

PISCES TALK 2018: an outline THE 2025 INITIATIVE

The Age of Pisces and its legacy, 2025 and what it means, the current state of world affairs, and where we are most likely headed

We find ourselves at what appears to be a very confusing and sometimes frightening juncture in human history. There is talk in various media platforms of endless wars, fearsome new weapons systems, scaremongering about menacing nations and financial collapse, the focus on what divides us, etc. It is not a pretty picture, nor is it very hopeful or helpful if viewed from the propaganda with which we are constantly bombarded by media outlets or which engages us in media chat formats. But how much of the dystopia projected at us is actually true? Yes, we face many problems in the world, but if we delve below the surface, we find instead a plan that is unfolding rather quickly, that plan leading us into a world of relative peace, security and increasing spiritual potential. Of course, that era is not yet upon us, but it is approaching more quickly than we might imagine. The following pages will outline the preceding points. They are intended as notes and seeds for thought, rather than in the nature of explanation.

Much of what follows directly confronts and often contradicts the media narratives that we find, particularly those of Western corporate media outlets. Many of the points broached are seen to be quite divisive and arouse strong reactions and passions, keeping in mind that where there are such passions/reactions, there is opportunity for growth, for expanding one's point of view and especially for expelling a glamour, personal, group or even international. Such is part of the legacy that the Age of Pisces has left us, in the negative sense. Yet, there is much for which that Age is to be commended as well. Propaganda, both positive and negative, is the primary battlefield, if we could call it that, of human experience at the moment, leading up to 2025, as we will see. In what follows, there are hyperlinked phrases that lead one to independent news articles, which are further found in the endnotes. Many topics are not linked or referenced, but that should invite independent investigation. The considerations here are too vast to enable us to do anything except to touch on the major points. There are also illustrative graphics included that will illustrate specific examples.

In essence, we need a complete re-think of our positions, especially in North America and much of Europe, the boldness to change and the courage to dialog with those people, groups and nations who hold differing points of view. We are in the final years of the 'stage of the forerunner', but a new world order is rapidly evolving around us, and unless we seize the opportunities presented in our present world situation – and they are profound opportunities – we risk being left behind.

Topics:

The main considerations in the present world situation

- A) Economics – a bit of history and the effects of present economic policy
- B) Politics – the end of the unipolar world and world superpowers
- C) Culture – the emerging lateral social model and shared economies
- D) Education – education as educating human potential instead of indoctrination or distraction
- E) Climate – the single biggest threat facing all of us, and denied by a materialistic elite

To preface these topics, we start with a brief overview of what is confronting us from now until 2025, and then move on to a brief overview of the present astrological Age from which we are passing – Pisces

Brief overview of 2025

There are various predictions for 2025, some spiritual, some materialistic. From a subjective, more spiritual perspective, we start with excerpts from Alice A. Bailey's books,¹ in which there are 15 references to 2025, summarized as follows:

From Alice Bailey

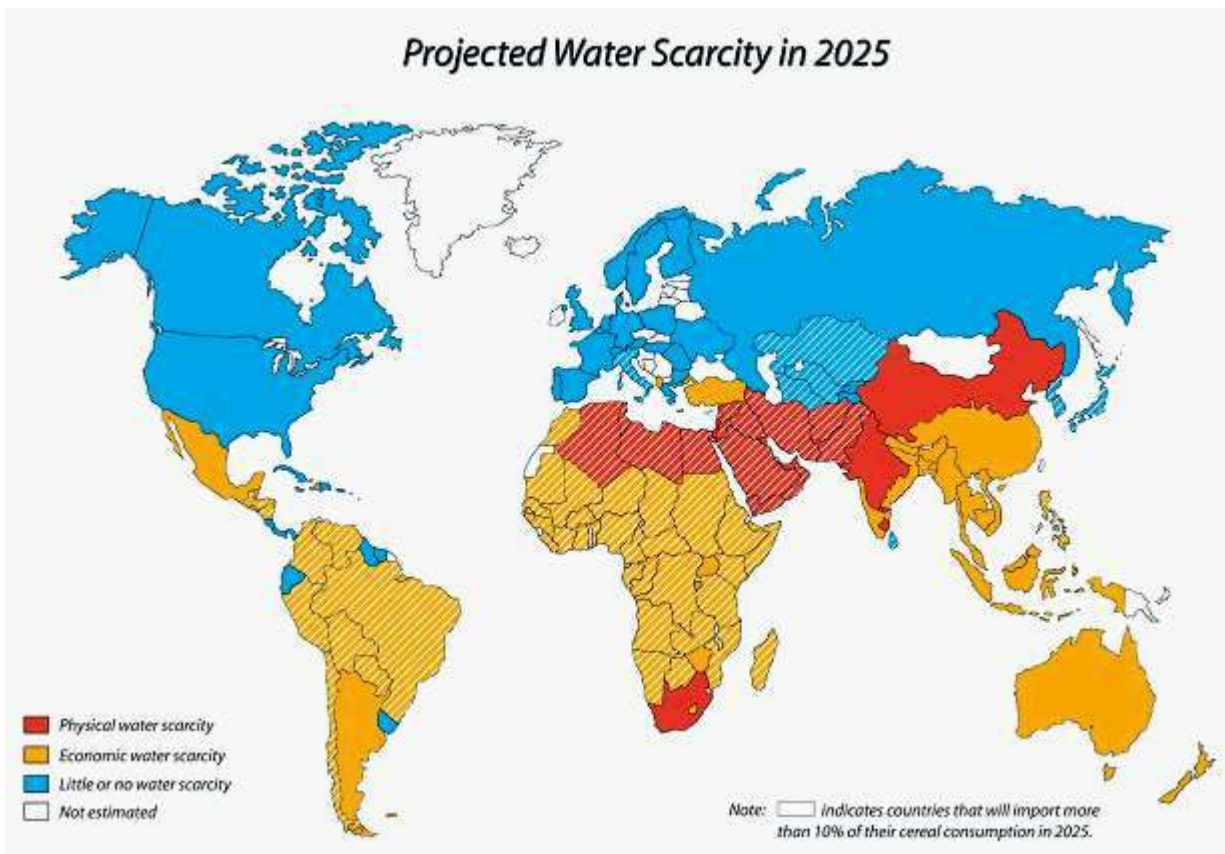
- The [books of Alice Bailey](#) were intended to be study guides for disciples and initiates up until 2025, when a new round of teachings are set to begin dispensation. The Bailey books followed on from those of [Helena Blavatsky](#)^{2,3}
- World evil has not yet been sealed away. The main thrust of work among people of goodwill is to make fundamental changes in human thought and the public aware of a spiritual direction for the planet that underlies the events of the times. This is being vigorously opposed by materialistic interests at present, but it is possible of attainment, and will continue until 2025.⁴
- The dispelling of world glamour and illusion is the outstanding theme of work to be undertaken until 2025.⁵
- A new spiritual potential/energy will begin to manifest slowly after 2025, while the present energy is rapidly passing out.⁶
- We only need more light to offset the more materialistic interests. The intensification of light will continue until 2025, after which a relatively stable period will intervene. [That intensification of light is what has contributed to much of the present world unrest].⁷
- The concept of a world federation of nations is rapidly forming, and will be universally recognized, desired and worked for by 2025. It will not be perfect, but its outline will be in place by that time.⁸ [Watch for the words spoken by world leaders in that regard.]
- New teachings on astrology, among other subjects, to come after 2025.⁹
- Very great changes will be seen to have taken place until 2025 (from post WWII years) and have increased in activity and speed.¹⁰ In 2025 *in all probability*, the date will be set [sometime into the future] for the first stage of the reappearance of the spiritual hierarchy on Earth in physical form.
- Due to the nature of human progress and its great rapidity, we are roughly 2,300 years ahead of schedule in terms of what is to unfold. 2025 is a benchmark date for what is to come for humanity and the planet as a whole.¹¹
- Our 'day of opportunity' has only just arrived. The flow of spirituality from the East to the West reached its zenith between 1965 [the start of the New Age movement] and 2025. [We have also seen a large spread of Hindu and Buddhist centers, along with many others, throughout the world, especially in the West.]¹²
- Control of the world's resources will increasingly come under the control of those people whose primary motivation is that of service and goodwill. They will exist in their millions by 2025.¹³

Other predictions, more materialistic

What the world might look like: A \$1,000 Human Brain (computing speed), A Trillion-Sensor Economy, Perfect Knowledge, 8 Billion Hyper-Connected People, Disruption of Healthcare, Augmented and Virtual Reality, Early Days of JARVIS, Blockchain¹⁴, And further¹⁵, And more dystopics, catastrophic environmental collapse¹⁶,

- water scarcity¹⁷:

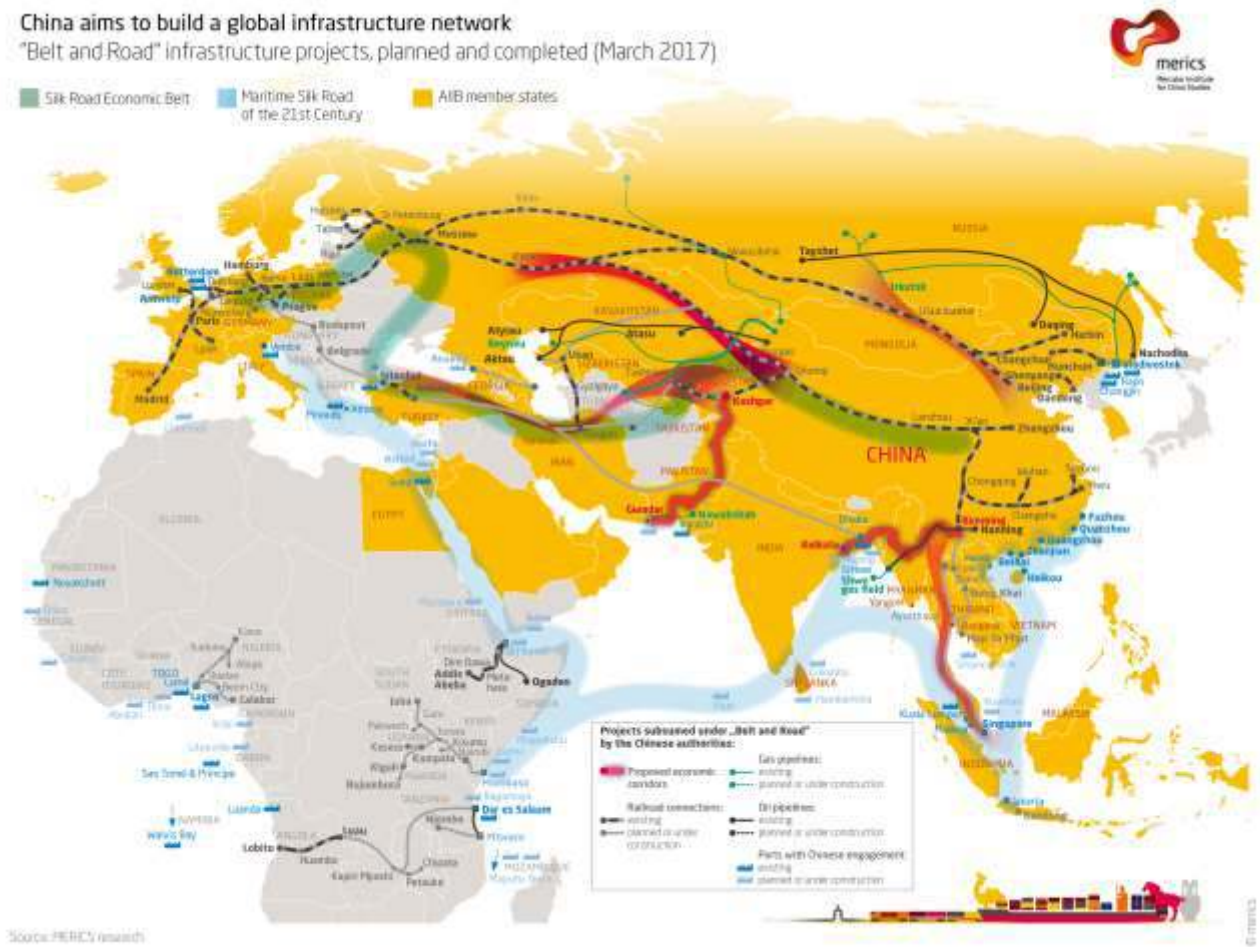
Economic water scarcity is when demand outstrips economic viability of supply. Much of the southern hemisphere is subject to this. It will also drive things like migration, with the northern hemisphere likely to experience even more mass migration and instability unless there is drastic change.



