

IRATE CORPSE ORATION

DIVINE OVERRIDE

Every paragraph in the 2025 Easter email message sent, sincerely, from Donald J. Trump concerns the overthrowing of law. *“Now we find in ourselves a strength which is not our own, and which is freely given to us whenever we need it, raising us above the Law, giving us a new law which is hidden in Christ: the law of His merciful love for us.”* *“Easter is the hour of our own deliverance—from what? Precisely from Lent and from its hard Law which accuses and judges our infirmity. We are no longer under the Law.”* *“Death exercises a twofold power in our lives: it holds us by sin, and it holds us by the Law. To die to death and live a new life in Christ we must die not only to sin but also to the Law.”* Here, the danger in arrogating scripture to personal, political power is fourfold: the laws of nature (ecology), the laws of the social contract (the constitution), the laws of individual responsibility towards others (conduct) and the profundity of the creed, the Living Word, itself, are all subject to desecration. Divine override overrides the divine every time.

We are the Declaration of Personal Independence’s crash test dummies (also known as ATDs, Anthropomorphic Test Devices). Desecration permeates our common spaces and our privatized ethics. It’s the Ur-Burden conditioning speech before we ever utter a word. We walk on eggs as we wreck our habitat, in paresthetic dialogue. The unconditional contrarians, unpopular commoners, far-right anti-autocrats, lone wolf populists at loggerheads with elitist post-liberal redistributionists, a disaffected majority defending minority rights they themselves don’t even enjoy, peace extremists going toe-to-toe with love absolutists. All while inhumanity could easily convert to deeply human union with a single gesture, a sympathetic word, a kind consideration, a conscious inbreath. We’re far more miraculous than malicious—at which point even these fugitive bonds, boons and blessings afflict us with their evanescence. Genetically, there’s less than 1% of difference between any 2 of us. We’re even *more* identical aspirationally, in spirit. Ilhan Omar and Steve Bannon want to be happy. Anti-interventionist Ted Cruz and fellow-Texan Alexander N. Green, as well as re-indigenist Winona LaDuke, want to be happy. Aaron Bushnell had wanted to be happy.

ZOMBIE DEMOCRACY AND THE SCINTILLATING SELF

Truth can never be told so as to be understood, and not be believ’d.—W. Blake

...as if our democracy were something that perpetuated itself automatically; as if our ancestors had succeeded in setting up a machine that solved the problem of perpetual motion in politics. — John Dewey, *Creative Democracy*

The public must be put in its place, so that it may exercise its own powers, but no less and perhaps even more, so that each of us may live free of the trampling and the roar of a bewildered herd. — Walter Lippmann, *The Phantom Public*

It thinks it's alive, acts as though it were alive... because we presume it's there to defend. We're acting just like we're a democracy, i.e., *democracidally*, predictably. Democracy, whose enemy is it?

Governed by a financialized kakistocracy — money making money without making anything else, anything other than political obtrusion — the citizenry can reasonably wonder whether democracy is diseased or deceased, desiccated, denigrated, or, perhaps simply unsown. After 2 ½ centuries of constitutional implementation of guaranteed self-sovereignty, your territorial integrity can, nonetheless, be stormed; you can be grabbed off the street and held indefinitely *unsovereign*. *Zombied*. Dissent, freedom's greatest possible proof, becomes treason—polity used against itself is patriotic. Surprise? Who's targeted? In Swing City, if we're not touching upon race and decolonization we're not treating the root problem in the most efficacious way. Fair to say? If we're not in concert across divides, indivisible in difference, are the problems, much less their solutions, even recognizable? The Ur-Burden can't be lifted lopsidedly. *Wrong* can't be done away with so long as there is *right*. There will always be a fight. Devoted and revolted can only be liberated at once, presuming, of course, we actually want peace. If my insight is greater than yours, there will be war. If your climb is steeper, your cause, your wound, deeper, the old, unquestioned cosmogony of reactivity and violence rolls on and ramps up (last week the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute reported global military spending rose to \$2.7 trillion, the same week the White House proposed a gargantuan 13% increase for Pentagon spending, at the expense of social, health, education and research services.)

