present, if cryptic, reminder of the promise of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights. The Americans could have called their war with England, a war of secession, or a war of independence. Instead they preferred to call it a '*revolutionary*' war...

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...However it happened, it was certainly a victory for our Era spirit, a victory that is a little marvelous. A generation of youth in China, and Russia, in spite of

prodigious education machines, determined to instill Marxist thought accords, came to deem 'class' membership, 'class victory', unstylish, and turned away to seek consumer goods lifestyles, clamoring within their capital 'C' Communism societies, for free economy systems that Keynes, Friedman, and others had been tinkering with since Marx's time.

The thought accord of 'class' died, and was crated up for the British museum. Like Keynes' admiring parents, you have to laud the genius, by which the Era spirit seemed to bring this off. It is almost as if she did it without us...

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...The whole Marxist period of civilizations' history could have been avoided, if enough of citizenries could have thought through with Engels, the walk down the factory wage-earner streets of Germany and Britain, back in the 1840's times. The 'culpability' for time lost, the wars hot and cold, endured, and the threats that we must admit today, present us future 'if history' uncertainties, for rule of law and equality society citizenries --- two centuries after we first claimed to understand the call of our Era spirit --- are all related.

The 'Marxist period of history' was quite a penalty to have to pay, but only sincerity in problem-solving in this same economic argument area now, will prevent similar disappointments in future alternate if-history outcomes. We should best be proactive, about the equality side of our Era spirit's ethos of rule of law and equality, seeking ways to bring economic opportunity equality, to the status of a sincere thought accord of all. That can help put us securely on our way to a felicitous continuing revolution with our Era spirit, and entitle us to *continue in the benefits* we have enjoyed for two hundred years, benefits we enjoyed, because of our Era spirit's *success* with our history...

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...In that new thought accord for 'diversity equality', there is nothing that is beyond Thomas Jefferson's original Declaration, but many people have not thought much about their real rule of law and equality responsibilities, to deal with diversity of race, diversity of cultures and diversity of calls to God. The old slaveholding Declaration-writer --- sage though he was --- did not in his life course, demonstrate that he himself fully understood these future courses, that his hand penned for all of us. But then, in our uneasiness in interfacing with other people's cultures, and other people's spiritual traditions, have we?

As was the case with the Era spirit herself, ever close to us at heart for 200 years, as rule of law and equality societies slowly experimented with ‘liberties in politics’, then ‘liberties in economics’, now as these same citizenries are confronted with new ‘smaller globe’ realities, this ‘*little sister*’ shows up to ask us, to also evaluate our honest respect for a ‘diversity equality’ thought accord, for respect of different cultures and spiritual traditions...

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...One area of opportunity, for the present generation of Liberty era spirit citizenries, with which to get started, right now, to demonstrate their sincerity about moving toward a ‘diversity equality’ thought accord, could be *holidays*. Children could begin to grow up in an American society that is sincere about ‘diversity liberty’, through celebrating the Hindu ‘Festival of Lights’ day, the day of the end of the Islamic fasting season, and Buddha’s birthday.

Children raised in such a 2000’s century society, could become adults, who have the chance to understand the customs of the families of all spiritual traditions. Just as with Christmas and Hanukah, these holidays, partly in spirituality and partly in fun, are important from childhood to death, for billions of citizens of the world, who will also be making decisions, that will affect the success of our Liberty era spirit in this 2000’s century.

There is a ‘Great season’, that begins in October of each year, and goes through to May, in which it is easy to give a day’s recognition to all of humanity’s spiritual traditions. Some Asian countries, like Malaysia, already practice this, as a part of their own mature statement of respect for cultural diversity...

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...Adam Smith gave us our faith that free trade would expand the wealth of all:

“The statesman who should attempt to direct private people in what manner they ought to employ their capitals, would not only load himself with a most unnecessary attention, but assume an authority which could safely be trusted, not only to no single person, but to no council or senate...”

The time of this book was 1776. The very year the political proposals for our Era of spirit got under way, for this 200 year push in Britain’s American

colonies with Mr. Jefferson's Declaration, was also the year that the ambivalence about economic opportunity proposals got under way. It was an ambivalence that would allow the 'communist', later Marxist 'Communist', proposals for economic arguments about equality, have their own troublesome niche for most of the same 200 years...

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... 'Let alone' seemed reasonable, particularly as the American economy on its vast continent of resources, was generally expanding, before and after 1776. In America, 'let alone' was soon coupled with another thought accord which worked well so much of the time. This other thought accord was the ethos of success through positive effort and thinking, present from early times in American society, and evidenced by a series of media creations, from the Horatio Alger stories and the Napoleon Hill philosophy, onward.

Sketchy and irrational as this tradition may have been at times, it stands out as an ever-visible pillar of belief in U.S. history, from early times. This tradition of America's philosophy of achievement thought accord, is perhaps, in contribution to our Era spirit's goals for rule of law and equality in the world, *equal* to America's contribution in willingness to do battle for our Era spirit.

That *philosophy of achievement* may have contributed to the excesses, past and present, of profit pyramids and their barons, but it also anchored personal confidences of millions of individuals in history, to call muster to his or her courage, to strive to win for a personal goal. Such is the good side of all individualism, the side profiled in so many stories and television and movie scripts of American culture, an aspect probably more important than ever realized, in the 'agate point pivots' of the if-history of America's government decisions ... business progress ... military battles...

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... 'Let alone' and the philosophy of achievement worked together well for the most part. But not always. In the Great depression of 1929-1933, the U.S. Salvation Army ran out of relief funds, and had to reduce its free meal program from bacon, onions, and beans, in 1931, to beans only, with a reduced budget of one cent per day per person. The Red Cross turned to then incumbent President Herbert Hoover for federal aid. Hoover said No, explaining the thought, that taking part in relief by the national government, would weaken national character!

Hoover's observation seems callous now, as then, but he can perhaps be forgiven, for his comment came from a true deep belief that 'let alone' and personal achievement worked, as indeed it does in so many cases. He truly believed:

“Economic depression cannot be cured by legislative action or executive pronouncement.”

In a sense, he was right. In another sense, he was wrong, for he overlooked the reality of his time where the dark side of the unrefined philosophy of Adam Smith's 'let alone', had allowed dangerous combination profit-pyramid building, overvaluing of stock prices, overvaluing of loan repayment potentials, to ruin an economy...

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...While Buddhist economics was making suggestions of other ways to approach optimal economic planning from the positive point of view, some modern economists were recording the part of traditional aggregate figures (Gross national or domestic product), to highlight the adjustment that should be made for the 'bads' produced in our systems of economy (crime, pollution, prison population), to define a corrected output figure. Yale economists, Nordhaus and Tobin called this a 'measure of economic welfare', and suggested it was high time to take into consideration the effects that the 'bads' --- some ultimate results from Keynes' 'useful foul' --- produced in gross domestic product.

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...It was 'access' that the Gracchi brothers sought for those Romans, who had become a disenfranchised class, because they no longer had a chance at obtaining land. It was 'access' that Wang Anshi wanted for the Chinese farmer families of his century, who faced the situation of losing their land.

'Access' automatically eliminates the frozen working and income situations, that historically gave the world 'classes' of people, and 'access' should bring us to an end of the gathering of souls into 'controlling' capital combinations, and 'controlled' wage earners, industries, business sectors, small stock investors. With *access*, the philosophies of 'achievement and positive thinking', 'free enterprise', and also balanced 'let alone', can work their magic with each generation.

It is the direction in which we can move if we will, and as we move there, the norms provided by some of the new thinking, calling us to recognize stockholder, management, and employee livelihood, as one and only one organic whole, will be useful...

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...Gandhi's 'machine minders' were wage earners, whose vistas were shuttered by work orders and hours, and wages earned. A stockholder employee with representation in management, has the opportunity to clinch a wide vista of his or her role in life, and a healthy self-image. Access --- not monolithic size of business --- will be the real *fiber-strength*, both economic and political, for any society in the 2000's. It is *the answer*, to two hundred years of questions, proposals, and arguments about 'economic equality'...

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...The transformation to 'access free enterprise' can come in the 2000's, and the shortcomings of 'let alone' economics, that has not in the past looked to the

benefits of ‘access economics’, will be addressed, as our Era spirit calls our economic logic somewhere beyond ‘foul is useful’.

There is a list of so many things necessary to get done as we see ourselves traveling toward an 8 -12 billion population, on and beyond our globe. ‘Access’ systems, common to the economic architectures of all our various societies, may be just the thing to allow enthusiasm from all, to accomplish whatever will be crucial for future successful economies, on our globe, and in our galaxy.

10.Province Economy

The idea to give all this a rebirth, was one that had been waiting to happen. Europe had reached such a point in the late 1300’s with its trade links, and with the final Christianizing of its farthest northern societies. What is interesting is not that the Renaissance happened --- it was perhaps long overdue --- but *where* it happened. It happened in Italy, the part of Europe that was on the fringe the East-Frank Hapsburg, West-Frank Valois head family political pyramids of that time, the part of Europe that was divided into a multiplicity of societies, all sharing the same culture and language. With Charlie Hapsburg’s sweep, that ebullient, imaginative, Renaissance period, came to an end.

It is recorded at the end-time of the Renaissance, that the artisans and craftsmen, who had played a well-noted role in the period of Michelangelo and da Vinci, now emigrated. This is also of interest. A part of society that was involved in a leading new industry (art) in this period, exited, when the apex-family political-pyramid, arrived...