But there is hope, such as Transaqua,¹⁸ for example, if it can be made a political reality:



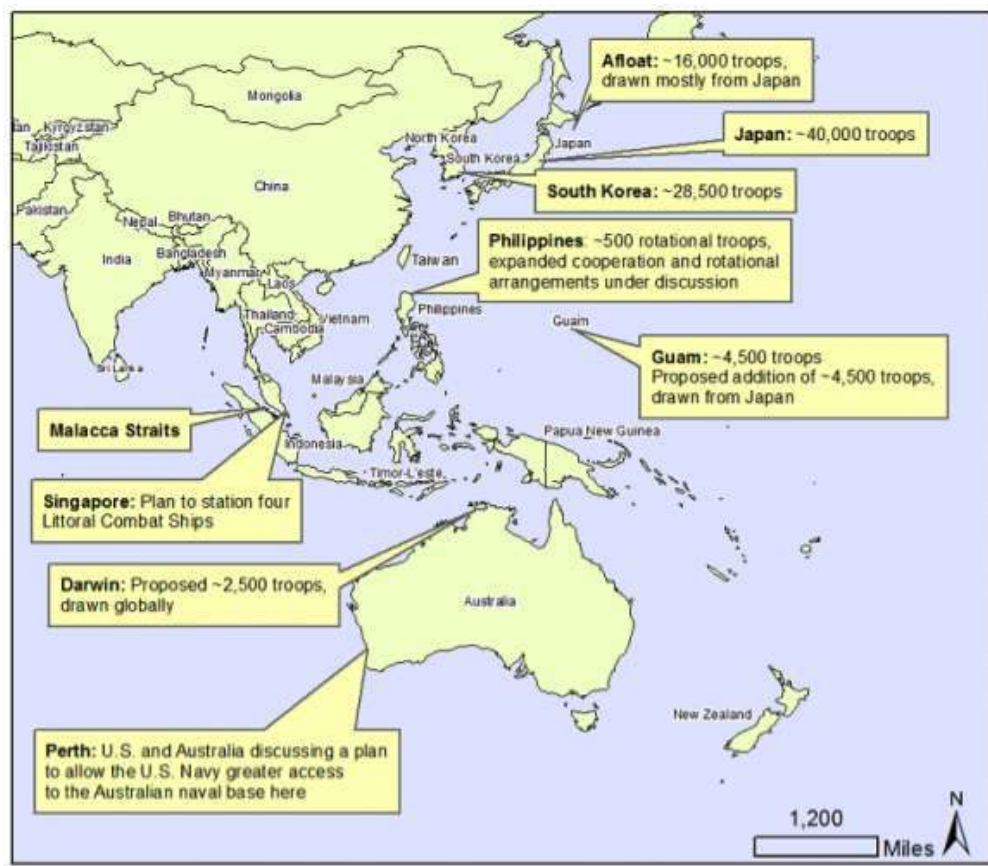
[Tipping points in threat levels](#),¹⁹ What we see in the map below is the basis for Washington’s and other Western nations’ interventions in the Middle East especially, Ukraine and in Africa. Keep the map in mind with the pages to follow. The ‘threats’ the West faces are not military, but economic.



RAND corporation and [the China ‘threat’](#)²⁰: “By 2025, enhanced Chinese A2AD (counterforce measures and platforms) will have shrunk the gap between Chinese and U.S. military losses: Chinese losses would still be very heavy; U.S. losses, though less than China’s, could be much heavier than in a 2015 war. Even as U.S. military victory became less likely, Chinese victory would remain elusive. Because both sides would be able to continue to inflict severe losses, neither one would likely be willing to accept defeat. History offers no encouragement that destructive but stalemated fighting induces belligerents to agree to stop. A severe, lengthy, militarily inconclusive war would weaken and leave both powers vulnerable to other threats.” [The preceding does not take into account recent advances in [Chinese weapons development](#).²¹]

In September, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Marine General Joseph Dunford, [told the Senate Armed Services Committee](#) at his reappointment hearing that, while he considered North Korea the foremost threat to the U.S. "in terms of the sense of urgency," Russia led "in terms of overall military capability" and he expected China would become "[the greatest threat to our nation by about 2025](#)."²²

[To counter China’s economic advance](#), the Obama regime has implemented a policy of **building economic walls at home, trade restrictions abroad and military confrontation in the South China Seas – China’s strategic trade routes.**²³



US Military Bases:²⁴ The US has around [800 offshore military bases](#),²⁵ with over [4,000 in the continental United States](#). These include the so-called ‘lily pads’ – small military installations that are used as local outposts – and tiny bases such a radar installations.



The Emerging New World Order

From Alice Bailey, this is what is said to be emerging from the immediate chaos we are seeing:

1. The new world order **must meet *the immediate need* and not be an attempt to satisfy some distant, idealistic vision.**
2. The new world order **must be appropriate to a world which has passed through a *destructive crisis* and to a humanity which is badly shattered by the experience.** [We hope the world wars were enough]
3. The new world order **must lay the foundation for a future world order which will be possible only after a time of recovery, of reconstruction, and of rebuilding.**
4. The new world order **will be founded on the recognition that all men are equal in origin and goal but that all are at differing stages of evolutionary development; that personal integrity, intelligence, vision and experience, plus a marked goodwill, should indicate leadership.** The domination of the proletariat over the aristocracy and bourgeoisie, as in Russia, or the domination of an entrenched aristocracy over the proletariat and middle classes, as has been until lately the case in Great Britain, must disappear. **The control of labour by capital or the control of capital by labour must also go.**
5. In the new world order, **the governing body in any nation should be composed of those who work for the greatest good of the greatest number and who at the same time offer opportunity to all, seeing to it that the individual is left free.** Today the men of vision are achieving recognition, thus making possible a right choice of leaders. It was not possible until this century.
6. The new world order **will be founded on an active sense of responsibility. The rule will be "all for one and one for all."** This attitude among nations will have to be developed. It is not yet present.
7. The new world order **will not impose a uniform type of government,** a synthetic religion and a system of standardisation upon the nations. The sovereign rights of each nation will be recognised and its peculiar genius, individual trends and racial qualities will be permitted full expression. **In one particular only should there be an attempt to produce unity, and that will be in the field of education.** [This directly contradicts many present 'New World Order' narratives]
8. The new world order **will recognise that the produce of the world, the natural resources of the planet and its riches, belong to no one nation but should be shared by all. There will be no nations under the category "haves" and others under the opposite category.** A fair and properly organised distribution of the wheat, the oil and the mineral wealth of the world will be developed, based upon the needs of each nation, upon its own internal resources and the requirements of its people. All this will be worked out in relation to the whole. [We can see we have a way to go.]
9. In the preparatory period for the new world order there will be **a steady and regulated disarmament. It will not be optional.** No nation will be permitted to produce and organise any equipment for destructive purposes or to infringe the security of any other nation. One of the first tasks of any future peace conference will be to regulate this matter and gradually see to the disarming of the nations. [This will take *at least* many decades, given our present situation]

These are the simple and general premises upon which the new world order must begin its work. **These preliminary stages must be kept fluid and experimental; the vision of possibility must never be lost, and the foundations must be preserved inviolate, but the intermediate processes and the experimentations must be carried forward by men who, having the best interests of the whole at heart, can change the detail of organisation whilst preserving the life of the organism.**

(*Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 191, 192)

Pisces

The characteristics of the end of the Age of Pisces...

...*the ending of the Piscean Age*, which has brought to the point of crystallisation (and therefore of death) all those forms through which the Piscean ideals have been moulded. They have served their purpose and done a great and needed work. It might be asked here: What are the major Piscean ideals?

1. *The idea of authority*. This has led to the imposition of the different forms of paternalism upon the race—political, educational, social and religious paternalism. This may be either the kindly paternalism of the privileged classes, seeking to ameliorate the condition of their dependents (and there has been much of this; or the paternalism of the churches, the religions of the world, expressing itself as ecclesiastical authority; or the paternalism of an educational process.
2. *The idea of the value of sorrow and of pain*. In the process of teaching the race the necessary quality of *detachment*, in order that its desire and plans shall no longer be oriented to form living, the Guides of the race have emphasised the idea of the virtues of sorrow and the educational value of pain. These virtues are real, but the emphasis has been overdone by the lesser teachers of the race, so that the racial attitude today is one of sorrowful and fearful expectancy and a feeble hope that some reward (in a desirable and usually material form, such as the heaven of the various world religions) may eventuate after death, and thus compensate for all that has been undergone during life. The races today are steeped in misery and an unhappy psychological acquiescence in sorrow and pain. The clear light of love must sweep away all this and joy will be the keynote of the coming new age.
3. To the above thought must be coupled *the idea of self-sacrifice*. This idea has lately shifted from the individual and his sacrifice to the group presentation. The good of the whole is now held theoretically to be of such paramount importance that the group must gladly sacrifice the individual or group of individuals. Such idealists are apt to forget that the only true sacrifice is that which is self-initiated, and that when it is an enforced sacrifice (imposed by the more powerful and superior person or group) it is apt to be, in the last analysis, the coercion of the individual and his enforced submission to a stronger will.
4. *The idea of the satisfaction of desire*. Above everything else, the Piscean Age has been the age of material production and of commercial expansion, of the salesmanship of the products of human skill which the general public is educated to believe are essential to happiness. The old simplicity and the true values have been temporarily relegated to the background. This was permitted to continue without arrest for a long period of time because the Hierarchy of Wisdom sought to bring the people to the point of satiety. The world situation is eloquent today of the fact that possession and the multiplication of material goods constitute a handicap and are no indications that humanity has found the true road to happiness. The lesson is being learnt very rapidly and the revolt in the direction of simplicity is also rapidly gaining ground. The spirit of which commercialism is the indication is doomed, though not yet ended. This spirit of possession and the aggressive taking of that which is desired has proven widely inclusive and distinguishes the attitude of nations and of races as well as individuals. Aggression in order to possess has been the keynote of our civilisation during the past fifteen hundred years.