Fittingly enough, the fringe post-democracy punditry suddenly at the core of the transition team for our anti-constitution CEOcracy-in progress, self-labels as “reactionary” (neo-reactionary, to be precise, or, NRx). The neo-reaction is fixated against the Enlightenment and its depraved egalitarian values; fittingly again, neo-reactionism's more common autonym is *Dark Enlightenment*. (Yes, you wouldn't be mistaken to point out the allusion to *Dark Maga*—a major program of Dark Enlightenment goes by the acronym of RAGE — Retire All Government Employees). The unapologetic dark wave of formerly occulted, now lime lit, neofeudalists and autocratic capitalists — Curtis Yarvin, Peter Thiel, Steven Miller, E Musk, JD Vance — bestow on Steve Bannon a less-misanthropic, principled glow, by comparison.

The U.S. was constituted to rule out mobocracy and (secondarily) corruption by monied interests; preclusions which are, unfortunately, perfectly facilitated by the pillar of Republicanism: *representation*. Will we ever usher in a second Era of Good Feelings, without partisan affiliation? Such a possibility is certainly not evidenced in the tone of voice of our civic discourse, nor in the contention, messiness and mental warring that constitute democracy's unintended badge of honor.

Do countries need a constitution? Is that what makes a country a country? If so, Canada, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand and Israel are not countries. The United States is a Republic (expressly not a Democracy) requiring a constitution, by definition. Are political parties necessary? George Washington ran uncontested (if you can call that “running.”) The first U.S. party system pitted the Federalists against the Democratic-Republican Party; this dizygotic birth of “Democrat” and “Republican” to a certain extent explains their mutual animosity (often most frenzied among fraternal relations) as well as the monozygotic quandary in the difficulty of telling the two parties apart even as they go to extremes to distinguish themselves from one another—all corresponding to the common confusion in differentiating a Republic from a Democracy. Same goes for “liberal” and “conservative,” both totally steeped in the founding veneration of inalienable individual rights and property perfected in virtuous citizenship.

Here we are. A democracy is that which a republic deteriorates into, at some point along its autarchic trajectory, as in our current decline into centralized anarchy. Bishop William J. Barber refers to the current combination of religious nationalism and misrepresentation as “the conspiracy of cruelty” and “devastation by legislation.”

“Democracy will soon degenerate into an anarchy; such an anarchy that every man will do what is right in his own eyes and no man’s life or property or reputation or liberty will be secure, and every one of these will soon mould itself into a system of subordination of all the moral virtues and intellectual abilities, all the powers of wealth, beauty, wit, and science, to the wanton pleasures, the capricious will, and the execrable cruelty of one or a very few.” “Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.” John Adams, president # 2.

IF THE GAME WERE RIGGED SO THE GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN THE RESULT WOULD NOT BE LOSERS AND WINNERS BUT OMNISCIENCE

Defeasibility is the true test of democracy. Price has no need to be moral, so long as pure spontaneity is equally distributed. For social justice to be viable today, its TechnoPlutoPseudoFeudalism’s Centralized-Fringe Conscience Czar would have to be perfectly impartial.

In a power outage, poor insulin users are free to steal insulin-preserving ice from beer drinkers regardless of their social class. Since when has “better” ever been fairer? No reward for effort. There can be no totalitarian scientific inquiry. Nature is not a science, but that’s not why it can’t be applied to social systems.

Theorizing is not a matter of taste we can pour into a gas tank. Economics is more about conduct than objects.

Connotation exceeds computation. Markets are going nowhere. Justice that is not part of the process has no say in the payoff.

Impulse is justifying; imposition requires justification. They’re the same, in the way democracy has never been an alternative to war, only a form of war, of tyrannizing and traumatizing the majority. We do not spend more on killing than health. No need. Health, here, already kills.