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...Then, England continued the demonstration of the same phenomenon one hundred years later, when the Church of England began shutting non-members (Catholics and others) out of government and business opportunities. Those shut out worked on their own, and ended up creating many of the inventions, that became the basis of the industrial revolution, and many of them in the 1700’s emigrated to the new world. (This all can also be seen as the unfortunate *dissolution* of ‘mixture cultures’, as opposed to beneficial *harvesting* of mixture cultures)...

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...We all depend on some of those people wherever they appear in each generation, to accomplish things that become important to all of society. As people possessed of a certain energy for achievement, 'tryers' were attracted to become craftsmen in a 1400's Italy of the Renaissance, traders in a 1600's Holland and England of burgeoning commerce, tinkerers in an 1800's American economy of new inventions, and home-garage paradigm shifters, in a 1900's information technology age.

'Tryers' are people who usually feel strongly enough about their rights, that they maybe willing to leave a society if their 'access' is blocked, or willing themselves, alone or in groups, to change a society's ways. They seem to have a natural aversion to the evil which head-family pyramids or economic pyramids, can bring a society. When they are of a fiber to unselfishly direct their efforts to matters of the law and regulation of society and economy, they are an especially important lot of tryers. It is this type of 'tryer' that the *list* at the beginning of this chapter, from the Gracchi's to Jefferson, represents...

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...And if Churchill's pivot '*agate points*' do come up, in the important if-history moments of a people and their society, it is usually volunteers from a generation's gallery of 'tryers', who take the stage to push through significant, but stubborn, events and trials for that society, sometimes championing new thought accords, sometimes simultaneously dismantling old ones...

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...Living in a country home in England, where he installed a payphone in the living room for his guest's calls, never visiting his headquarters in Los Angeles from 1951 to his death in 1976, and never attending meetings of his board of directors, so that he could avoid all U.S. tax as being a British domicile, on his death, Getty (his estate) turned to claim U.S. domicile to avoid British death duty tax. His estate did not pay the London church for his memorial service. He was worth USD 2 billion. (He did build, to his own luster, a pharaoh's art monument). John Paul obliquely sums up his thoughts about the rest of us, in the context of business and society:

"The meek shall inherit the Earth, but not its mineral rights."

Seeing the history of successful individuals like this, produced by rule of law and equality societies, one does not know whether to be amused, or angry. The positive point of view would look at counter examples of the successful business people who ended up on the balance 'givers'...

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...Specifics of what was done for staff in that culture and specifics of ‘industrial manufacturing customer service results’ in special stories of staff going the extra mile for the company, are not for our consideration here. Our only subject is, if we wish to have thought accords for our societies, to *place value* on this sort of business practice, supporting it in custom and legislation, *or* will we send it off to those normal calculations of a fate, where capital can be lent to create monstrous combination competitors who do their sums more closely, without voice for a culture willing to sacrifice a dollar here and there for long term employee, or society needs.

With a shrug of our business admin logic, and the silence of one variety of free enterprise orthodoxy thought accords, it is easy enough to take the second position. What is our stand on this for the future? Where does our Era spirit stand?

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...It might be because of free enterprise’s long battle with Marxism, that we are slow to criticize the glib greed of those who use an economy and its wage earner citizens, to acquire and acquire, sharing nothing, but is it possible to establish norms for a society and its companies, to bring to the philosophy of achievement and positive thinking, a *thought accord* where the goal is not just to succeed, but to ‘*succeed and serve*’?

Can we establish thought accords for business ‘efficiency’, competition practice, and corporate takeover diplomacy, by which our company business cultures will commonly, rather than exceptionally, involve themselves in employee profit sharing or stock ownership, social help opportunities, and other family-of-man considerations? Can we bring to business ‘tryers’, wherever they appear, with their success quotient of energy, talent, and effort, an opportunity of ‘access free enterprise’, while asking in return of them to also work for the access of others less clever, less lucky, or less educated?

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...English novelist, Lawrence Sterne tells in ‘Sentimental Journey’, of traveling from England to France during the ‘Seven Years War’, somehow overlooking the fact that the two societies were in siege with each other. The French police were quick to point this out to him, but a French nobleman, a stranger, helped him continue his trip. It was the 1750’s. Forty years later, when Napoleon had

France declare war on England, every Englishman between ages 18 to 60, who happened to be in France, was locked up. Historian Toynbee noted, that somewhere in between these two times, the idea of the 'nation-state' hardened.

Since the 1700's, we have thought of people and societies as nation-states. The grouping of people by nation-state is stamped and fixed at birth, for an individual. Through the 1800's and 1900's, this thought accord held. It is hard to think of people permanently grouped any other way. Interference with the affairs of neighboring societies by the maneuvers of head families gave way to interference (colonialism, warring) by nation-states. The United Nations, like the earlier League of Nations, arose ostensibly to handle this problem, and handle it by trying to move decision power, from the nation-states, *to itself*...

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...A global modern world civilization has not changed this very much. The individual can move themselves to a different town or nation to live and work, but wherever they land, even if they 'virtualize' their business environment with internet and communication devices, this situation will again hold true. Globalization does not change the basics of how an individual and family get through life. It is always the near and immediate economy and society, which affects the fate of their livelihood year to year, however global-sourced the effects may be on that 'near economy'.

The late 1900's witnessed some dismantling and proposed dismantling of some existing nation-states, bringing to examination the thought accord that the grouping into nation-states is a sacrosanct system. Most attempts at dismantling and rearranging, take place because of the races and cultures of citizens, an unfortunate admission of our mutual failings in using the power of 'mixture cultures'.

But the fact that the thought accords are changing at all on the subject of the nation-state concept, do give rise to some possibilities. In the 1990's, Czechoslovakia decided among its citizens to simply become the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The Federation of Malaya likewise became, in the 1960's, Malaysia and Singapore. An original two societies in the second half of the 1900's, went on to live comfortably as four societies, both pairs with a successful Canada-U.S. type of border relationship. The exercise is not necessarily arcane or strenuous, to devise...

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...In the U.S, Congress in the 1990's, experimented with 'block grant' concepts by which a block of money is given to a state, with the plan that the state government makes more of the decisions about how 'national' budgets are spent. Businessman Ross Perot, in a U.S presidential bid in the 1990's, made the effort to suggest Americans should decide more specific legislative things for themselves through referendum and initiative, and less things through legislators elected for terms. The Swiss, as a common practice, go to the polls five or more times a year in their society, to vote on specific issues and their specific local applications.

It has been long time since small units of government existed for Western societies. It has been since Charlemagne's ancestors were holding council government meetings to promulgate law, to deal with wolves in the forests of central Europe. For eastern societies, it has been even longer in time. West and East, the head family pyramid norm always sought to aggrandize the areas of control. The world that the Liberty era spirit inherited has rather large-area societies, large nation-states. If more area of influence on the globe is won, our Era spirit may lean toward a tendency to reconfigure the systems of these large territory governments....

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...If province society folk had for themselves some rights of government control and taxation, that for all of memorable history in the past has only ever been the prerogative of their nation-state central government, they might turn the enthusiasm and effort --- sometimes witnessed in the past in support of local sports teams --- to their local economy and to their home neighborhood business and government 'tryer's'.

Charlemagne in 800 CE sought an amalgamated empire nation-state for his first of the new Euro societies. He was philosophic in his approach, in that he wanted to learn the Latin of Rome, as Roman governance was the ideal policy he had in mind... *for 'empire'*. And he wanted to make the empire 'holy', with the Christian church software of his time. This philosophy of his, held in the thought accords of one thousand years, of successive societies in Europe.

But the truer interests of our Era spirit lady, using some assorted Christian software, and some old Frank and Saxon freedom yearnings, and also, some 1600's coffee house net idealism, eventually, in the 1700's, moved humanity's consensus *away from* Charlemagne's head-family thing, and the empire thing, holy software or no, and *on to* directions toward rule of law and equality freedoms...

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...We seemed to have reached a point in the mutual history of our civilization, where we are saying ‘goodbye’ to Charlemagne’s empire social strength of the nation-state, and saying ‘hello’ to *social order strength* of the freedoms that are sought, through the fuller proposals for ‘equality in politics’, ‘equality in economics’, and ‘equality in diversity-respect’, all of which have been downloaded from our Liberty era spirit’s great plans for *access* for us...

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...The clue to ‘*real strength*’, in turn, may be utilization of cyber technology for hour-by- hour auto-policing systems for financial practice, particularly for banks, finance, and insurance companies, that have fiduciary duties. This technology can also monitor capital movements.

The savings and loan bailout by the U.S. government to protect depositors in the 1980’s, cost USD 200 billion. Up to half of all savings and loan companies were affected. Afterwards, people asked if anything had been done to prevent this from happening again. It is an important question for in modern technological times, a financial weakness affecting hundreds of thousands of individual depositors, had reached the USD 200 billion problem level, before it was detected.

Ten years later, in the 1990’s the World Bank was giving positive reports on Asian banks and corporations, with no indication of detecting the weaknesses that would allow the collapses of 1997-1998. For that matter, those collapses were exacerbated by foreign exchange trading, pressuring selected currencies. Again, no one detected that trading pressure was in process against the currencies.