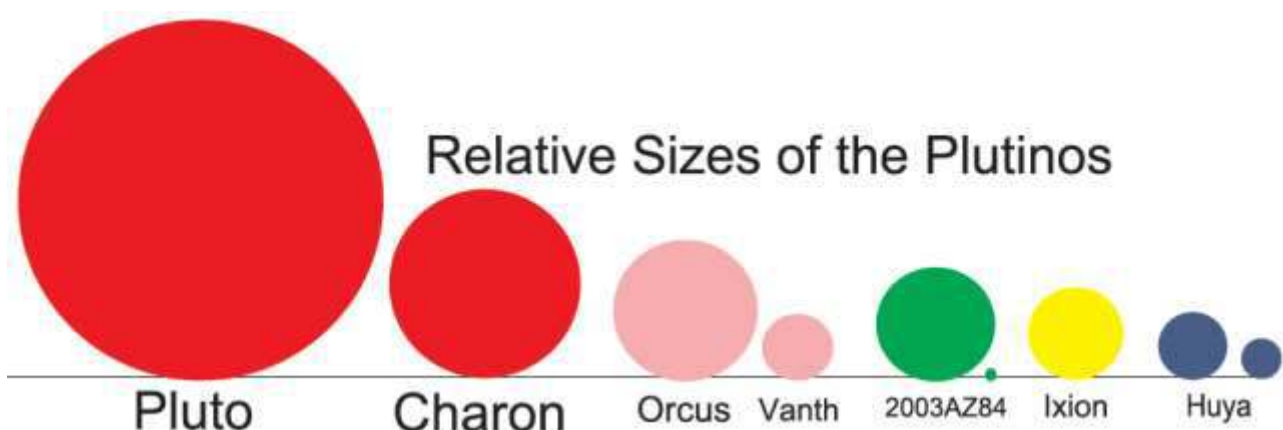
(*Education in the New Age*, p. 122)

Considerations of Pisces in general

- Transmits Rays 2 & 6 (EA 87), through Jupiter and Pluto. Also, “Two major rays express themselves through the rulers of Pisces, orthodox and esoteric: The first Ray of Will or Power, focussed through Pluto, and the second Ray of Love-Wisdom. It is the interplay of these dual potencies which:
 1. Produces the duality of this sign.
 2. Brings about the major problem of Pisces—psychic sensitivity.
 3. Causes the lure of the Path, in the first instance the path of evolution and later the lure of the probationary path with the consequence that transference to the Fixed Cross (which is all that we can intelligently comprehend) begins really in Pisces; though impulsed (if I may use such a word) in Aries it begins and ends in Pisces.
 4. Precipitates the process of transmutation and eventual escape through death.
 5. Unfolds the significance, activity and beauty of death and of the work of the destroyer. (126)
- Is ruled by Jupiter (orthodox) and Pluto (esoteric and hierarchical) (EA Tabulation VI)
- Through its orthodox ruler, Jupiter, that force is brought to bear which "brings all together" and—in this case—relates the two fishes and binds them together in a functioning relationship. It is the activity consequently of the second ray force which relates soul and form and brings the two together, and this magnetic potency is peculiarly descriptive of the activity of Pisces (127)
- Has its influence focused through Neptune (EA 130)

From my own research: Neptune has many small planets captured by its gravitation, and they fall into groups based upon the ratios of their resonances. There are a number, already named, all dwarf planets by definition of the IAU, at 2:3 resonance, with Pluto numbered among those. The others are:

- a) Orcus
- b) Ixion
- c) Huya



There are others of similar sizes waiting to be named, or to reveal their names.

The best known of the other resonances are:

- a) Eris
- b) Haumea
- c) Makemake

Continuing with *Esoteric Astrology*:

- Is a dual (mutable) sign, represented by the fishes tied together by a cord, representing the fusion of soul and form (EA 116)
- Pisces governs the feet and hence the whole thought of progress, of attaining the goal, and the treading of the Path of Return has been the underlying spiritual revelation of the great cycle through which we are passing; also, in the Piscean Age, the lesser cycle out of which we are at this time moving, it has been the origin of all the teaching given by the world religions anent the various stages of the Path of Return. (129)
- This duality of Pisces must be studied in relation to its *three keynotes* which are
 1. Bondage or captivity.
 2. Renunciation or detachment.
 3. Sacrifice and death. (op cit)
- This dual bondage is brought to an end by what is called the final death, when the complete release of the life aspect from the life of form takes place. It should be borne in mind also that the soul itself is of the nature of form from the standpoint of the Monad, though it is a form far subtler than any that we know in the three worlds of human evolution. (op cit)
- Gemini—The man upon the reversing wheel in Gemini becomes increasingly aware of the intuition and increasingly under the influence of "the Brothers who live in the Light," as the Twins are sometimes called. The light of the personality dims and the light of the soul waxes. The fluidity of Pisces and the undeveloped Gemini gives place to the responsiveness of the personality to soul impression and consequent stabilising of the life on the physical plane.

Virgo—The mind, under the influence of Virgo, which has been analytical and critical, changes to that quality of mind which is best described by the words, *illumination* and *revelation*. The Christ to whom the Virgin must eventually give birth is recognised as present in the womb, though not yet born. Life is recognised. The process of the revelation of the Christ consciousness is carried intelligently forward and the selfish aspirations and experiments of the undeveloped man give place to the selflessness of the illumined and intuitive disciple.

Sagittarius—This is now the sign of the one-pointed disciple. The life of fluid response to matter becomes that of the focussed response to spirit and preparation for initiation in Capricorn. The arrow of the mind is projected unerringly towards the goal.

Pisces—Here, at the final stage, Pisces stands for the death of the personality and the release of the soul from captivity and its return into the task of the world Saviour. The great achievement is finished and the final death is undergone. "There is no more sea" says the ancient book, which means inevitably the "death of the fishes" and the release of the imprisoned life into new forms or new cycles of the divine Adventure.



Pisces is intimately connected with the whole theme of the highest human initiations. Referring to the chart on the previous page, the ‘shunyata diagram’:

From, *The Full Moons: Topical Letters in Esoteric Astrology*,²⁶ appendices:

The first two initiations are called “initiations of the threshold” (*The Rays and the Initiations*, pg. 41) and are not actually classed as major expansions of consciousness at all. [these are represented by the first nine steps on the path from the diagram] Those first two are covered in Paths 1 and 2 of the Buddhist grounds and paths (Tibetan: *sa lam*)—the Path of **Accumulation and the Path of Purification**, resp (associations with Buddhism are drawn by the author). These govern **the stage of aspiring bodhichitta** and lead to the first major expansion of consciousness, the spontaneous arising of kundalini (**ultimate bodhichitta**), and commence the stage of ‘The Very Joyful’. These first initiations cover the stage of the aspirant and probationer. The remaining initiations cover the stages of the initiate.

Ground	Sankrit transliteration	Description
1. The Very Joyous.	<i>paramudita</i>	The first direct realization of emptiness (the View, or ultimate truth) One rejoices at realizing this aspect of the truth. Ultimate bodhichitta arises for the first time, and the burning desire to see all beings attain this state arises in fullness. <i>The outlook is forever changed—i.e., the persona is transfigured.</i> Predispositions to corrupted ethics are so eliminated that they will never arise again. The bodhisattva is able to freely give away everything and without any thought of praise or reward for themselves. The 3rd path, the path of seeing, is engaged. (Capricorn)
2. The Stainless.	<i>vimala</i>	One is free from all defilement. All the ten non-virtues of body, speech and mind are eliminated, even in the dream state. Because of this, the bodhisattva’s mind becomes equanimous and they are thus ready for training in the four meditative absorptions (grounds 3 – 6) and the four formless absorptions (grounds 7 – 10). The higher states of shamatha (the rainbow paths from the shamatha diagram) are thus opened to the bodhisattva. The 4th path, the path of meditation, is engaged. (Aquarius)
3. The Luminous	<i>prabhakari</i>	One radiates the light of wisdom. This level sees the perfection of patience, a patience far more profound than any human forbearance. All the results suffering and anger are seen as the end results of one’s negative karma. Anger and revenge do not change the past, so the bodhisattva avoids them. <i>A clear beginning of the ‘crucifixion’ process, as patience is realized out of the bodhisattva’s own suffering.</i>
4. The Radiant.	<i>archishmati</i>	The radiant flame of wisdom burns away earthly desires. The perfection of effort and the elimination of afflictions. The 37 harmonies with awakenings are cultivated (<i>a reference to the 37 bodhisattva practices</i>). The development of great skill in meditative absorptions and the cultivation of wisdom, while weakening the innate and artificial conceptions of true existence.
5. The Difficult to	<i>sudurjaya</i>	The perfection of samadhi and calm-abiding. One surmounts the illusions of darkness, or ignorance as the Middle Way and gains complete understanding of the four noble truths. All

Cultivate.		evil ones find it extremely difficult to defeat the bodhisattva. This is one of the most arduous phases of the path of meditation.
6. The Manifest.	<i>abhimukhi</i>	Supreme wisdom begins to manifest. Attainment of nirvana becomes possible, but there is no attachment to it, so the bodhisattva decides to remain in the world to benefit other beings. All notions of 'I' and 'other' are transcended. The cultivation of the perfection of wisdom.
7. The Gone Afar.	<i>duramgama</i>	One rises above the states of the two vehicles (those of the hearers and solitary realizers) and is able to remain in meditative absorption for long periods of time. The perfection of skill in means and meditative practice is developed. The perfection of service is attained because the bodhisattva develops the ability to read the thoughts of others and thus adapt methods of teaching to the being involved. Moment by moment the bodhisattva is able to enter into the equipoise of cessation. <i>The stage of crucifixion is ended.</i>
8. The Immovable.	<i>achala</i>	One dwells firmly in the truth of the Middle Way and cannot be perturbed by anything. There is no danger that the bodhisattva might waver or backslide on the path. Complete dwelling in signlessness is achieved. Vajra-like meditative stabilization is achieved and instruction is received from innumerable enlightened beings. The bodhisattva enters into meditations on emptiness with little or no effort. Reality appears in a completely new light. <i>The stage of 'the revelation' is begun.</i> There is no interest whatsoever in an abiding nirvana. Compassion and skill in means are spontaneous and automatic. There is no longer any thinking in terms of causes and causelessness. The 5th Path, the path of no more learning, is engaged. (Pisces)
9. The Good Intelligence.	<i>sadhumati</i>	One turns the wheel of the Law (teaches) freely and without restriction. Bodhisattvas move quickly toward awakening. Huge strides are made toward buddhahood. Here arises the perfect ability to teach the dharma . The ability to attain the six perfections energetically and the ability to practice them without fatigue. The acquirement of the four analytical knowledges.
10. The Cloud of Doctrine.	<i>dharmamegha</i>	One benefits all sentient beings with the Law, just as a cloud sends down rain impartially on all things. This level grants limitless powers with respect to magical formulas . The bodhisattva spreads the dharma like a cloud spreads the rain. All final subtle obscurations to omniscience are eliminated. The ability to transcend the ordinary laws of time and space. The higher siddhis are perfected. <i>The "revelation" is completed and is given freely to others like the life-giving rain.</i>

Further, from *Esoteric Astrology*:

- This Mutable Cross, of which Pisces is one of the arms, is predominantly the Cross of "repeated incarnations,"
It is in this dual sign that the imprisoned soul and the personality enter upon that process which will transmute
 1. The lower nature into the higher manifestation.
 2. The lower psychical powers into the higher spiritual faculties, i.e.
 - a. Negativity into positive soul control.
 - b. Mediumship into mediatorship.
 - c. Clairvoyance into spiritual perception.
 - d. Clairaudience into mental telepathy and finally inspiration.
 - e. Instinct into intellect.
 - f. Selfishness into divine selflessness.
 - g. Acquisitiveness into renunciation.
 - h. Self-preservation into selfless world service.
 - i. Self-pity into compassion, sympathy and divine understanding.
 3. Spiritual and mental inhibition into soul expression and mental sensitivity.
 4. Devotion to the needs of the self into developed devotion and response to the needs of humanity.
 5. Attachment to environment and to personality conditions (identification with form) into detachment from form and ability to identify with the soul.
- The ordinary low-grade medium is the outstanding example of the worst aspects of Pisces—negativity, impressionability, animal and emotional sensitivity with complete undevelopment of the mental principle.
- "And the Word said, Go forth into matter." The command of the soul to its instrument during the earlier stages of evolution goes forth and the response comes immediately from the one who "blinds the soul to truth, holding it in durance vile." These words you are amply able to interpret for yourselves and from your own standpoint which is the only standpoint of service to you, indicating to you what lies behind upon the path of evolution, the point upon the Path where you now stand and the immediate step, vision, experience and effort which lie ahead.
- Pisces.—I leave the Father's Home and turning back, I save.
- Pisces—*The Light of the World*. This is the light, revealing the light of life itself. It ends forever the darkness of matter. (EA 331)