Faith in the Human Family has become so farcical it’s thrown open the misanthropic sluice of neoreactive polity proposals fueled by unadulterated disaffection. If we could just harmoniously structure the operation of one innocent lemonade stand, one sweatshop-takeover by those toiling, ALL would be healed, there would be proof, and the law of disproportionate payoff would pan out. The antidote is not only inherent in us, it is our very inherence, a birthright—though we misconstrue this connate condition as an equanimity we need not, each day, cultivate. It becomes a given we need to fight for (fight each other for, break away from each other to secure).

Justice is a pharmakon without a pharmacist. It's not democracy if it's not degenerate. No country, only capital, only outer space. We stopped contesting the creed of consumption — I'll grant the Dark Enlightenment clarity on this point — long before it turned to greed.

Either way, anti-egalitarian Thomas Carlyle was read aloud in the *Führerbunker* in its final days, for comfort.

Whereas the *Mar-a-Lagobunker* is unenclosed. Graft by full disclosure.

Air isn't even air anymore.

DIALING DOWN THE CONDESCENSION, WITH DEMOCRACY UNDER INDICTMENT

If we are seeking a clearly defined, prefigured "alternative" to a system we deem oppressive, we might already be reproducing its logic - because we assume that systems are reified things that can be intentionally replaced, redesigned, and made to conform to our sense of the good. — Bayo Akomolafe

The disgust for those who are disgusted by those who are disgusted in those who disgust.

Each word comes from a state of ascesis, sacrifice. Each word is bardo-intoned. Each word is its last. Each a resurrection and reincarnation. I otherwise couldn't write. The gloom and the luminousness. My God!

A curse can also be raised in perfect harmony with the wellbeing of all. The law of the groove.

It's now clinically known: the bullet that kills, first backfires into the future.

The spiritual weapon of tenderly embracing the aggression.

Constituted not equal nor not unequal. The supremacy of equality we'd kill for.

Actionable ascesis. Abundance in nonexistence.

Hamilton wasn't sure that we should *not* have a king. It's the *Constitution* that's rules-based, not the *Declaration*. A tyrant could wipe his ass with the former and feel fresh as a daisy. (The 1789 version of America *can't* annex Canada.)

Lock Stock & Barrel revolutions *do* exactly that: swing the same system around. It's not a paradoxical mechanism. We attempt to control what becomes beyond our control by having tried to control it. *Saints reflect, sinners rule.* Democracy, itself stunted, grew stunted individuals which it was constituted to nurture.

We now *misknow* to such an extent we've lost the magic of making malice disappear.

Allegiance is a license to kill.

An alternative only means there's an alternative to the alternative.

Our nature is no less grace than animal. Both ungovernable.

In Unreal Estate, underprivatization is the problem, undemocratized finance is the problem (see R. Hockett's *Finance without Financiers*). No one owns a home unless all must. Who'd be poor enough to build yours? Those with enough never have enough. Enough is enough of not enough.

In the "court of ultimate resort" (i.e., the conscience of self-sovereigns) volatile accord among the unlikeminded must be most viable, if we are to survive.

Don't be short-sighted. You've been loved for billions of years (at least some of the time.)

We buy diseases, anxieties, obesity, stupefaction. Not even dying is free. This is the Ur-Burden hidden and deafening in our tone. The Ur-Burden is not simply Virgil's *lacrimae rerum* (the tears of things) as the underlying sadness in existence; it's the gloom of sensing there's nothing we can do to stem the devastation we've brought upon ourselves and the planet.