Then in 2007, the defaults in the sub-prime mortgage market in the US, quickly grew to demonstrate huge losses in financial institutions around the world in 2008, and *again*, those who do our financial and economy analysis were *surprised!!*

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...The good variety of freedom always needs good police practice, and the use of checks and balances for fairness in freedom, is as old as the Liberty era spirit experiment, herself. The technology is available for the 2000’s, to allow good financial policing to improve the position of ‘let alone’ customs for a free economy, and for ‘tryers’ to work their magic, in a new environment, led on by thought accords which want us all to move toward the benefits of ‘*real efficiencies*’ and ‘*real financial strengths*’, for individual companies, large and small, and particularly for financial institutions...

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...Finally Levitt, in 2000, introduced, himself, a proposed rule to limit the consulting activity, which auditors could be doing, with firms they audited.

This time, Levitt received warnings from the big auditors, that he would be hearing from Congress again on this one. Within a short period, he received nay-say communications from 46 members of the U.S. Congress, including two-thirds of the Senate Banking Committee's securities sub-committee. Arthur Anderson even got Enron chairman Kenneth Lay, to take personal interest to use his CEO fame, to defeat Levitt's proposed obstacle, to new-economy new-accounting progress.

But Levitt persisted. In response, he was warned that both the U.S. House and Senate now proposed riders to other bills, that would *cut funding* for Levitt's Securities and Exchange Commission (disabling enforcement personnel budgets). He called majority leader Trett Lott, explaining that the New York Times, Washington Post, and Business Week Magazine, all had good things to say about his proposal. Lott explained back, that he did not understand the matter, but if liberal publications were for it, he would be opposed to it. (*Levitt's horse* took a cab to the U.S. Capitol Building steps, and discharged yesterday's oats)...

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...Yunus' Grameen bank made many small loans to two million individuals with enterprise proposals --- many of the loans less than USD2000, and many of the businesspeople, women. The resultant default rate was only 2%. Mohammad Yunus gives us an interesting insight into the beginning of his career in micro finance:

“Here we were talking about economic development, about investing billions of dollars in various programs, and I could see it wasn't billions of dollars people needed right away.

I made a list of people who needed just a little bit of money. And when the list was complete, there were 42 names. The total amount of money they needed was \$27. I was shocked”

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...Again from Bangladesh --- which seems to be the world's home-garage inventor for our 2000's century finance systems --- 200 workers were taken to Korea in 1988 to learn the garment manufacturing. 180 of them returned to Bangladesh with small loans to start 180 businesses, which became a USD 2 billion business in ten years...

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...It was asked in the 'Access' chapter, what our position (and our Era spirit's position) would be in our new 2000's century, for the case of thought accords which encourage companies to take a moment of solemnity to look beyond the a sole goal of maximizing earnings. Likewise, we may ask, here, what would our (and our Era spirit's position) be, on the aspirations for security against economy and financial institution collapses, for individual economic livelihoods of the citizenries of the societies of our world civilization? Which thought accords for bank practice can help? Which can hurt?

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...Both Renaissance Italy and the United States, in its past diversity, can point to how 'province economies' do give 'tryers' the platform to bring results. Neither are examples of consciously creating thought accords for societies, to bring both the very best of 'province economy' results for political and economic 'access', or the best of 'security systems' to prevent collapses. Future concentration on those two areas, could yield *real strength* and *real security*, for the individual economic livelihoods of our globe's citizens.

In speaking of province society structures, for the future, it is interesting to note that the American states actually lived under a Confederation from 1781 until 1789, when clamoring for central control, much of it by business and banking interests, led to a new document, the Constitution. It was at that moment of 'centrality enthusiasm', that the young America decided something else was needed --- a Bill of Rights, Thomas Jefferson eventually decided --- to speak up for the individual citizen's liberties from time to time, in the face of the new turn toward central control of matters, that he guessed was on its way...

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...The U.S. Constitution does not anticipate judicial review, and some fine day in the name of democracy, it will be challenged. The Supreme Court should only hear state law cases, under a proper procedure to be allowed in an Amendment to the Constitution. That will be a victory for Province societies, and our Era spirit, in law and in economic strength. When President Nixon had a debate with Premier Khrushchev of Russia, in their 1950's, Nixon extolled democracy to his dictator listener, only to find that Khrushchev knew more about American democracy than he did. Khrushchev pointed out that one man on the Supreme Court, could override the will of every voter in the whole country!

From Justice Marshall's *Marbury v. Madison*, through Justice Taney's *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, and onward, that has been, in fact, the case, we would have to admit, to our astute American historian, Nikita Khrushchev...

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...Jefferson would certainly understand the line of thought here about 'province society economic cells', and the suggestion for their future role, for a strong Liberty era spirit. Charlemagne would not understand 'province societies', in his political goals for a good society (good empire). Marx and Keynes, whose names still show up in our economic discussions, never anticipated a discussion of 'province societies, in their economic goals.

The reason for all that, is probably that both the old Emperor and these more recent global-planning economists, assumed we would continue with the assumptions of 'bone-rank' and 'large nation-state'. Keynes and Marx, modern as they were in their times, did not have the chance to observe the intense economic opportunities and obstacles, that the civilization of humanity faced, as we rolled through in the second half of the twentieth century, after they got off the train...

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...Paleontologists in studying their very long courses of humanity in history, have come to the conclusion that the human psyche, the mindset, the brain itself, somehow changed at one particular point in time, the times after 40,000 BCE. They say this, because they see that we used the same tools (unbelievably!) for 1.5 million years, up to that point, around 40,000 BCE, then suddenly we began redesigning tools... continually. People also started, at that one point in time, to paint pictures on caves to school the young, and commenced other modern activities of civilization. Why? Did our brains change back then? Did our brains change, again, in the twentieth century? Are our minds so suddenly right now evolving?

This is why there is the thought here, of the feminine mystical, with further pleas to our 'new' minds --- that have modified themselves over the two hundred years, from 1776 --- for a commitment to take some time, for the '*common sense of the heart*' considerations thought accord, and for the '*access*' thought accord. Perhaps millions of citizens, particularly in the elder rule of law and equality societies, who --- whether they realize it or not --- owe their modern comfort to the Liberty era spirit, will be now able to hear the call of our Era spirit's tag-a-long little sister, about the 'cultural diversity respect ' thought accord...

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...If victory is still not guaranteed, 'province society cell structuring' --- in the midst of insistent slipping away toward centralization --- may assist us, to hold in place, the accepted 'political freedom' thought accord, and also the now emerging 'economic access freedom' thought accord, and finally, the 'diversity of culture' thought accord, that we now should begin to consider our own, and want to maintain for our descendants. Accomplishing all this, however, may require our occasional mad dash against inclinations for complacency, or selfishness.

11. East Shem West Shem

The Romans called the Mediterranean Sea 'Our Sea' (Mare Nostrum) because, as all maps of late Republic and Empire times show, Rome's provinces surrounded its shores, completely. A Mediterranean map from the early 700's CE, shows a similar surrounding: Rome --- nothing; eastern Roman remnant of that empire, Byzantium --- one third; Arab Umayyad empire, based in Damascus --- the rest (*Syria through Egypt up to Aquitaine in southern France*). This Arab empire intended to extend further into Europe, but was defeated at a battle at Tours, France in 732 CE, by Carolingian Charles Martel, grandfather of Charlemagne. The opponents earlier mentioned in speaking of early north-forest Frankdom, who took a mother hostage in the battle stand off with the young Frank warrior, in that 700's time, were Arabs. Warrior cultures bring us such scenes...

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...Zeal would remain the hallmark of Arab societies (all of which were empires) that would follow after the Umayyad, from that time onward. Important to that zeal would be Arab societies' belief-system, based in Islam with its strong custom of regular prayer for all. This proved a unifying strength for societies, that otherwise might have fallen to disunion, through traditional Arab 'warrior culture'...

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...This empire would last until 1909, when the last sultan of a 1000-year rule, his 200 concubines and his cat, would be put on a train to permanent retirement in the countryside. The early 1900's decades were the time for that sort of thing

for many head families all across Europe, the Hapsburgs, Hohenzollerns, Romanov's all on outbound trains in this time, with the Romanov's witnessing the bleakest of denouements.

The Ottoman empire would break up after World War One, into the Middle East we know today. The list of separate societies that emerged beyond Turkey, from the old Ottoman empire --- Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf states --- all of course, Islamic and largely Arabic, would be in the run of the 1900's, eventually be joined by one other group...

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...Like Arab tradition, the Jews also brought with them a zeal for fighting and winning, based on their belief system. The Jewish zeal had been their own, for a longer time than any other grouping of mankind on the globe, had experienced. It was a zeal they had carried since roughly 1300 BCE, when Moses led them to the plains of Moab, gleaned a view of a new land from the top of mount Nebo, and sent them on their way into Palestine, under leadership of the warrior Joshua.

Both Arab and Jew belief-systems stemmed from the same early line of prophets, Noah through Moses, and both cultures looked to Abraham as their patriarch. Racially, they were the traditional mutual offspring of Noah's son, Shem. Like east Frank and west Frank Europeans, they were *brothers and sisters*, the Jews historically a part of the western --- Phoenician, Egyptian, then Roman --- coastline of east Shem Arabia...

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...The re-entry to Palestine, launched by the Balfour Declaration, began hostilities in Palestine, which led Britain to post in the 1930's, a garrison army as peacekeeper. (Britain had been given responsibility for this area of the Middle East, after World War One). Peacetime terrorism would be born in this time. The British execution of a Jewish terrorist in 1938, would set off a year of terrorism by both Arab and Jew. The zeal of East Shem and West Shem for their divergent cultures and spiritual inspiration, would unfortunately create a will to battle each other in a new fight thought accord, which they would present the globe in this century, that terrorism against innocents is justifiable.