ECONOMICS

History that has led to our current state of affairs

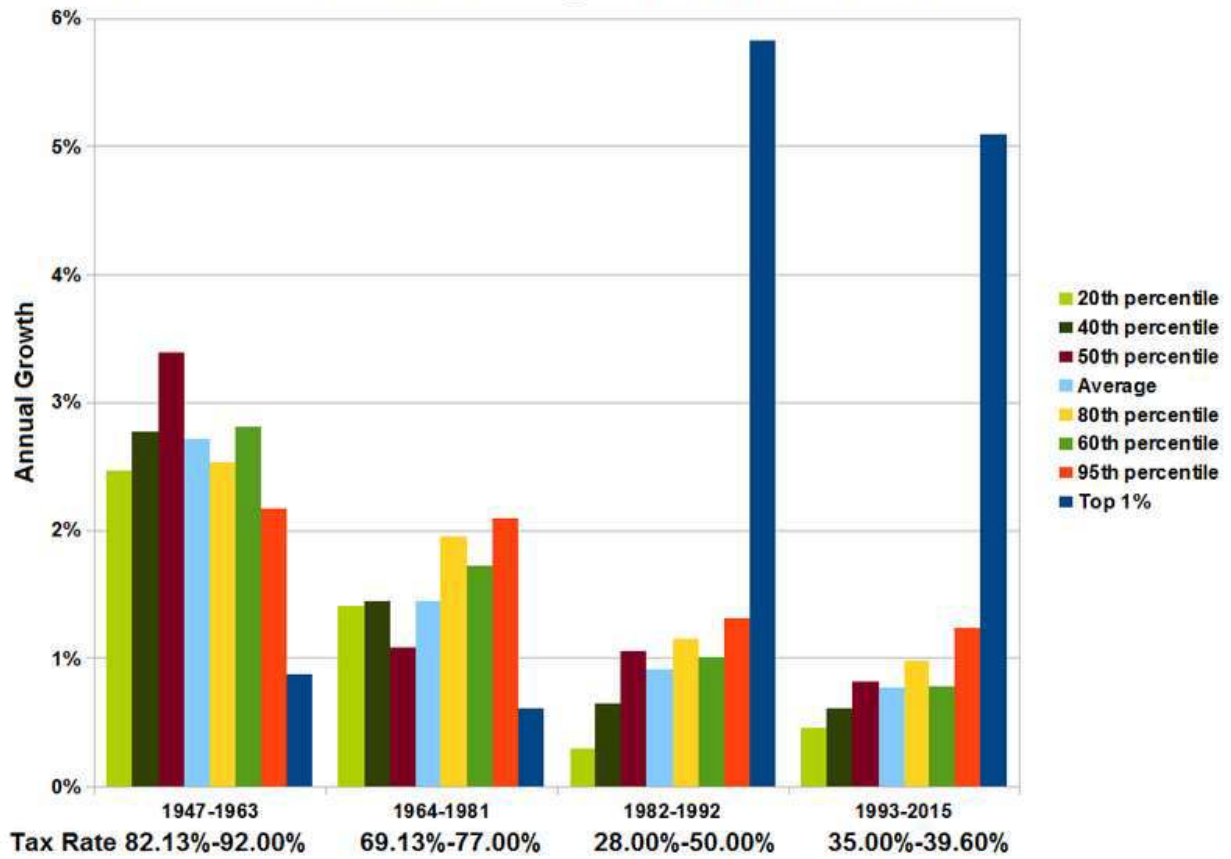
A) Some definitions

- 1) **Neoliberal economic model:** Neoliberalism or neo-liberalism refers primarily to the 20th-century resurgence of 19th-century ideas associated with laissez-faire economic liberalism. Such ideas include economic liberalization policies such as privatization, austerity, deregulation, free trade, and reductions in government spending in order to increase the role of the private sector in the economy and society. These market-based ideas and the policies they inspired constitute a paradigm shift away from the post-war Keynesian consensus which lasted from 1945 to 1980. (Wikipedia) Includes: Reaganomics, Thatcherism
- 2) **Fiat money:** Fiat money has been defined variously as:
 - Any money declared by a government to be legal tender.
 - State-issued money which is neither convertible by law to any other thing, nor fixed in value in terms of any objective standard.
 - Intrinsically valueless money used as money because of government decree.
 - An intrinsically useless object that serves as a medium of exchange (also known as fiduciary money).
- 3) **Gold standard:** a monetary system in which the standard economic unit of account is based on a fixed quantity of gold. Three types can be distinguished: specie, bullion, and exchange. Key developments in the 20th century
- 4) **Treasury securities/bonds:** Essentially, an IOU, a promissory note to pay off a debt. The major holders of those bonds can be seen [here](#).²⁷

B) Key developments in the 20th century

- 1) The Federal Reserve: created by a private cartel of bankers in 1913
- 2) Roosevelt and the Great Depression
- 3) Nixon, the gold standard and the floating of the dollar (fiat currency)
- 4) Reagan, Thatcher and trickle-down economics
- 5) The collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia's economic collapse and resurgence
- 6) Clinton, Blair and third-way economics
- 7) The middle class, the working poor, the rise of poverty and the 1%
- 8) The cost of deregulation, tax cuts and privatization (See graph on next page)

Annual Growth in Family Income vs. Tax Rate

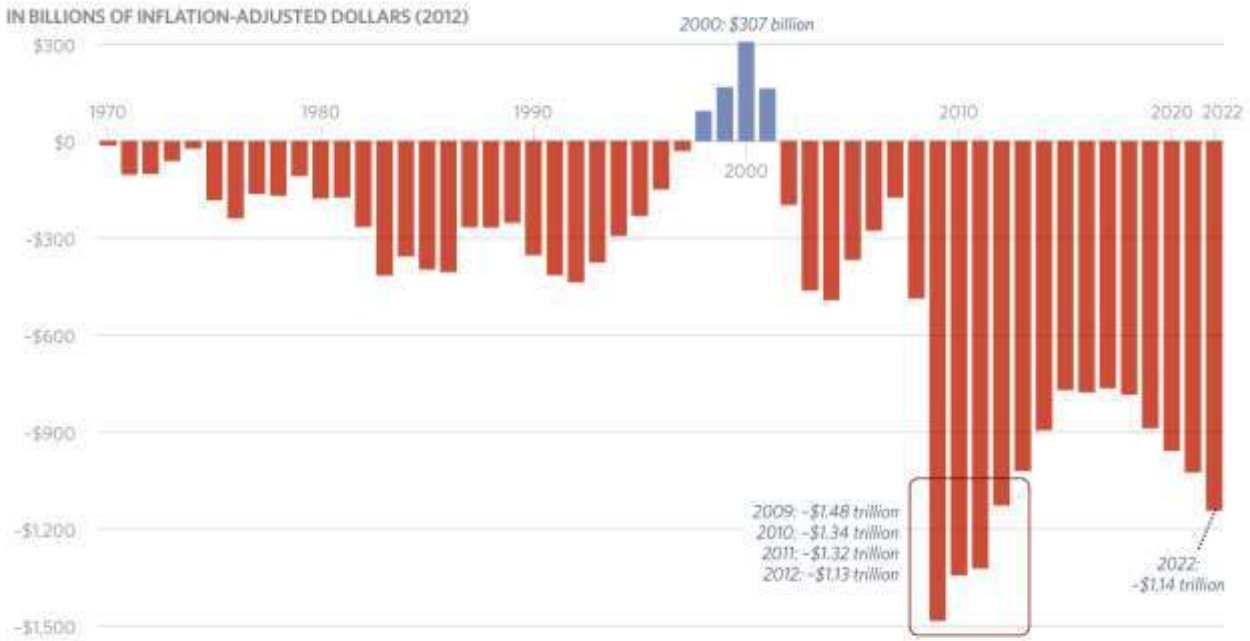


9) Sanders, Trump and the EU

10) The rise of China, the Russian adjustment and new economic experiments

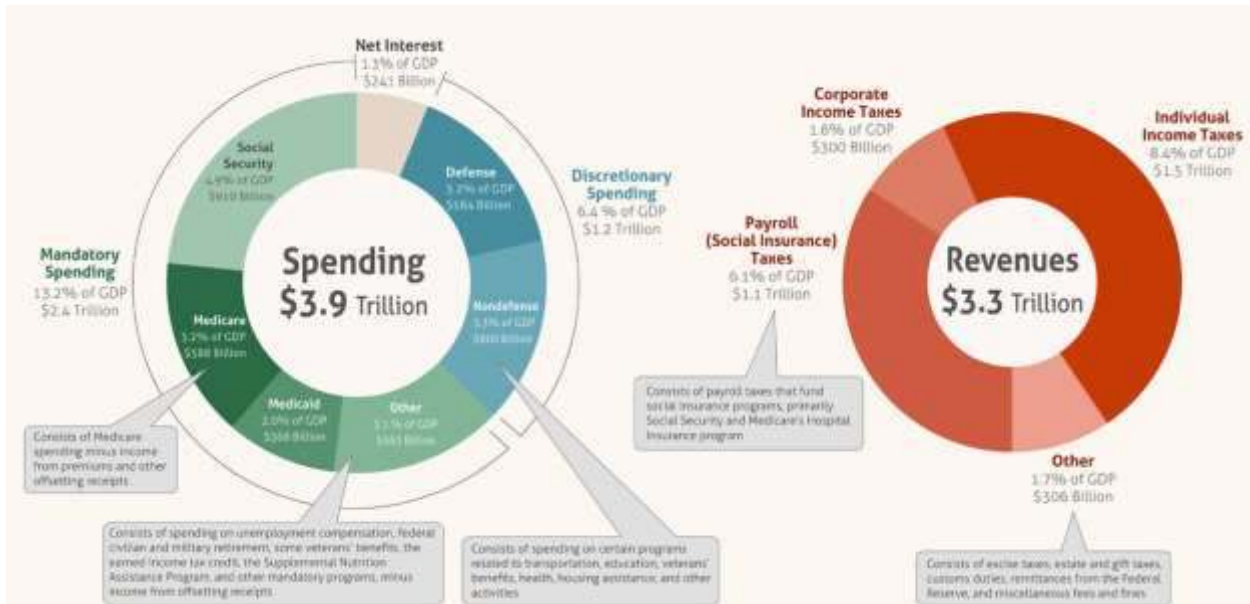
C) US national debt, one of the biggest threats to US security, and thus to world stability:

The Federal Budget Is Recording Chronic Deficits

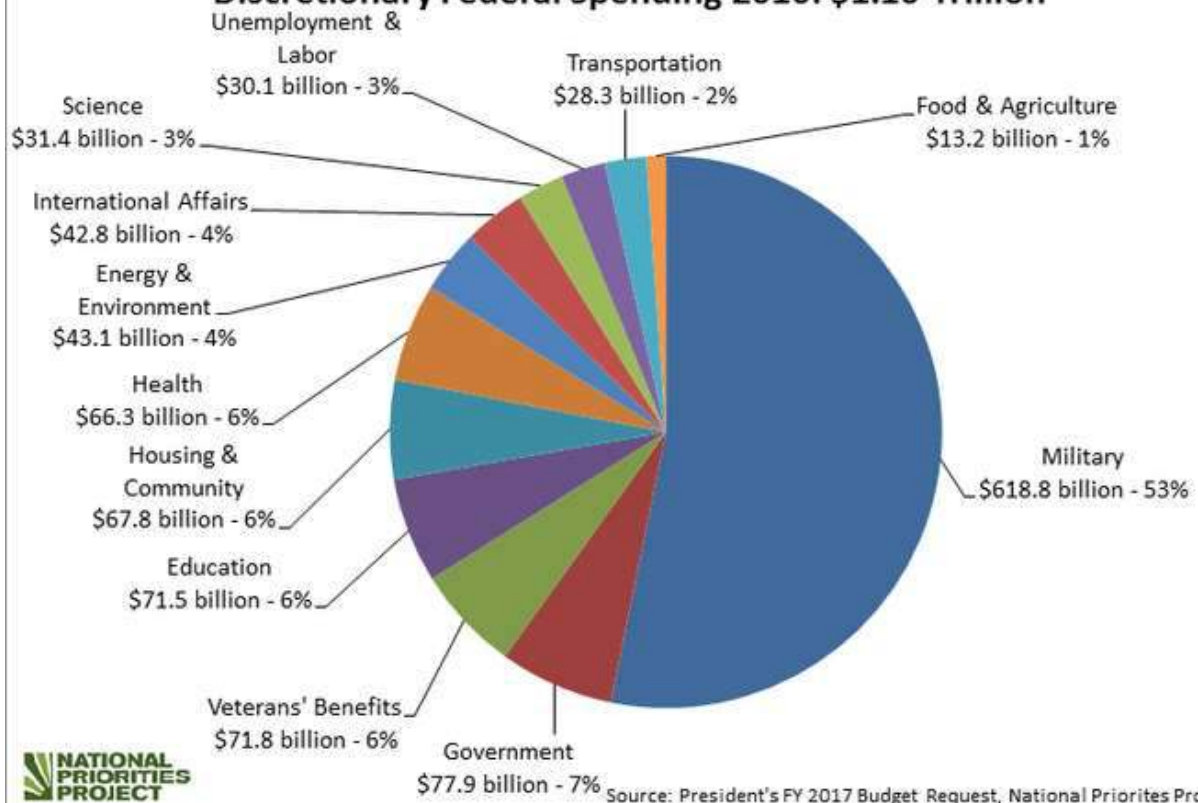


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Federal Spending by the Numbers 2012 heritage.org



Discretionary Federal Spending 2016: \$1.16 Trillion



Source: President's FY 2017 Budget Request, National Priorities Project

Economics today:²⁸

- 1) GDP has slowed
- 2) Half of the world has benefitted from the industrial revolutions, half not. 40% making \$2.00/day or less. 62 people own half of the earth's wealth.
- 3) Productivity is slowing, over the past 20 years
- 4) Unemployment very high, especially among millennials
- 5) Slow productivity, slow growth for next 20 years
- 6) The growth of robotics and automation
- 7) The need for a radically new economic and industrial model
- 8) Moving toward a third industrial revolution
 - a) The internet of things – communication, energy and transport – everything interconnected by 2030
 - b) Bypasses the vertical integration – direct person-to-person interaction
 - c) Designed to be distributed, not centralized. Works best when collaborative, transparent and open
 - d) Laterally scaled, not vertically integrated. Enables each person to contribute their own talents to the system. Open source.
 - e) Problems: net neutrality, politicization, government oversight and control, privacy, data security, how to prevent cybercrime and cyber terrorism, defeating the dark net (the secret orgs)
 - f) The new system starts with the millennials, and will be an uphill battle against the status quo, existing infrastructure, privacy concerns, neutrality, etc.
 - g) Leads to a sharing economy, near-zero to zero marginal cost (cost to produce goods)
 - h) Has disrupted entire industries, i.e. retail stores, for instance, and fossil fuels to come
 - i) Performance contracts, data mining and algorithms will be key to the developments
 - j) Nuclear and petro to go, replaced by wind, solar, geothermal. The sun is the largest thermonuclear reactor in the solar system, and drives all weather patterns on the planet.
 - k) China, Russia, Germany, Netherlands already grasping this system
 - l) Car sharing networks. Every car in the sharing economy eliminates 15 cars. Millennials not buying cars
 - m) Three main producers of greenhouse gases: buildings, meat and transport, in that order
 - n) Financing: everything has to be retrofitted, mass employment over two generations, paid back by the energy savings.
 - o) Social economy will gradually replace market economy

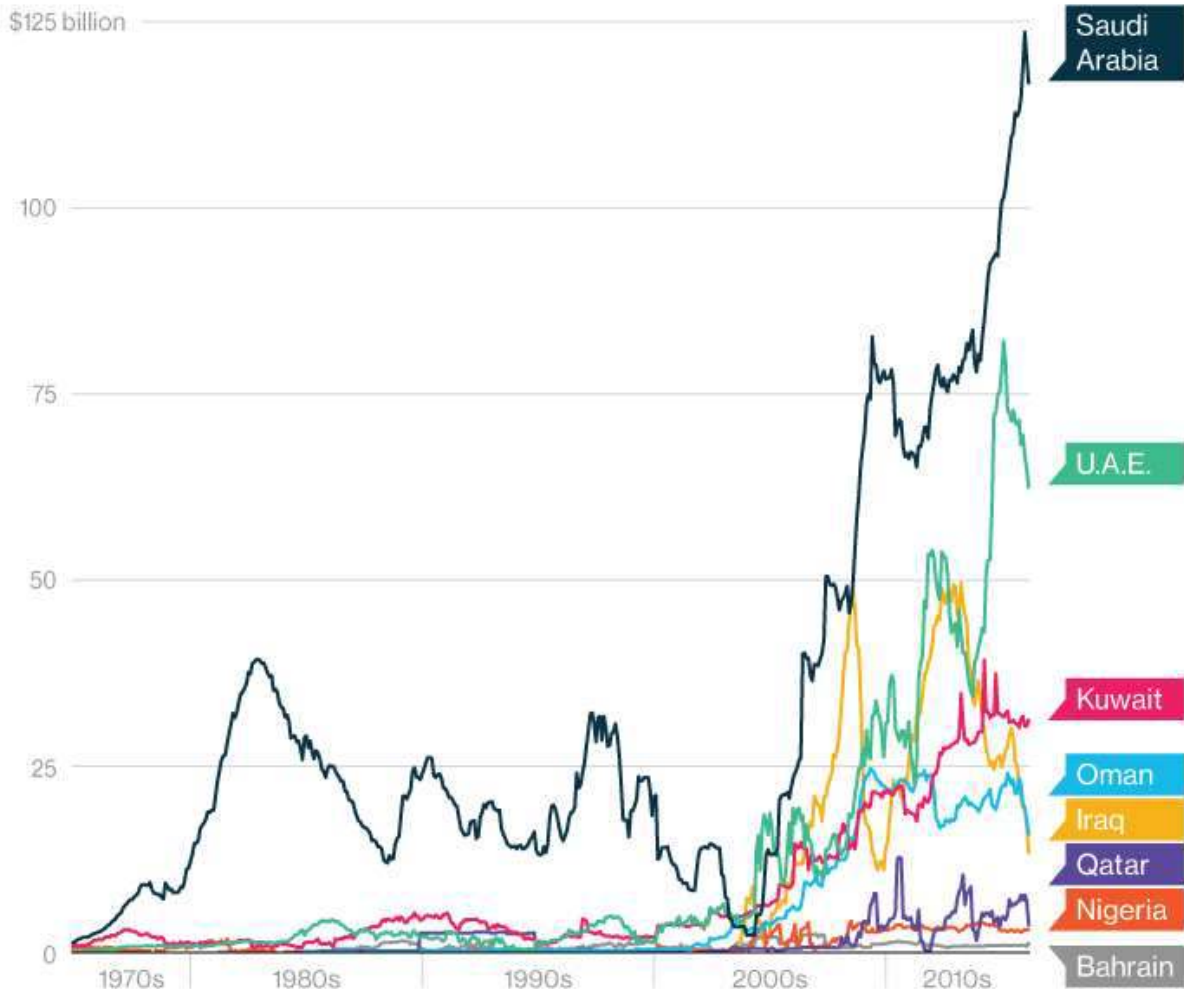
All this within 30 – 40 years. The [US is lagging behind](#).²⁹ The US would do well to embrace the Chinese system between the Americas and beyond. China and Russia have embraced the main points above, and will be the main drivers into the immediate future in Eurasia, along with Germany, or perhaps a reorganized EU. China has ensconced the BRI as its main push forward, especially with [Xi being made leader into the foreseeable future](#)³⁰ (no term limits). Putin has laid out similar views in like kind, without calls for lifetime leadership, in [his recent state of the union address](#),³¹ which was widely misreported in the Western press.

The [petrodollar](#).³² China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, Australia, Brazil, Germany, Japan

- a) [How the petrodollar was born](#)^{33, 34} It was basically a mutual protection scheme between Washington and the Saudis – oil in exchange for military protection, with the sale of the world’s oil reserves tied to the dollar as the world’s reserve currency. The countries that have rebelled have an interesting history: Venezuela, Iran, Russia, China, Libya, Syria

Treasuries Held by Oil Exporters

Oil exporters with at least \$1 billion in U.S. Treasury securities, monthly data since 1974



Source: U.S. Treasury Department

Bloomberg

China is ceasing its building of US currency reserves. It has a [trump card for the US dollar](#).³⁵

POLITICS

A) An overview of key nations, esoterically (highlights indicate close relations)

Country	Ruling Sign	Egoic Ray	Ruling Sign	Personality Ray
Argentina	Cancer	Not given	Libra	Not given
Austria	Libra	Fourth	Capricorn	Fifth
Belgium	Sagittarius	Not given	Gemini	Not given
Brazil	Leo	Fourth	Virgo	Second
China	Taurus	First	Libra	Third
Finland	Capricorn	Not given	Aries	Not given
France	Pisces	Fifth	Leo	Third
Germany	Aries	Fourth	Pisces	First
Great Britain	Gemini	Second	Taurus	First
Greece	Virgo	Not given	Capricorn	Not given
Holland	Aquarius	Not given	Cancer	Not given
India	Aries	First	Capricorn	Fourth
Ireland	Virgo	Not given	Pisces	Not given
Italy	Leo	Sixth	Sagittarius	Fourth
Japan	Scorpio	Not given	Capricorn	Not given
Poland	Taurus	Not given	Gemini	Not given
Romania	Leo	Not given	Aries	Not given
Russia	Aquarius	Seventh	Leo	Sixth
Scandinavia (4 Nations)	Libra	Not given	Cancer	Not given
Spain	Sagittarius	Sixth	Capricorn	Seventh
Switzerland	Aries	Not given	Aquarius	Not given
Turkey	Cancer	Not given	Scorpio	Not given
U.S.A	Aquarius	Second	Gemini	Sixth

To note, quickly:

* The soul ruler of Britain is Gemini, giving it influence with the US ('the so-called '[special relationship](#)'³⁶), Poland and Belgium. Also to Brussels, which opens a wide field of investigation in terms of influence. Brexit plays into this.