("America First" because we're enemy-selfsufficient, unreliable upon other nations for violence. As prime example, the belligerence of our current Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth, is intra-national. From his 2020 book *American Crusade*: "Yes, there will be some form of civil war. It's a horrific scenario that nobody wants but would be difficult to avoid. There are irreconcilable differences between the Left and the Right in America leading to perpetual conflict that cannot be resolved through the political process." In other words, the conflict can *only* be perpetuated—we must tear ourselves apart from within, forced by inexorable humaninhumanity.) The civil warp. Violence depends on The Within. We either had to grant violence its own rights or it would have forcibly taken them. Violence is protected. Its freedom is greater than its violations of freedom. So long as Nature continues to be owned.

Lay alone on the ground, in the grass, for a few weeks without moving. See if you're still yours.

Virtue has inverted, having become the vehicle of our subjugation. Singularity undercuts solidarity. Soldiers go to war, engineers design atrocious weapons...because it is honorable and patriotic (and profitable) to do so, as it serves one's country and protects one's family and national values. Such confusion situates the enemy within. The enemy is The Within. I hate to not know this.

The modern social contract "bled" for a gallimaufry sovereign individuals. This theater of war, with all its defections, desertions and inversions has unfolded so continuously since the Enlightenment that we scarcely notice the conditions we fight under and causes we fight for are no longer emancipatory.

"The chief obstacle to the creation of a type of individual whose pattern of thought and desire is enduringly marked by consensus with others, and in whom sociability is one with cooperation in all regular human associations is the persistence of that feature of the earlier individualism which defines industry and commerce by ideas of private pecuniary profit." — John Dewey, Individualism Old and New

WAR IS BAKED-IN

"The Society that separates its scholars from its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and it's fighting by fools."—Thucydides.

"Over the past decade, peacefulness has declined in nine out of the ten years. We are witnessing a record number of conflicts, a rise in militarization, and heightened international strategic competition."— Steve Killelea, Institute for Economics and Peace

"He who saves his country, violates no law." The Dawn of Time

"The most universal response to proposals for a planet without war is cynicism."

Immanuel Kant's essay *Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch* is the template for (via Woodrow Wilson's 14 points and the League of Nations) the United Nations Charter to which we currently hitch our wagons in the hope for no more war. The essay is not only more of a regulation than eradication of war, it can also be read as a de facto playbook for war preparation and perpetuation, even to the point of granting the right of "anticipatory attack."

The 2nd section of the essay contains 3 Definitive Articles for laying the foundation of peace. The first article begins: "The state of nature is not a state of peace among human beings who live next to one another but a state of war, that is, if not always an outbreak of hostilities, then at least the constant threat of such hostilities." Pure proximity of people or nations is already a state of war. Ultimately, this logic is basically an inversion of nature. The essay assumes:

- war is a lawless state
- self-interest must drive commerce
- free individuals freely conforming to a common legislation in a republic of equals all but guarantees peace
- amoral motives of self-interest and material benefit and will perpetuate peace and stability while pacifying the populace
- peace will come in spite of our nature once guided by the state
- peace treaties that end present wars will one day end the state of war and all its pretexts
- states are dignified whereas individuals on the loose are devilish
- morality in politics will be impartial
- an adaptive, commercial, militarized wander lust will lead to a cosmopolitan constitution
- people who are prospering can be coerced
- the nature of democracy, like the nature of people, is barbaric and bellicose
- assuming the impossibility of perpetual peace would be self-fulfilling
- only outside the law do people harm each other
- hospitality is boundless
- duty above consequences
- right becomes real

This is a quintessential European-Enlightenment set of confusions. Given our deplorable nature (based on *distrust* and not based *belonging*) for Kant's perpetual peace proposal to pan out, the warring parties, to reach an agreement, would have to be on the same side. Kant recommends a zombied uprightness: "Act as if the maxim of your action were to become, through your will, a universal law of nature." (*Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals*). Otherwise known as Ass Backwards Ethical Behavior (ABEB).

It's not merely feasible to fight each other. We're constituted by war. Article 1 Section 8, as well as the 2nd and 3rd Amendments of the U.S. Constitution empower Congress...

"To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

"To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions."

There would have to be no way to go about it. (We go to war because we know how to.)