As East and West Franks had brought the 1900's century, a new 'fight' in the form of global battle in two world wars, East and West Shem, brought us this alternate form of 'fight'. Terrorism differs from declared war by societies, in the secrecy of the participants, in the furtive planning of bombings and assassinations. Some of the Palestinians, who became world-known leaders of their cause, were first terrorists. Two Israeli leaders who became prime ministers, were wanted terrorists during British administration (and one accused of crimes against humanity became prime minister in the early twenty first century). Terrorism became the dark side of zeal, which can show up when the justification for one society confronting another is both cultural and (the orthodox forms of) spiritual...

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...Yet, instead of inspiration and example, East and West Shems have brought only warring, terrorism, and oil-price-shock harms, to other societies around the globe. It is a shame the result came out as such, over the disagreement over the land of Palestine. The correctness or incorrectness of the Balfour Declaration's decision, to ask one country in the early years of the 1900's, to share their land with another country of a different culture, cannot be easily evaluated. The eventual dispossession of the whole Palestinian people, including those who remained, from the government of the land, caused other Arab societies, to show their anger against a globe, that stood by.

The results came much like they might have, in an alternate history, if the final result of the Balfour Declaration, instead of dispossessing the Palestinians of their land of Palestine, had given the land of Texas back to Mexico. If the Texasians had been dispossessed, and if hundreds of thousands had fled to other American states, it is likely that other Americans would have supported them in their efforts to reassert their rights. Texasians, themselves coming from a history of toughness and individualism, would probably have fought on forever in every way they had available, for an equitable solution...

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...Slowness in thinking about the 'diversity liberty' requirement to which our Era spirit's little sis is now calling our attention, since the mid-1900's, has enabled a new cynicism process to sponsor one new thought accord --- one useful to the old Era spirit lady of despotism --- to grow to strength, a thought accord that should have invited engagement and discussion, long before September 11, 2001.

This author observed in the 1970's, inclinations that traveled with the oil industry in Asia and the Gulf, inclinations which gleaned no special respect for Islam as a spiritual tradition. This was just the time when Islamic followers were speaking of becoming more assertive, in the face of both the anti-spiritualism developing in western societies of our Liberty era spirit, in the second half of the 1900's.

The 1970's was also a time of the appearance of a more vociferous evangelical Christianity, which showed no respect for the Prophets of other spiritual traditions. Some thoughts appeared back then, about whether this was all going to lead us to a place, where we did not want to be. *A thought accord of disregard* for cultural diversity had persisted, in spite of the other successes our Era spirit had with us. That attitude had begrudged lunch counter and water fountain equality to African Americans in the U.S. South, *only* one decade before those 1970's times...

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...In the midst of this process, a new destructive thought accord came to be shown to civilization's billion Islamic citizens. It claimed the Era spirit of rule of law and equality actually stands in the way of Islam's goals, and is really a crusade for Christianity alone, of all of civilizations great spiritual traditions. One of the four London Underground bombers of July 2005, bombed a bus, because his target was blocked by construction. Had he reached his intended target, the four bombs would have made the sign of a cross. Why would the bombers want to image Christianity, on the London landscape, in blood? The Quran specifically honors Jesus. What went wrong?

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...What is significant about that, is that it immediately follows a derailing of respectful mutual admiration by Christianity and Islam in the 1000's CE. Europe's Holy Roman Emperor, Otto III and his pope, Sylvester II in connection with Arab sultan Al Hakim of the Alexandria Fatamid caliphs, had established contact between Islam and Christianity, to begin a relationship of respect. Then, suddenly both European leaders died (mysteriously), the Seljuks took control of Jerusalem, and the mutual opportunity of respect was put away...from that day until today.

A positive direction for all was murdered off, in the 1000's CE, and *another course* of If-history succeeded, one that has no benefits for the Era spirit of rule of law and equality in the Middle East, for Judaic-Christian-Islamic spiritual tradition sisterhood...

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...That thought would be the realization that the arrival of the little sister awareness, is well-timed, to help us in our commitment to some adjustments. Without governmental aid budgets, and just with the battle shield of simple exercises in respect, from organizations, ad and media script writings, spiritual tradition figures, politicians, single individuals, much of a zeal force of discipline for evil, can be successfully deflected by citizens of leading Liberty era spirit societies.

It seems 'too long', that it took over 22 decades to get as far as we have with our Era spirit's 'political liberties', and 'economic liberties' of access. Racial and spiritual respect traditions of 'diversity liberties', really only came into discussion in the last 5 of those 22 decades. It is particularly disconcerting, to further observe that Christian majorities of leading liberty Era spirit societies, have not yet begun one year's progress, let alone one decade's progress, in giving respect to Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu spiritual traditions, and their Prophets...

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...Inside Israel, one of their ruling political parties in the late 1900's denied immigration to some Russian Jews, based on the decision that they were 'impure Jews' of mixed blood! Then 'Osama Christians' outside Israel, chimed in, to cite Obadiah and Zechariah books, to 'discover' genocide against Palestinians is predicted in the bible! All of this is a total turn away from progress on the globe, for our Liberty era spirit, and looks like it could, all by itself, mature to a satanic *pivot*, away from a successes for us and our Era spirit, just as the events of August, 1914, did to the *first generation of the last century*, the 1900's century.

In reaching to help Israel and Palestine, it would be best, if rule of law and equality societies looked to the simple principles of their Era spirit, truly believing that the luck of our zeal would help us in our goals... as it has so often before. We could then set out to discourage mean-minded political leaders, racist politics, and all forms of 'apocalypse-prophecy-mongering', to set the basis of the matter down to wholesome Liberty era spirit guidelines...

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...An un-useful pivot may then be avoided, and history may not, this time, be forced to repeat itself, because of our *incomplete homage*, to our Era spirit lady,

as we erred before, in creating one century of Communism and a Cold war, through our refusal to pay attention to her pleas about liberty in economic rights of struggling wage-earners.

If those who would help Israel and Palestine, would do that first in a discussion with themselves about *common sense of the heart matters*, then they might succeed in an effort for the good, for the small nation of Israel and the small nation of Palestine to go forward, in freedom from the badgering of the some six dozen other nations and organizations, which want to impose the discomfort of their objectives on these two Shem peoples...

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...Maybe, the future small nation of Israel and small nation of Palestine, when left alone to decide matters, will in the end decide to be one society, as some Palestinians in the early twentieth first century believe that their best future, would be as part of one of civilization's leading mixture culture countries, one that in the spirit of our new century and new millennium, welcomes the *little sister pleas*. The numbers of Palestinian votes (today approaching 50% of the total population), would easily anchor their future, in a Palestinian-Israeli government, which puts aside a Jews-only stricture, and become a Liberty era spirit mixture-culture society.

With that decision, Jerusalem, would become a major important city of the future globe, because it was equally a Jewish, an Islamic, and also a Christian center of culture, for three important spiritual traditions of our civilization's first planet, in our future galaxy landscape. And with that, the Temple Mount, could feature places of worship for all three of the sister spiritual traditions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam.

12.Pivot

Winston Churchill, in his interest in '*agate-point pivot turns*', was looking at certain small events involving a few people, or just one individual, who changed a course of things in history. *Thought accords*, for their part in changing courses of history, only seem to reach strength, over long periods, as a decisive percentage of a society's citizenry eventually arrive at a consensus that is reflexive. In the Poland story, this seemed take very long time, and (because of Poland's neighbors) the time for the full strength thought accords to obtain results, seemed to be forever.

In Japan, the same process needed only one hundred years, but then that is because of one fast stealth attack pivot point, at Pearl Harbor, that resulted in an eventual ‘unconditional surrender’ and enforced rule of law and equality ‘learning’.

Can understanding the growth of thought accords, and then also understanding the potential rough interventions of agate point pivots, help us?

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...Where emerging leaders cuddle ‘*unchange*’, and worry about ‘*forks at the dinner table*’, they overlook the positive results of the Era spirit’s intrusions and nudging’s into their own societies’ histories, that has yielded stability and prosperity by which they and their population in the early 2000’s, eat at their supper table, in comfort and security. Will some leaders and their societies bring a pyramid tolerance and cynicism about rule of law and equality to world history, as their prosperity increases their influence on the globe?

Al Qaeda type organizations would love to match Franz Josef’s record of fouling one century, with the events of August 1914 and World War One. Within ten years (about the same time Hitler needed) Osama bin Laden was able to bring his own thought accords up to strength, with a significant number of followers on the globe. Mixing a little murder intent into the scripts of such an aspiring thought accord, does not slow things down, as the schoolgirl blood letters supporting Japanese militarism, back in the early 1900’s, demonstrated...

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...The Era spirit of despotism needs no disguise among her true followers. Despotism serves here well, and the phenomenon is not weakened by the fact that the leaders exalt in targeting civilians. Hitler in his time, sent a generation off to die, and his people revered him. Mao’s policies starved to death twenty million of his people in the first twenty years of his rule, and people initiated morning prayers for his continued guidance, in the presence of his portraits.

If we all together, as members of liberty Era spirit societies, can (slowly) move our future hopeful If-history in accordance with the good thought accords that we hold, are there really agate point pivots, with power to change the course of things, against good outcomes? We might claim that indeed today, our access free enterprise economic practices and legislature-led equality political practices, are right now leading the globe to a safe victory for all for

our Era spirit. But then, the same successful process was actually rather well under way, at the opening of the problematical 1900's century.