* The soul rulers of the US, Russia and the Netherlands is Aquarius, also relating those countries to Switzerland (think finances) and Moscow.

* The soul ruler of France is Pisces, relating it to the personality expressions of Ireland and Germany, also in general to Warsaw.

* The nations highlighted in red type all have Capricornian influence. The only nation with soul rulership of Capricorn is Finland. The nations of Australia, India, Spain, Japan and Austria are all prone to crystallization and ruptures as a result. Australian politics is a mess at the moment. We just saw the Catalonian crisis with Spain. India, Japan and Austria have all swung sharply to the right in their politics, deepening divisions, usually meaning cuts in social programs, an overemphasis on security, capital and defense concerns, etc. the latter is also true with Australia.

Additionally:

	<i>Egoic Ruler</i>	<i>Personality Ruler</i>
Australia	-----Virgo-----6th	-----Capricorn-----10th
Canada	-----Taurus-----2nd	-----Libra-----7th
New Zealand	- Gemini -----3rd	-----Virgo-----6th
South Africa	--Aries-----1st	-----Sagittarius-----9th

Esoteric syntheses of some cities:

<i>City</i>	<i>Soul</i>	<i>Personality</i>	<i>Sign</i>
London	-----5th ray-----	-----7th ray-----	-----Gemini.
New York	-----2nd ray-----	-----3rd ray-----	-----Cancer.
Tokyo	-----6th ray-----	-----4th ray-----	-----Cancer.
Geneva	-----1st ray-----	-----2nd ray-----	-----Leo.
Darjeeling	-----2nd ray-----	-----5th ray-----	-----Scorpio.

<i>Country</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Soul Ruler</i>	<i>Personality Ruler</i>
Belgium	--Brussels-----	-----Gemini-----3rd	-----Capricorn-----10th
France	----Paris-----	-----Virgo-----6th	-----Capricorn-----10th
Germany	- Berlin -----	-----Scorpio-----8th	-----Leo-----5th
Great Britain	-----London-----	-----Leo-----5th	-----Libra-----7th
Italy	-----Rome-----	-----Taurus-----2nd	-----Leo-----5th
Poland	----Warsaw-----	-----Capricorn-----10th	-----Pisces-----12th
Russia	----Moscow-----	-----Taurus-----2nd	-----Aquarius-----11th
United States	-----Washington---	-----Cancer-----4th	-----Sagittarius-----9th

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Nation	Personality Ray	Soul Ray
India	-----4th Ray. Harmony through Conflict	-----1st Ray of Power-----
China	-----3rd Ray of Intelligence-----	-----1st Ray of Power-----
Germany	-----1st Ray of Power-----	-----4th Ray of Harmony through Conflict

National Motto

India----- I hide the Light.

China----- I indicate the Way.

Germany----- I preserve.

France----- 3rd Ray of Intelligence ----- 5th Ray of Knowledge ----- I release the Light.

Great Britain - 1st Ray of Power----- 2nd Ray of Love ----- I serve.

Italy ----- 4th Ray of Harmony through Conflict ----- 6th Ray of Idealism --- I carve the Paths.

U. S. A. ----- 6th Ray of Idealism----- 2nd Ray of Love ----- I light the Way.

Russia----- 6th Ray of Idealism----- 7th Ray of Order ----- I link two Ways.

Austria ----- 5th Ray of Knowledge ----- 4th Ray of Harmony through Conflict I serve the lighted Way.

Spain ----- 7th Ray of Order ----- 6th Ray of Idealism----- I disperse the Clouds.

Brazil ----- 2nd Ray of Love ----- 4th Ray of Harmony through Conflict I hide the seed.

- B) The emergence of the [US as a world power](#)³⁷
- C) The Russian Revolution and how it affected the West and East (a [basic sketch](#)³⁸ with references)
 - 1) The [reaction in capitalist countries](#)³⁹
 - 2) [China and the PRC](#)⁴⁰
 - 3) Council on Foreign Relations, ([this](#)⁴¹) and ([this](#)⁴²)
- D) WWI and Europe, League of nations, fascism and lessons unlearned
- E) The problem of oil. Our current conflicts are based upon control of petroleum reserves.
- F) The rise of fascism and WWII
- G) The fall of the British Empire
- H) European colonialism in Africa
 - a) African decolonization and current [African troubles](#)⁴³
- I) The emergence of the US and Soviet superpowers
 - 1) The 1st Cold War
 - 2) NATO and the Warsaw Pact

- 3) Creation of the US security state/military industrial complex
 - a) Key events that have subverted American democracy, affecting the world
 - b) The questionable history of the CIA and its offshoots
 - c) The US deep state and international insecurity
 - d) US militarism as state policy: Wars on...
 - e) Endemic corruption in US politics

J) The EU and its experiment

K) Russia now:

- a) Russian economy (mixed – capitalist market economies with strong regulatory oversight, interventionist policies and governmental provision of public services.)

b) [Anti-Russian sentiment](#)



- c) [Vladimir Putin – what he is and isn't](#)⁴⁴ (an alternative view)
 - He is not the man who de-democratized Russia (Yelstin and the White House did)
 - He is not the leader who created corruption and kleptocracy in Russia (Yelstin and the White House did)
 - He is not a criminal leader who ordered the murder of opponents or journalists (no evidence)
 - He did not order the hacking of the DNC servers (no evidence, and probably a leak)
 - He was not anti-US or anti-West from the get-go (Putin changed over time)
 - He is not a neo-Soviet leader (he is very critical of Lenin and Stalin)
 - He is not an aggressive foreign policy leader (he has been a reactive leader)
 - He is not somehow defined by his years at the KGB.

A few things which might form a part of a future honest biography:

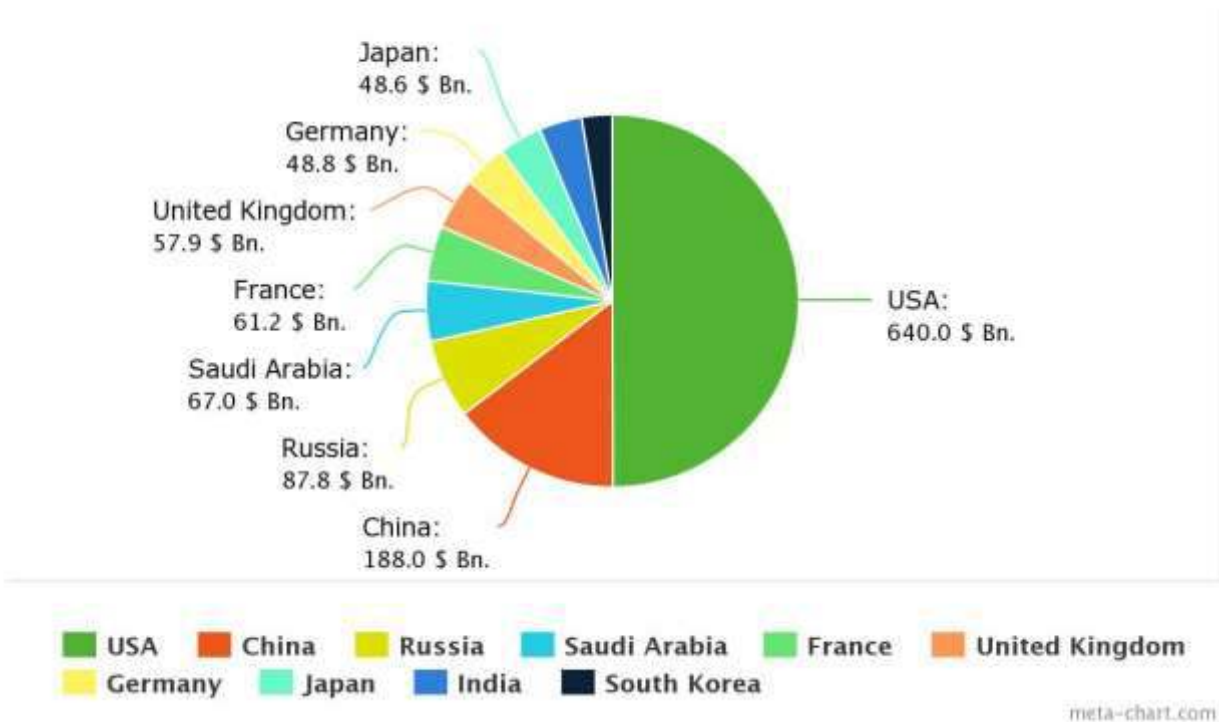
As a young and inexperienced leader placed at the helm of a collapsing state:

- He rebuilt, stabilized and modernized Russia in a way to prevent future collapses

- He had to restore the “vertical” of power: “managed democracy” (i.e. restored order)
- He needed a consensual history patching up Czarist, Soviet and post-Soviet eras without imposing one, single, version of history
- He needed Western support to modernize the Russian economy
- He wanted Russia to be a great power, but not a super-power
- He never favored iron-curtain isolationism; he is an internationalist (more European than 90% of Russians, at least in the beginning).

The Soviet collapse along with corruption in the 1990s almost collapsed Russian society, created the Russian oligarchy, caused local civil wars and also led to the [rise of Putin](#).⁴⁵

Countries by military expenditures in \$ Bn. in 2013
Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute



The rise of China and its struggles

“Finally, when a movement is instituted by the Lodge, working in connection with the **fourth root race; it** will also be part of the stimulative process, and will result in the rendering radioactive of some of the foremost thinkers of that race [which is inclusive of much of Russia and parts of Eastern Europe]. It will be their day of opportunity, and so great is the importance attached to this that a Member of the Lodge, Confucius as he has been called in the past, will incarnate in order to superintend the work. **The preliminary steps are being taken now, and Egos are coming in who will endeavour to direct the energies of this race on to the right line though the peak of the cycle of stimulation will not be until the middle of the next century.** It is needless for me to point out that all such movements are first felt as disturbing, and only when the dust of turmoil, and the noise of clashing forces have died away will *purpose* be seen emerging. This is very apparent in Russia at the present time.”

(*A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 1080)

China:

- a) Has a very ancient philosophy, technology and occultism that was in advance of the West, and is beginning to surpass the West once again
- b) Until Mao's death in 1976, was a Soviet-style economy, nor mixed. (Deng Xiaoping)
- c) After 2008, China began to distance itself from the dollar and the international monetary system
- d) Its main focus now is the Belt and Road initiative, connecting it with much of the world economically. It is in itself a great experiment. There is a [series of videos](#),⁴⁶ from the Chinese view.