Head families in Europe in those early 1900's, were becoming 'constitutional' type apex families, when suddenly, almost overnight, a few family chiefs (Willy, Nicky, Franz Josef) started World War One. That was an 'agate point pivot', and it is thought provoking, because it happened so quickly, then changed one whole century...

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...Can events from a small group of players, bring outcomes to effect the whole globe in the 2000's, again, as apparently was the case when we look back on Franz Josef's early 1900's, or have we successfully moved away from things --- systems of society, thought accords --- that allow that much control by a few for a *pivot*, over our future If-history destinations?

There may be two things, in plain view today, that leave us vulnerable for 'mean pivots', which could trap us in this new century, as they did in the last. They are two vulnerabilities over which we do have control, but only the type of control that can be solved through the slow, determined-commitment, thought accord process. We will not have options that are our own instant-result pivot points. 'Pivot points', for their part in this, unfortunately, will usually only stand among the odds against us....

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...Sun Yat Sen, in the early 1900's, committed himself to speech-making tours in both China and the U.S, with a vision that looked toward a post-Qing emperor republic for China. Sun asked the U.S. government for help for his new Guomintang political party, for the party to become a leader for democracy in a future China. The disinterest of the U.S. government, sent Sun off to Lenin's Russia to ask for economic support, which Lenin --- with another agenda other than democracy --- of course did not properly enable.

In the end, Sun's military chief (and brother-in-law) Chiang Kai Shek, with a warlord plan, rather than a rule of law and equality goal, dismembered the democracy heritage of Sun's hopeful Guomintang political party. The result was a Chinese citizenry having to make a decision between warlordism and Communism, and the ascending of Mao.

A quarter century later, mid-1900's, a Vietnamese, Ho Chi Minh, also approached the U.S. government. As Sun Yat Sen was sure that American

citizenry would support his democratic program for China, Ho was sure that the society that had first successfully thrown-off colonialism, would help him end Vietnam's status as a French colony. Ho quoted Jefferson's Declaration in his letter, to the U.S. The U.S. government did not reply, and Ho went to Russia donned a red star, and got his support.

In this same period, Fidel Castro, in deciding to overthrow the despot Era spirit's dictator of Cuba, wrote a letter to American president, Franklin Roosevelt. Ho Chi Minh using phrases from the Declaration of Independence, and Fidel Castro trying to make contact with the U.S. president! What was going on there? It seems that many revolutionary leaders, who rose to prominence among their own people, in plans to end a pyramid political structure, thought that America may want to talk to them.

It also seems that America sent them off to talk to others, in some oblique causal process for an If-history, that in time would come back to America's plate...the second time around...

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...But cyber-tech is seldom been used for this purpose. It is more commonly utilized to create warehouse cities of computers, dedicated to the 'profile' and the 'cooky' data-basing of entire citizenries. In its completion and total fulfillment of interlocked information, this use of cyber-tech, can leave the individuals of any society uncomfortably un-private, under the stare of enormous knowledge machines, that can better serve the future goals of empire-like political and profit pyramids, than the goals of our Era spirit lady...

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...Well done, treacherous Era spirit; but how foolish of us. In the name of our own dear lady of rule of law and equality, citizens of civilization, need to insist on cyber protection patches, to avoid the bad pivot scenarios into which interlock can put us, in our new cyber age. Centrist government and combination business thought accords, otherwise, will consistently look the other way, while the negative effects of the process allow the pivot threats to mature, for the knowledge machines that are constructed in this process, often serve their own daily mundane agendas too well.

'*Interlocking*' will continue. It and its friend, business '*combination*' have current day supporting thought accords, which have grown to strength in our times. To many moderns, a '*province-economy cell*' as a protective strategy

against ‘interlock’, sounds like a throw-back relic from a pre-modern globe, but if there is consensus, we do have the technology to move that direction.

All of the very technology that seems to threaten us, on behalf of political and business pyramid interests, right down to RFID detectors (placed on money and everything else), can be grabbed by true Liberty era spirit activists, prohibited from watching us, and enlisted, instead, to help us, with policing capital movements across the globe, and help us with the future de-merged financial strengths of millions (not any more just dozens) of independent financial and insurance institutions. We millions can order our political representatives to ignore lobbyists, and do this, to control the *second* vulnerability to us, in protecting our future ‘If-history’ against vicious surprise pivots...

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...Unfortunately, the clock has been running. The vulnerabilities we do debate about, but didn’t attend to earlier, leave a heritage, where we watch our news, in the early 2000’s century, with an occasional eye over our shoulder, actually expecting some sort of stealth attack. As far as military equipments, the world has moved far beyond stealth attack weapons systems of the early 1900’s times of Ludendorf, with his stealth of cloth on artillery wagon wheels and croaking frogs. Modern citizenries are actually accustomed now to sitting under the trajectory target path of a nuclear warhead missile, with a one-hour time-window.

They have been doing this for over fifty years. Their parents did it. Stealth delivery of bombs or chemical agents is easy, and the civilization operating systems of an ‘interlocked’ globe, without province society cells, can not easily stand the shocks...

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...It is true that the Era spirit of rule of law and equality, would not hold any influence on our globe at all, if American and British societies had to consult some world government, about taking a stand against General Ludendorf and Corporeal Hitler’s hot wars, and Marshall Stalin’s cold war. However imperfect the growth of the Rule of law and equality era spirit is on the globe, and also in U.S. and U.K. societies, at this point in history, it is also true that our Era spirit, has at least gotten far as she has, through to the 2000’s century, solely through the independence of decision-making that these two societies were allowed, by the unique geographies of their island and their new world continent.

Nevertheless, when war was brought to Iraq's civilians in the Iraq War, it became apparent that the military strategy of aerial bombardment, as a part of aggression against possible future threats from a society, was a very different thing, from rolling back Iraq as an aggressor in Gulf War One.

To see 'precision of destruction', in such different circumstances, and to watch a civilian population, left on their own to deal with injuries and loss of food and water, where it was the Liberty era spirit nations that were 'drawing first blood', was different. Then, U.S. domestic scenes of construction equipment destroying Dixie Chick music CD's and the Clear Channel media combination conglomerate silencing the selection of 'Bridge over Troubled Waters', looked to many observing citizens of the world, more like mid 1930's German thought accord ascendancy, than thoughtful championship of Liberty era spirit values...

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...And where there is no fight, this component of the military perhaps needs to stand alert, as a *Strategic Assistance Command*, ready to show the world that the military budgets of the two leading Liberty era spirit nations, include expenditure for instantaneous worldwide fights against the deprivation of earthquakes, flood and disease situations, within an hour's notice air deployment.

The image of massive tax dollar allocations for defense budgets, which consider themselves only in service to well-trained killing machines, needs to move over, to allow their governments to bring to their globe modern 'fight budgets' such the S.A.C. command type of commitment proposed here, as well. Such a new utilization of 'fight budgets', when observed by emerging nation citizenries, making their decisions about the future, will also be important to rule of law and equality's coming If-history potentials.

Bringing home all overseas U.S. troops from their 'sitting duck' locations in Korea, Okinawa, Europe, to safer fight-stance locations in the U.S., from where they can be rapidly deployed, is a part of a strategy that reflects the real situations of our globe today, may save enough money each year to fund this S.A.C. Command...

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...The Liberty era spirit serving-soldier men and women deserve honest decision-making, for the 'fights', to which the rest of us ask them to commit their lives. Liberty era spirit citizenries need to take closer look at our liberty leaders' 'decisions in ebullience' to take aerial bombardment to the Iraqi people, or to assassinate a quizzical, but nevertheless, democratically elected, Venezuelan president. Then those citizenries, may also need to take a closer look at their leaders 'decisions in disinterest', to ignore the calls of 'revolution' leaders on our globe...who are trying to get us on the phone. (The phone is probably ringing right now, from some locations in Africa or Latin America.)

Is it possible that the simplest of solutions --- ones which come from the little sister's pleas for some humility and respect for diversity --- would actually get the tactical and the strategic job done for our Liberty era spirit? The battle plans that we store in our generals' minds, the myths about 'smart bombs', the absence of equipment and people to assist civilians in situations where we draw first blood, could all be reassessed...

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...Africa has everything. As a continent of societies, it stands out with the most dramatic demonstrations for all, of how things can change rapidly for the better in a few decades, or alternately, stubbornly stagnate. Uganda had a world-head line oppressive regime into the 1980's, then changed its course to become a country looking for rule of law and equality norms, and is now one of the few new locations in the world, for micro finance business opportunities for many citizens...

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...Nigeria presents the most remarkable story to the world, of a society that demonstrates the strongest of wills to cope, while often faltering, with problems which sometimes seemed too strong for the nation. It is an example of good citizenry trying to get things right over a long period of time, and therefore is a society that needs detailed, knowledgeable active sympathy and assistance, from all other Liberty era spirit societies over decades of time.

Nigeria emerged from colonialism mid 1900's, succumbed to ethnic violence (where Frenchman Bernard Kouchner was inspired to form 'Doctors-without-Borders'), then stabilized with a British prime minister political system, which then collapsed, and then an American presidential system, which also failed, reverting to dictatorship, twice, emerging a democracy, again, then, succumbing to ethnic violence, again, hosting an international young women's

pageant, only to see the contestants scurrying out of the country, when interpretations of the event led to conflict.

But in the midst of this on-going story, Nigeria always demonstrated a mixture-culture people of Muslims and Christians, very much trying to get things right, through experimentation. One can hope the people of Nigeria by the middle of the twenty first century, may come out with their own success story, the zeal of which we can herald, as we have in the 'Poland story', of the 'Thought Accord' chapter...

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...The idea would be that the mega projects are generally conceived for the benefit of profit pyramids and political pyramids. Diffusing the same capital to a million individuals, on the other hand, gives an emerging economy and society, the opportunity to grow in strength and per capita income, on its own, so that it can, on its own, find the finance for its infrastructure expansions.

If there has been an 'evolution of our minds' in the past hundred years, which enables us to now to part with the assumptions of economic class and race and the prejudices of clan, then Liberty era spirit societies may find a strong response from the citizenries of societies chosen for such strategies, to enlist in such battalions and divisions, in campaigns for this type of fight, for a future Liberty era spirit's total victory. To work, it will have to see hundreds of thousands of men and women from rule of law and equality societies, sign up for tours of a year or years, or for careers...

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...There is an America 'tryer' story that can give us some guidance. Dr Paul Farmer, in his years in medical school, in the 1980's, began visiting the farm areas of the central highlands of the nation of Haiti. When he became a doctor, he started a clinic, which has expanded over the years, bringing medical help from a facility that now has 104 beds. In the 1990's, Dr Farmer found the American military, had arrived in his area with a force of eight men, to keep peace in the area during a short civil war.

Dr Farmer watched the American international policy with fighting men and women arrive --- and complimented one captain with assurance he had claimed back some purgatory time, for buying medicine for some prisoners, out of his own pocket --- then watched the world peace fighting machine leave, while he stayed on, with his clinic's simple daily help, in the area of medicine. His clinic is still there.

As it turned out, this small one-tryer medical effort, in leading in the treatment and the documentation, of tuberculosis and AIDS, became key to the nation of Haiti, to qualify for funds from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, in 2002. When Haiti was, in fact, the first nation in the world to receive those funds, the Haiti government asked Dr Farmer to expand his clinic to other communities. One person's work got that much of a result...

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...If the strength of England's own success in history, for the Rule of law and equality era spirit, was its Chalk Isles status, some British seem to have forgotten that, as they ask to join the East Frank West Frank mega-society, agreeing to subjugate their economy to that amalgamation. With a body-language gesture, England now connects an umbilical 'chunnel' to the continent of this combining-and-enlargement activity, ending in some special philosophical sense, its status through all history since Julius Caesar reconnoitered its coast, of 'separate, independent, and distant'.

It may seem strange to reach back to Julius Caesar's time, in examining what factors can help or hurt our If-history progress with the Liberty era spirit in the 2000's century, but in fact, we should in fairness ask ourselves if maybe our Era spirit may have in fact reached for world strength back in the 100's BCE century of the Roman Republic, if the bickering of the Roman aristocracy had not collapsed the republic, or then if global acceptance for the Liberty era spirit, may have grown out of the societies of middle ages Europe, if empire families had not organized themselves so quickly from Charlemagne's time on, for a coming thousand years...

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...In such an If-history alternate, we may have reached a world friendship of *diverse* province-society and province-economy modes of operation under our Era spirit lady, successful and comfortable, on every land mass and island of the globe by the 1000's CE, and reached the scientific heights of Ottoman electric coffee blenders by the 1100's CE, and have used computers and robots to build Europe's cathedrals, rebuild ancient world ruins, and finally space cities, all in the 1300's. We may have never had a United Nations, or a thought of world-government or world-banking. We would have many province societies, moving on to space, since the 1400's CE...

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...Agate point pivots can be a big concern in an interlocked globe, but they cannot, alone, determine the future. Willy, Nicky and Franz Josef with their selfish tight turn, may have slowed the progress of rule of law and equality for a hundred years, but rule of head family despotisms, in force for all of times of civilization in the past, was nevertheless banished as a norm...within that same period. It is just that a hundred years, was a long time for the generations, actually living through battle trenches, city bombings, political concentration camps. Everyone would like to avoid the scene, where pivot situations bring those problems now, to our 2000's century.

There is no precise antidote for that, but it is useful to remember that the 'hard-heartedness' problem, including the tendency to put aside the little sister's enthusiasm for 'diversity liberty', can put us at the mercy of *un-useful pivots*. The technology and government budgets can probably enable us to meet the 'problem of interlock'. It is the other problem --- the 'hard-heart problem', the one which worried Gandhi --- that may end up the real challenge...

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...13.Charlemagne wouldn't have liked 'Bridge Over Troubled Water'. Fights for all history, have established victory through unquestioned application of killing machines. For our Era spirit, that worked, until some point, perhaps some month of some year, in the years after the mornings of Iwo Jima and Hiroshima. It is hard to say when, but some time in the lifetime autumns of all World War Two veterans, the situation became different , and a change was called for, in the *fight* plan, to win total victory for our Liberty era spirit lady, to win the unconditional surrender of despotism.

That change began to call for frontal attacks against unhealthy water in five million villages in bad-water war theatres, assaults on insufficient medical help in all towns on our globe, battle logistic support for career and business access vistas on the streets of all inner cities, taking back the smug heights of pyramid-economy practices in legislatures and parliaments, and saluting Arthur Levitt's horse and every trooper in the marshlands of government bureaucracy, who have sought fairness for the average life-savings citizen. If we fight this fight, the pivots can't stop us, and our Era spirit becomes the Era force in our galaxy, in the coming millennium.

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Jefferson and Adams quarreled about us. Jefferson believed in the character of humanity, and considered equality in society and government very important. Adams, more cynical of the individual soul, could only accept that certain members of society should rule the rest. The two walked from a farewell dinner given by president George Washington on an evening in 1797, together as far as the corner of Market and Fifth streets in Philadelphia (at the time, the capitol of the United States), Jefferson's memoirs tell us, then Jefferson took Fifth street to his home, and Adams, Market street.

The two never met again in their whole lives, though both became President of the United States! (In old age, they finally corresponded. They died on the same day: July 4th, 1826). The feelings about their philosophical differences for rule of law and equality, ran deep. Two hundred years later, those feelings still do.

Adams could not believe a large voter base rule of law government would work, because he could not see how he could trust the masses' judgment and fairness. You could say, he worried about Thucydides 'imperceptible decay' of the common good. He was cynical. Jefferson had faith that there just had to be a way....

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...The right to review economic plans for the future, based on lessons of the past, has generally been in the possession of economist thinkers of the tradition of Keynes and Marx, people who covet single economic models for everything. Today, economists carry on the arguments about monetarism as the rule of all, as opposed to Keynesianism as the rule for all, supply-sidism, tax-cut-ism, and other spin-off sects. The rest of us listen intently, sometimes in hopeful expectation of their lucid solutions for our prosperity, access, health maintenance, and sometimes in total disappointment, wishing they would just go away and leave it all on some tombstone, '√a●p style'.

It would seem that our Liberty era spirit may prefer that we continue with the individual and diverse-culture-and-situation sourced hands-on legislative and business experiments and discussions, in the demeanor of the late twentieth century, where specific case advances are welcomed by all, and all global models are treated askant. This would come from our commitment to take a look at the cross section of all citizens in leading Liberty era spirit societies, to see that future economic policies incorporate the 'access' needs of everyone ---

rough' hood, single parent, low education, crime record --- persons, included in dignity...

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....Amartya K. Sen of Cambridge, in contrast, seems an economist thinker for the 2000's century, because he is interested in innovation and experimentation, to bring direct value and income... to individual citizens. He has produced the de rigueur economic models in his career, and has argued in Thomas Jefferson faith, for Asian citizen democracy practice, against Asian political leaders of the John Adams heritage, who dismiss rule of law as an un-useful western habit.

But Sen never let the economic model theories, take him beyond a rough earth awareness, that access inequalities of income, health, and education, are the first responsibility of economic planning of any society, any time. His childhood at the ground-level of famine experience in Bengal, lent him his own economic education, to take precedence over a later erudition in economic models...

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...There will be no universal economic model template for our globe, which will carry forward success for our Liberty era spirit. All thinking offered should be looked at in the approach of lateral thinking. Emerging countries like Chile, Poland, Vietnam have demonstrated trade, social security, banking and private investment experiments in their economies with success. Mexico demonstrated private investment reforms, that ended in a mid 1990's disappointment as miscalculations failed, (and perhaps economic-pyramid cronies undermined), but Mexico continued on, in economy experimenting.

The leaders of the rule of law and equality societies can help best, by opening their own minds, to economic experiment, beyond familiar economic models. All new economic ideas should be followed with enthusiasm, as physics scientists do in their field, looking for breakthroughs that can be applied to some other economies...

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...World organization capital sources seem to work from the arrogance assumption that, 'Nothing works in this society's situation, so we force the issue with large capital gratuitously placed into some mega projects. This thinking has been of the family of successful profit-pyramid building and successful 'boondoggling' (for fees, commissions, construction profits), not from the philosophy of successful equal access business startups.

If our globe focuses on capital availability for feasible future profits, for a myriad of business opportunities, rather than mega projects, free enterprise can be a boon to all. Independent bank capital in seeking out placement opportunities may result in some bank globe-skipping, away from the home bases of the many, small, and local good loan practice, but the common sense of the process must include the future commitment to the cyber-policing of all financial institutions' asset strength and loan performance, so that 'bankable loaning' can be limited to the rational...

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...But the majority of the population count of *later* empire Rome eventually became citizens of *cultural diversity*, and none of these new Romans were of peninsular Italian stock. Rome seemed to insist to say, 'the heritage of these tales of zeal is ours only. It cannot be your zeal heritage. The 'little sister's plea, in this situation, was never heeded, in this particular society.

It is difficult to trace this sort of failure of one particular mixture culture, but one well-known incident came right at the end. Rome's top general Stilicho, after his success in backing off the (actually very Roman) 'barbarian' Alaric, was then asked to commit suicide and give up his command to *proper Romans* in the capitol city, for general Stilicho was a 'barbarian'. It was Rome's last stand.

Rome never had the opportunity of a space city, to help it learn the future of humanity as a mixture culture. What opportunities it did have to learn, Rome ignored, until the failure of its 'mixture culture' opportunity brought an end to Roman education, Roman engineering and science, Roman rule of law, for about 700 years of our if-history...until we picked ourselves up, and tried it all over again, in the time of Eleanor of Aquitaine's men...

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...In any case, Mussolini said that instead of *Fascism*, the right name for what their political movement was doing, should be '*Corporatism*'. 'Corporatism' was correct, because Mussolini and his German counterpart, had been supported from the beginning, particularly in the early lean years, by the large corporations, whose contributions would put their little political system in power, and eliminate the bother that democracy had been, to these two famous movers 'If history' in the twentieth century for Italy, Germany, and the rest of civilization. 'Corporatism' created a pivot in two countries. The pivot created

the twentieth century. The caution note here is the subject of the Pivot chapter. As recommended, we need to be alert.

Corporatism always works the same gig. It better organizes a state under a few large corporations, who then fund the media circus to keep anything or anyone desired --- even a Mussolini --- in power. It is simply efficient and convenient: there are less moving parts for a society. Most important is that the largest of corporations be encourage to take over the smaller ones, limiting the field of voices from Corporatism, *to* their chosen government leaders, like Mussolini...

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...The *first* lesser known organization of the two, had made its way through the 1920's, early 1930's, before it was dismissed by the powers that had originally allowed it, its earlier progress. Its leaders were killed off, often by the second organization mentioned above. That first organization was called the *Sturmabteilung*, the S A, and it was made up mostly of working citizens, critical of the democratic governments, and critical of the politicians, in their inability to make the economy work, their inability to control the budget and value of their national Deutsche Marks, the mismanagement of which, was creating horrendous inflation. The S.A. paraded and held rallies, to call on all Germans to show their anger at the democratic leaders. Some of their leaders were charismatic. But was this grass-roots organization funded by the public?

Not really. The Corporatists funded this innocent movement, based on the instruction of the supreme leader of both organizations, who would later, in 1933, take over Germany, kill the S A leaders, and put the *second* organization he had been secretly preparing, once the public was ready, the SS, into authority, throughout the land of democratic Germany, who had just *elected* that supreme leader, to power, after a decade of the *Sturmabteilung*, the S.A., movement...

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...When the American Tea Party movement started with a scream from Rick Santelli of CNBC, it took on the appearance of sincere voters complaining about the national economy, which had resulted from its elected officials. Accused of taking funding from wealthy corporate players, it denied that, and asserted to all, its grass roots money base. Observers found it only mildly racist. Why would anyone consider a link for the Tea Party movement, to Corporatism?

We might ask what would be the position of the same Rick Santelli on Corporatism? It is a fair question, as he is said to be the inspiration of the Tea Party, who ostensibly, from their honest grass roots call, seek better economy planning, as their ‘Taxed-Enough-Already’ acronym, implies.

Well, when asked about the auto industry bailouts, in spite of Chrysler and General Motors starting to repay their loans, Rick said that ‘his people’ would be buying Fords (who never took a bailout). This inspiration of one democracy’s noisy push for a new direction in politics and economics, evidently thought it fine, that *all the competition* in the American-bred auto industry, would have been, on the alternative to the bail-out, wiped out, leaving *one* auto maker. Now, that’s ‘Corporatism’...

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...What happened in the Tang dynasty, is that the rich found that by sending their youth to the capital to learn the schooling of Confucian government management (which was originally to be a teaching in Compassion of fairness to the small-holder farmer citizen of China), they could get those young people into control positions in their home regions.

This was to insure fair government to the mass of their local citizens, as Confucius taught? Actually No. It was to control the tax registers. Over a hundred years, the vast lands of the wealthy land-holding gentry *disappeared* from the tax registry. So, the small holders, *eventually*, paid all the taxes...until the economy and dynasty, *eventually*, disappeared in mass uprisings. Should the rich be taxed at all?

The question for the American society, which considers itself free, and in voting control of its destiny, is how this virus of economic wrong-thinking, could take over its economic system, and lead it so un-freely to the ruins of 2008? Reagan’s personal chronicle shows that Corporatism sponsored his speaking tours around the U S, before he was handed his governorship in California, from which, to stride forward to the U S Presidency...

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...White House Cabinet member for President Reagan, Donald Regan, left his job, for a particular reason. He said he could not stand to see every single thing that was scheduled, follow the time dictates of White House Astrologer Joan Quigley. The leading liberty Era Spirit nation had instituted, in the Reagan administration, an official astrologer to arrange all timing. For what purpose? To insure the success on one man, the President. Joan Quigley announced to a

hall of astrologers, that *she made* Ronald Reagan the ‘Teflon President’, and that she was the Teflon. She probably did... to the longer term detriment of all the other citizens of this one liberty Era Spirit society.

But what happens to the nation, with a shaman practice installed in its control panel? The spiritual traditions of this liberty Era Spirit society, all of them of all its citizens, have always pleaded for all hearts of humanity in civilization, to turn to the Teachings of care and prayer for guidance of those spiritual traditions’ Wayshowers, Moses to Muhammad, Buddha to Jesus.

But now this important liberty Era Spirit society had allowed shaman practice to rule in its Executive Mansion, for years. It was to help one man. It naturally did not help the nation. Shamanism (covered in the Spiritual Trad Downloads) brings no good. Hopefully the stubborn virus of Reaganomics, is the only curse this regretful oversight brought...

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...King Ludwig II spent his Bavarian state province-society treasury building fairy tale castles (*this was modern times at the end of the 1800’s*), before Bismarck finally absorbed his Bavaria. Bismarck laid the foundation for the efficient nation-state that would embrace the Era spirit of pyramid political structure in its stretch of Europe, for sixty years. The result, was his society gathering itself into marching formations for two successive Reich’s, that would initiate world wars one and two, knocking down half the romantic architecture of Europe in the process.

Ludwig built a bunch of fancy buildings, that survived all that, and eventually became an annual multi-million mark tourist industry for Bavaria, in a world that an Era spirit of another kind (our Era spirit), had finally made safe for castle-trekking holidays. In their lifetimes, Bismarck was pronounced a hero for his society in his vision for Germany; Ludwig was pronounced ‘nuts’, and was probably murdered by the guardians of his Bavarian state treasury. Today, we may, if we wish, consider Ludwig an lateral-thinking tourist-infrastructure mad inventor, whose legacy allowed one ‘off-model’ tourism economy experiment ... from a province-society...

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The forms of ‘One nation under God’ were Christian, as were the majority of the original citizens, but as other spiritual groups became part of society’s citizens, the question came up about enforcing Christian forms. Then anti-spiritual activists showed up to insist that the Bill of Rights, their rights, were

being violated by all spiritual customs of the American society. One activist mother, took the school system to court, to protest her son having to start his school day with a prayer in the pledge of national allegiance. She began a series of court cases.

A society, that had from the beginning formed itself in homage to spiritual commitments, as it had from the beginning championed the liberty rights of the individual, started on a course, in which it witnessed its government thinking to overrule spiritual considerations, in favor of individual rights.

This was in deference to those who came to insist the two were actually in conflict. Are they? Such decisions seemed to strike a new course, while the disposition of some modern Christian spiritual leaders, to discard the balanced thought accord of the founding fathers, in favor of arrogance, contributes poorly to the discussion. It is true that Christian political majorities in the U.S., set terrible examples before the teachings of their own Prophet, as they ramble on about a list of subjects of imaginative design, while they have laws passed that take away food stamps, housing programs, and education support for the first-four-decile income bracket families of their societies, maintaining their spiritual focus, upon alters for the praise of tax-reduction...

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...Nevertheless, with some indication that the Era spirit's little sister's pleas will now be heard, Christian majorities, could start in the early 2000's millennium, to show respect for other people's Prophets (and all matters of cultural diversity on our mutual globe). The followers of Buddha, Krishna, Muhammad, Laozi, and the Jewish Prophets, could help them vote back, the right for a moment of meditation-prayer, at the beginning of all school days. Such a mutual effort, would be an indication that the little sis' is turning leading liberty Era spirit societies, in a beneficial direction.

The thought accords of recent decades, that have not missed spiritual moments in the education system, have welcomed the media to encourage an entertainment environment of increasingly unlimited scenes of violence and irresponsibility, and harsh language, as normative in society. While this society leaned toward fanaticism over the problem of cigarette smoke in the air, it did not appear to feel there was harm to the 'environment', by such intrusion into people's living rooms. (Actually the third amendment to the Constitution, one of Jefferson and Madison's Bill of Rights items, does protect America's citizenry's livings rooms from this intrusion, but the citizens of this society have never pursued their rights there)...

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...Historian Theodore White noted that history is generally commemorating the 'first time' anything happens. He brings our attention to the importance of, and lack of commemoration of, the '*last time*' things happen. It is a useful caveat, for it reminds us that change toward the better, as well as toward the less-better, can be *imperceptible*. When was the last time a 100's BCE Consul, asked to speak of holding the long honored pleb-protecting procedures of the Republic of Rome, before the rationalizers of 'empire' clinched dominion? When was the last time a 1930's citizen of Germany or Japan, pleaded with their rulers, to dissuade the thought of military glorification, before the holocaust sprang on them all?

When was the last time successful 'haves' of the 1840's, who had discovered how to benefit from the business economics, hurry past the Manchester wage-earner streets that Friedrich Engels complained about ... before they lost their option, on a future twentieth century without a Lenin, without a Stalin, or Mao?

When did modern 'haves' of the present decades, grab a moment of solemnity to consider the USD 6-7 an hour livelihood vistas of unskilled men and women of a leading Liberty era spirit society of the early twenty-first century (that Barbara Ehrenreich chronicled in her 'Nickle and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America'), to ponder their society's plans in education, medical care and general assistance for their lowest paid wage-earners?

It is *zeal* that is the subject here, zeal that comes to the aid of a society's fiber strength in uneven times, zeal that comes from every individual seeing their part, their opportunity considered in respect, in the whole scheme of their society. If it was zeal that brought leading Liberty era spirit societies through strained moments of their If-histories alternate outcomes, then no society would ever want to be without the *luck of their zeal*...

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...How does the 'luck of your zeal' work? It may have to do with the actions of citizenry, making sacrifices for their community, their legislature institutions, their military forces. It may have to do with adding committed voices in an election campaign, or chat rooms for the principles of fairness, voices for 'access' in economics and politics, and voices against a few new recent thought accords mentioned here, that seem to work against those principles. It may

come from citizenries pausing in any course of action, to consider all these things, in terms of their various spiritual values.

Luck of your zeal certainly has to do with honest responses to the list of principles of the Liberty era spirit. Those honest responses may have led individuals to march with Martin Luther King, or protest for Nelson Mandela, or establish profit or equity sharing schemes in free enterprise companies, or to criticize thought accords that support pyramid apex Corporatism control and unlimited interlocking, or take up activeness for causes like conversation, emerging society women, respect for the Prophets of all spiritual traditions, or an Aung San Suu Kyi situation.

There has to be a price to pay, for the *luck of your zeal* for 200 years of comfort in homes and communities, in youth through old age; there has to be a pay-back commitment, one which must in part, certainly be taken up not just on the Liberty era spirit society government budget level, but at the individual citizen level, as well.

Zeal can bring munificence for all our mutual civilization, even if it is impossible to define. As long as you can inquire successfully among two out of three people, of the citizenry, who you can meet along the streets (or in the coffeehouses) of your land, about the principles for access in politics and economics, and the commitments to common sense of the heart fairness to issues of your society, then the system is working ... and zeal lives...

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...If the ancient Essene's Merica Star continent (North America) waited through human history, to represent the will power of our Era spirit's hopes for our civilization here, and in the galaxy, then influences from beyond our dimension, may strengthen the resolve of Liberty spirit citizenries on the North American continent, from this point on. This would be a good result, if they take the 'moment of solemnity' to consider issues, like those in the 'Pivot' chapter, or in the 'Access' chapter, here.

Then again, the Kali Rift under Palestine, may also, with a 'weak wall', strengthen its oblique power over the best and worst of If-history outcomes, in its Palestinian-Israeli area. That would be a result of a weaker 'wall' that could go either way, toward humanity's collective rejoicing, or toward hurt....

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...Al Gore, as 43rd president of the United States, way back in the early 2000's century time, staked his reputation on being able to pay down national debt, lock-boxing social security funds, and maintaining tax levels without cuts. His four year administration, however, was only able to pay down half the national debt from 2000 to 2004, as a recession dampened incomes.

Gore received so much criticism for failing to pay off the whole debt, by opposition Republicans, supporting George Bush, who had lost the election on a platform of improving fiscal responsibility, that this failure to totally eliminate the national debt, became a campaign issue in the election of 2004...

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...Focus on issues of importance to the economy was lost, as divisions in public opinion entrenched themselves around the accusation, as to whether or not, it was a Texas group that encouraged the assassination attempt, in order to stop Kennedy's thrust to force this conversion of the energy industry, by threatening to strip the depletion allowance from oil companies, a subject he had been going on about, since he became the Senator from New York in 1963.

In the election of 2004, Gore and Kennedy lost, and George Bush (44th president of the United States) and Dick Cheney were swept into power by vast fossil fuel capital, with advertising that highlighted to the public, the suffering they were experiencing, through the efforts to change the ways of their society's energy profit pyramid, and the miserable shortcomings of the Gore administration in only paying off half the national debt...

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...It all happened long ago, but the argument still goes on, about the effects of the dislocations that were a result of the conversion of the U.S. energy industry, which depressed the stock market throughout the whole first decade of the twenty-first century. Some still call it a mistake similar to the government interference during the Great Depression of the 1930's. There is no way we can know, what effects alternative planning may have brought on our Solar system of Republics... in our times today...

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...Winston Churchill as historian, wrote a lengthy world history, featuring the ascendancy of the ideals of liberty through the growth in influence of Britain, and its offspring America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia. He called it, a

history of the ‘English speaking peoples’. He did not bother to explain to us what such a *label* meant; Churchill probably thought everyone knew, in his first-half 1900’s time. What are the English speaking peoples today?

Are they the subset of world civilization, who adapt English as a first or second speak, attracted by a parlance that has six conjugations, and the same word for the offspring of people and goats, or fervent about ‘top ten’ pop lyrics, or the Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence?

Whatever it is, it may be safe to say the ‘English speaking peoples’ generally have some affinity to the Era spirit of rule of law and equality (and now her little sister), although some will not, some dare not, admit it. In Cambodia’s Pol Pot regime, knowledge of the English language by an individual, was in itself deemed dangerous to the state, and could warrant the death penalty. The English language, it seems, has carried our Liberty era spirit’s message to the globe...

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...The victories of two hundred years of sweat-won laws and blood-won battles have only been qualified by slips of selfishness. If we are to look for an explanation of these slips, from a twenty-first-century informed-citizen point of view, it could be one contributing factor, that our philosophy in the past, led the majority of us to assume that the function of government --- so often over the mountain and far away in a nation state --- was not a concern of any individual, between times of choosing a political machine, on election day. If anything, the effects of government often seem simply an intrusion or a surprise, as they did to the child, in the Preface of this book.

By the beginning of the 2000’s daily ‘information networking’ has become common through television, e-mail, and manifold internet usage by individuals. It is good that we realize that this new depiction of immediacy of information about business and social events around the world, is not only fascinating to follow, but is part of an all encompassing new smallness that can produce uncomfortable results as well...

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...Enthusiasm for this sort of thing, may have something to do with revolutions that our Era spirit lady has led us through, and evolutions of our minds to higher consciousness, that we have seen --- for some reason --- at rather specific and limited time windows in our past, as in the case of the tool revolution-evolution of 40.000 BCE.

This would be an adventure, to bring the *rule of equality habits* for care, respect, access mutual hope, for our societies to a new level, in a full new feeling for the extensions and implications of this, as we today can understand in the wider urgings in common sense of the heart, from our Era spirit's little sister....

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...Certainly, Jefferson must have had his own doubts about his arguments with Adams. He probably died, not completely sure of the position he championed. But we have had 200 more years of experiment. Also, in our 'smaller' world, we can understand that any society is organic in its real benefits, and that a middle-classed family, successful in obtaining an walled suburban environment of comfort, cannot forever enjoy such benefits in a society, that is not working for the optimum livelihood of every soul. Jefferson's Declaration of Independence said from the start, it would look into this.

Rule of law and equality societies, need to make a decision, to be active to *turn the corner* in Jefferson's direction, not in John Adam's direction, with whatever sacrifice that entails, and make this decision with the zeal that has always been the deciding factor in victories, to help a whole globe, bring about the best possible scenario in the 'If-histories' that we all mutually face. They would do this both in self esteem, and in practicalness...

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....To accomplish this, we have to start the same place at which Thucydides, in recounting the Pericles speech, looking at civilization (in the Chalk Isles chapter), started in 430 BCE, with the realization that we must make an effort using our modern technology links and personal presence, to involve ourselves with the acceptance that we are ultimately responsible for how society as a whole lives. We would do this, using Thucydides' terms:

With full knowledge of just how much harm can 'come of (our) neglect', if we devote 'too small a fraction to the consideration of any public object', with a new awareness that it is not 'the business of someone else to look after this or that for (us)', so the common good cannot, after all, 'imperceptibly decay'.

2500 years after Thucydides, 200 years after Jefferson, we have moved along in the right direction. Looking at the full sweep, the discarding of head family society pyramids since the 1800's, the discarding of race and class discrimination norms since the 1900's, are familiar to us as recent, recognizable, ongoing thought accords of societies which wish to follow our Era spirit. If weekly active individual responsibility for cyber netting toward 'need-help' parts of society, working toward 'access free enterprise' in a worldwide network of inner city province-economies, seems like new thinking, then these practices in Liberty era spirit societies, lie in our future unwritten companioned history of 2000's, as the next part of humanity's (r)evolutionary walk with our Era spirit.

The benefits will be worth the exertion. We can be sure our Era spirit wishes her people, to be on their way to a destination, which will insure her Era Force strength in the coming century. That would be a world where the heart-felt thought accords and practices of rule of law and equality societies, protect everyone, from any alternate If-histories, that would allow the other Era spirit, with her other ways, to herself come back into pre-2000's force strength. Let us hope our energy, and unselfishness, will yield us the zeal to see things through for her... for us.