We are seeing a shift from geopolitics to [biosphere consciousness](#)⁴⁷

CULTURE

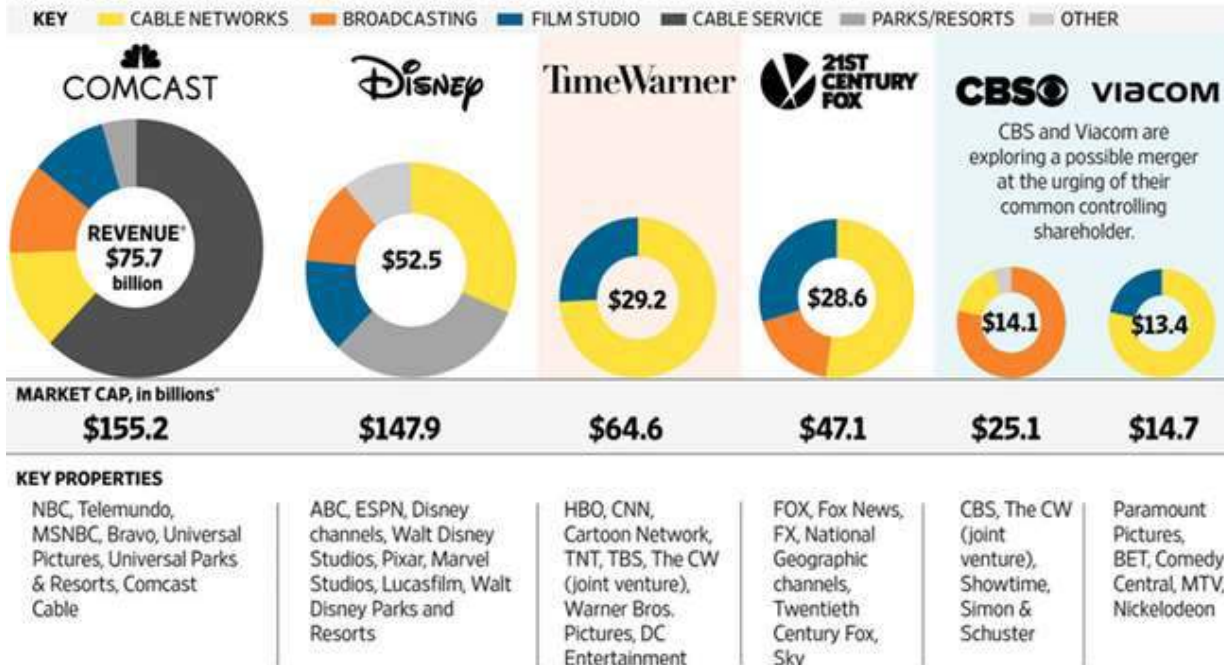
- A) Mass media, its gifts and the manipulation to which it is subjected
- B) [Project Mockingbird](#),⁴⁸ the [weaponization of social media](#)⁴⁹, [The Curious Case of Qanon](#)⁵⁰
- C) The ‘iDiotbox’ and the ‘iPhone’ – the distraction of the populace



- D) Media ownership in the US. Similar in other Western countries. Corporate media inclines itself toward skewed reporting supporting the corporate interests, government propaganda, profits over information, etc.

Media Behemoths

AT&T may follow the lead of Comcast, which owns NBCUniversal, and add content to its distribution services.



*Latest fiscal year. Notes: Revenue excludes intracompany adjustments. Market caps as of Oct 20.
Sources: S&P Capital IQ; the companies; FactSet (market cap)

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Source: WSJ

- E) [The house that spied on me](#).⁵¹ The dangers of all the internet-connected devices in our homes.
- F) The gift and the curse of the internet. Information vs. nonsense and disinformation. Echo chambers vs. a range of opinions and views. Ready access to information of all sorts vs. information trafficking by the controlling interests.
- G) Troll farms, sock puppets, shills, LARPS, social media, chat rooms, right and left, alternative and independent media
- H) The surveillance state: privacy (hint: there is none if you are attached to a device)
- I) Climate change: why worry? (more under the heading: Climate)
- J) Problems specific to the US:

From Alice Bailey:

“The American people—as they pass out of the stage of adolescence—must learn the lessons of life through experimentation and resultant experience. This is a lesson that all young people have to learn. The German race is old; the German nation is very young. The Italian people are of ancient origin; the Italian state is historically of very recent date. The accusation of youth (if it is an accusation) is also true of the United States. **A great future lies ahead of that nation but not because of material power or commercial efficiency, as many materially-minded people think. The reason lies in a deeply spiritual, innate idealism, enormous humanitarian potentiality and—above all else—because a virgin and non-effete stock of largely peasant and middle class origin is determining the [destiny of the] race. Steadily in all nations, the power in government and in determining practical ideologies is rapidly passing into the hands of the "people" and out of the hands of the so-called ruling classes and the aristocracy.**” (*Problems of Humanity*, p. 26)

a) Endemic corruption in politics – Citizens United and the problem of lobbyists⁵² (2010)

1. Biggest lobbyists:⁵³



Industry	Total (from 1998 to present)
Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	\$3,785,353,325
Insurance	\$2,622,379,004
Electric Utilities	\$2,291,986,382
Electronics Mfg & Equip	\$2,154,060,096
Business Associations	\$2,150,708,337
Oil & Gas	\$2,029,277,992
Misc Manufacturing & Distributing	\$1,637,467,423
Education	\$1,591,296,599
Hospitals/Nursing Homes	\$1,551,113,407
Securities & Investment	\$1,499,262,521
Telecom Services	\$1,492,122,546
Real Estate	\$1,469,334,283
Health Professionals	\$1,403,762,879
Civil Servants/Public Officials	\$1,398,124,580
Air Transport	\$1,342,218,675
Defense Aerospace	\$1,068,047,964
Health Services/HMOs	\$1,068,044,798
Automotive	\$1,056,819,485
Misc Issues	\$1,031,187,948
TV/Movies/Music	\$1,003,032,387

b) Career politicians. Members of Congress (lawmakers/budget allocators) can stay in office as long as they can continue to be re-elected

c) Campaign financing

PAC Name*	Total Amount	Dem Pct	Repub Pct
National Beer Wholesalers Assn	\$1,591,500	42%	58%
AT&T Inc	\$1,514,500	38%	62%
Lockheed Martin	\$1,489,500	36%	64%
National Air Traffic Controllers Assn	\$1,482,000	46%	53%
Honeywell International	\$1,436,657	41%	58%
Northrop Grumman	\$1,350,500	42%	57%
Boeing Co	\$1,312,499	35%	64%
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	\$1,256,275	96%	4%
United Parcel Service	\$1,242,611	32%	68%
Credit Union National Assn	\$1,211,500	46%	53%
Operating Engineers Union	\$1,191,425	67%	33%
Carpenters & Joiners Union	\$1,167,500	76%	24%
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$1,146,850	39%	61%
Comcast Corp	\$1,139,500	40%	60%
American Crystal Sugar	\$1,117,000	52%	47%
American Bankers Assn	\$1,114,530	29%	71%
American Assn for Justice	\$1,058,000	92%	7%
Majority Cmte PAC	\$1,050,000	0%	100%
Deloitte LLP	\$1,020,500	39%	61%
National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn	\$1,007,900	36%	63%

d) The budget deficit and continual war

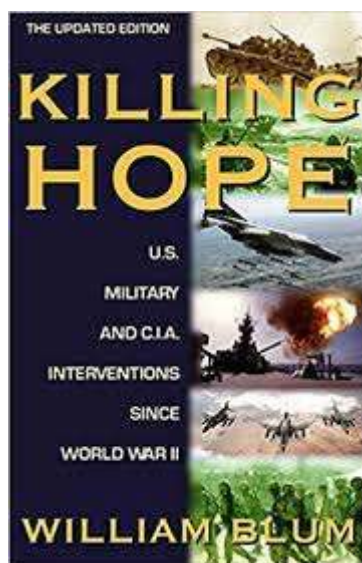
- e) America's debt culture (no family savings, large credit card debt, etc.)
- f) Concentration of media ownership (See point D), above)
- g) The serious divides that face us
 1. The [religious right in the US](#)⁵⁴ – an oxymoron
 2. The lack of the left (The 'left' in the US is now corporate in its focus)
 3. [Christian Zionism and Israel](#),⁵⁵ a toxic mix and destructive relationship
 4. How our social divides are exploited to keep us de-motivated and distracted (See point B), above)
- h) The [military-industrial-surveillance-congressional complex](#)⁵⁶



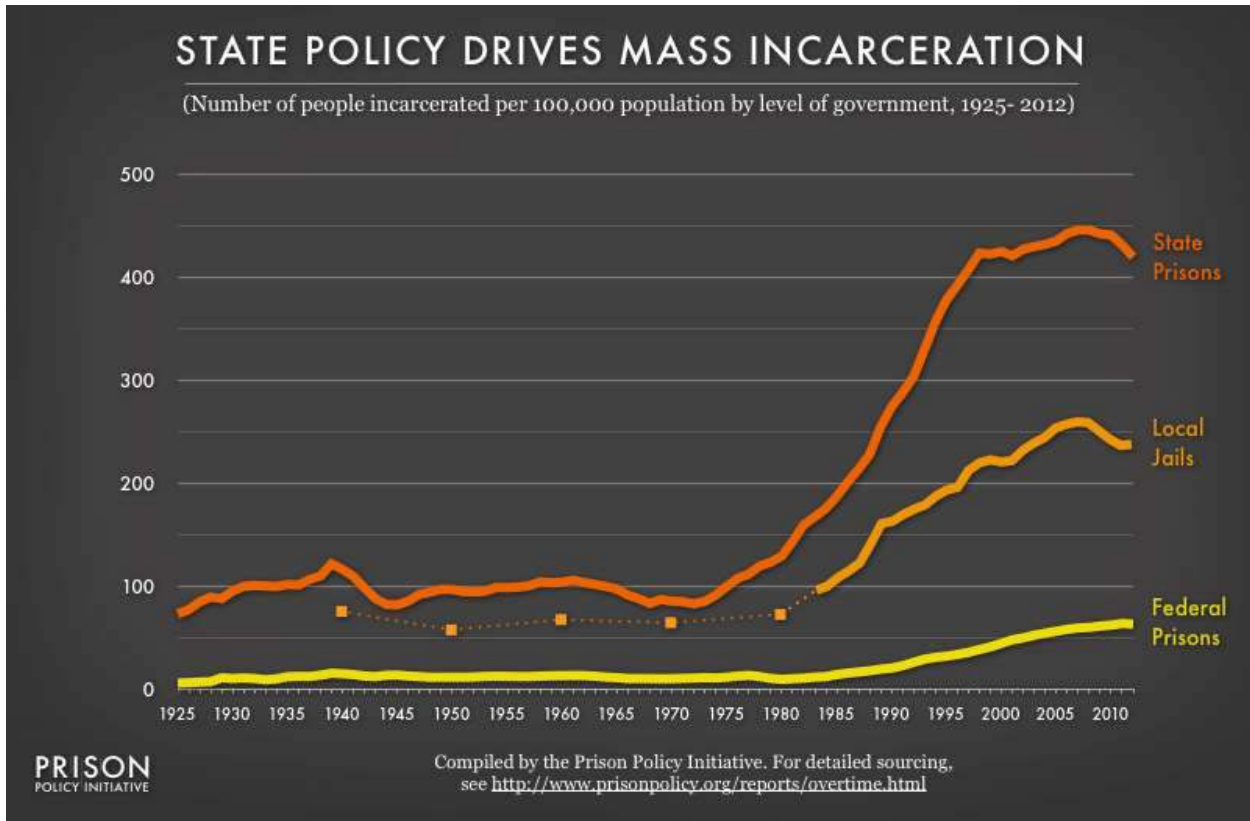


If you really want to know how the CIA has interfered in world affairs, read:

Killing Hope

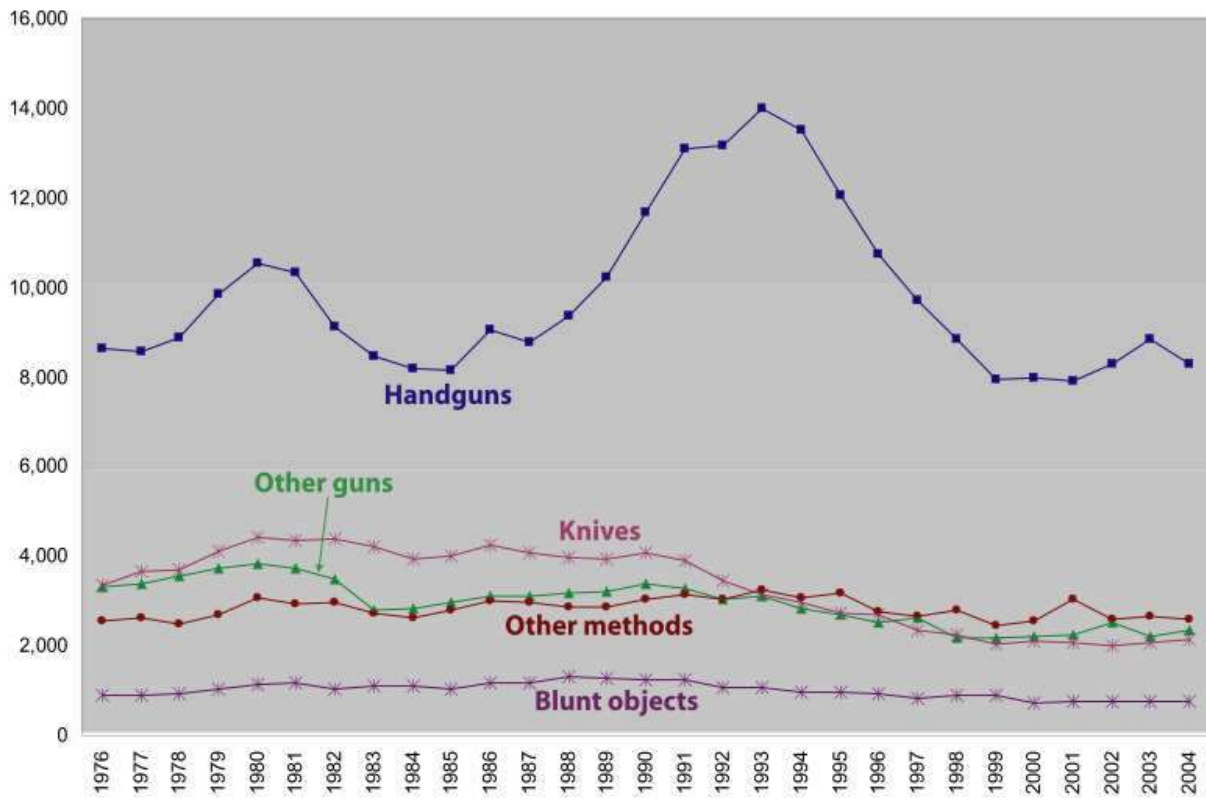


- i) Militarization of the police force
- j) [The problem of prisons](#)⁵⁷ – [institutionalized racism and the new slavery](#)⁵⁸, the [new American tyranny](#)⁵⁹

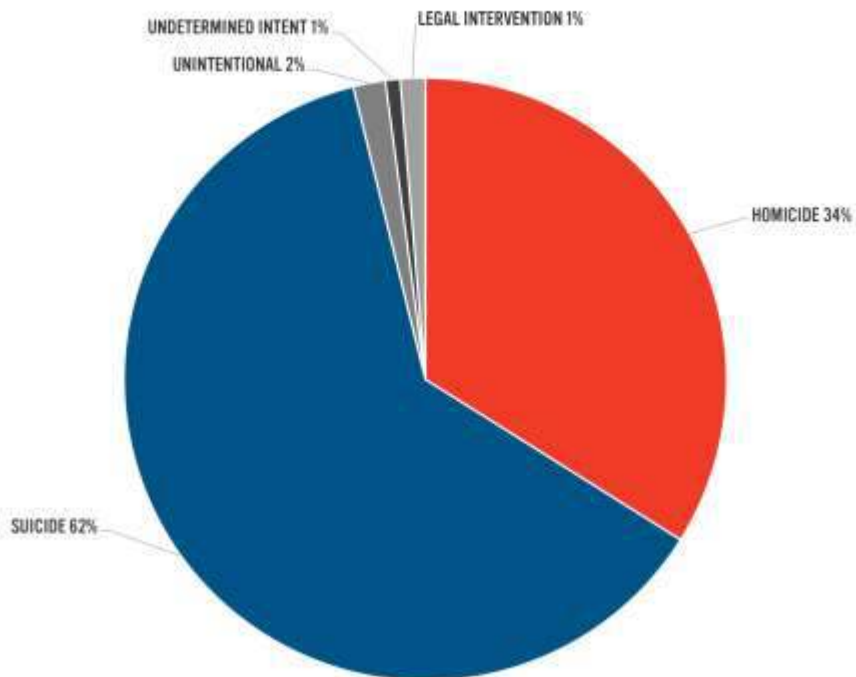


- k) Health care. In the US, there is little to none in the way of public care, or health care is prohibitively expensive. One of the biggest problems facing the nation.
- l) Obesity crisis. Too much in the way of poor-quality and cheap food that is eaten largely by the poor, the fast-food/snack food culture (A McDonalds on every corner. In Australia, it is a KFC on every corner). Super-sized portions in restaurants. Diabetes and heart disease endemic. Medications for the same expensive, unnecessarily so.
- m) The sharp swing to the right in politics. The Republican party has been very effective with its propaganda of ‘God, guns and gays’, for instance, in election cycles. The Democratic party can no longer be called ‘left wing’. There are few true progressive voices now in Washington.
- n) [Gun violence](#).⁶⁰ Most gun deaths in the US are suicide by handguns (over 21,000 in 2013). Blacks kill blacks, whites kill whites, on average. Around 100 people a day die from gun violence every day in the US. Most are the result of family disputes and domestic violence. Black men are 13 times more likely to die from gunshot than whites, but the reasons are not what the media portrays.⁶¹ Mass shootings account for a very low percentage of gun deaths. On average there were 13,000 homicides by guns in the US every year at the end of last century. Banning assault rifles would have little effect on gun deaths in the US, but it would drastically reduce mass shootings.

Homicides by weapon type



GUN DEATHS IN AMERICA BY INTENT



- o) [Undoing the New Deal](#).⁶² The New Deal introduced regulation into the banking sector and gave the US the best economic performance ever for the middle class. Conservatives have worked hard ever since to undo the New Deal. The US is now at pre-Great Depression policy levels. The middle class has shrunk correspondingly.
- p) [Drug crises](#)⁶³
 - a) The pharmaceutical and insurance industries. A toxic mix.
 - b) The stress that leads to dependency
 - c) The huge money to be made in drugs
 - d) The [problem of dependency](#)⁶⁴
- q) The religious right and Christian Zionism is a carry-over from Pisces and is due to die out
- r) [Decaying educational system](#)⁶⁵
- s) The sixth ray and Gemini personality, indicating the American ideals put forward, and the often duplicitous nature of its execution. “Do as I say, and not as I do.” ‘Promoting democracy’ often equates with promoting America’s corporate interests, although there are many people in the States that do believe in a true democracy.

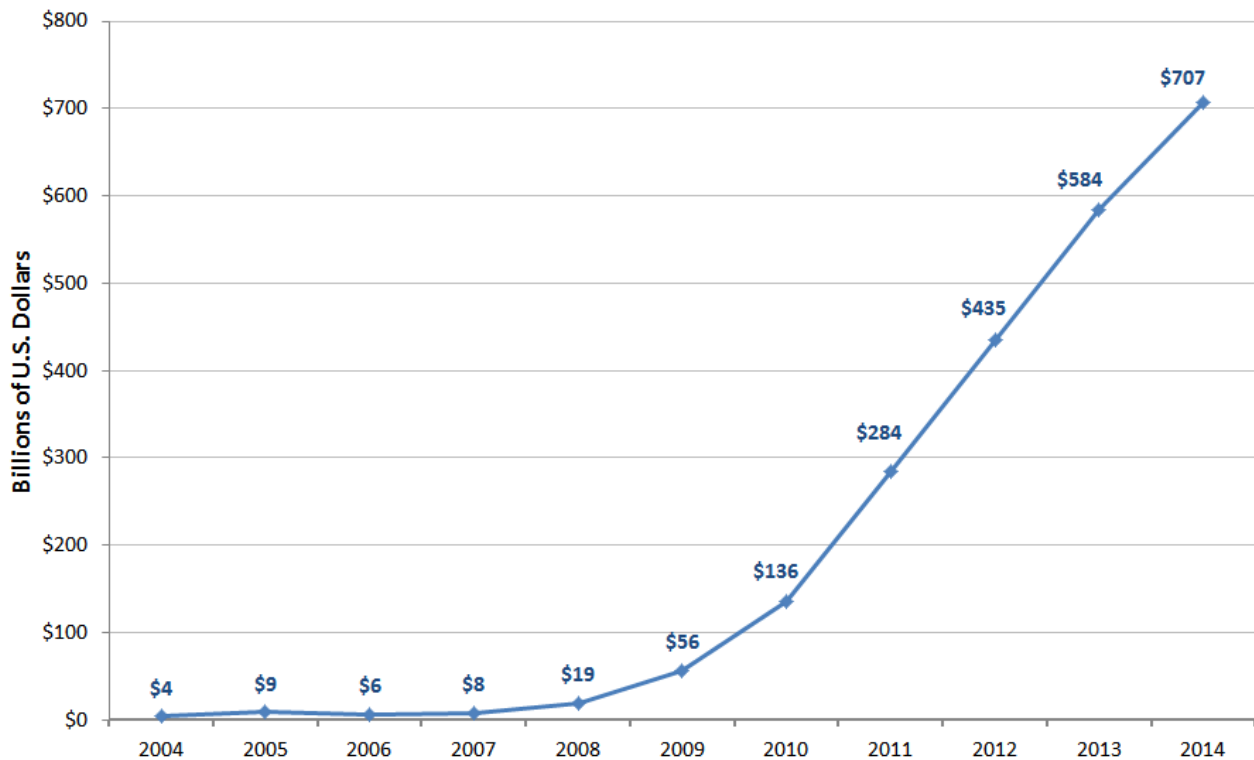
EDUCATION

From Alice Bailey:

“Psychology is only just come into its own, and only now is its function beginning to be understood; in one hundred years time, however, it will be the dominating science; and the newer educational systems, based on scientific psychology, will have completely superseded our modern methods.” (*Esoteric Psychology I*, p. 294)

- A) What to do about a distracted populace.
- B) Escapism, peer pressure and the seductive influence of social media
- C) Student debt⁶⁶ (1.3 trillion dollars in US alone)
 - 1) Wall Street (and thus, lots of people with a 401k) invests in student debt to the tune of \$291 billion.
 - 2) Increased tuition costs
 - 3) reduced state spending
 - 4) borrower behaviors
 - 5) choice of major

Cumulative Amount Borrowed by U.S. Government to Provide Federal Direct Student Loans



Source: U.S. Treasury Department, Monthly Treasury Statements, Table 6, Schedule E, Direct Loan Financing

- D) The dumbing down of a nation and what will reverse it⁶⁷ (quotes from the article below)
 - 1) Strong culture of anti-intellectualism in the US

Part of the reason for the rising anti-intellectualism can be found in the declining state of education in the U.S. compared to other advanced countries:

After leading the world for decades in 25-34 year olds with university degrees, the U.S. is now in 12th place. The World Economic Forum ranked the U.S. at 52nd among 139 nations in the quality of its university math and science instruction in 2010. Nearly 50% of all graduate students in the sciences in the U.S. are foreigners, most of whom are returning to their home countries;

The Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs commissioned a civic education poll among public school students. A surprising 77% didn't know that George Washington was the first President; couldn't name Thomas Jefferson as the author of the Declaration of Independence; and only 2.8% of the students actually passed the citizenship test. Along similar lines, the Goldwater Institute of Phoenix did the same survey and only 3.5% of students passed the civics test;

According to the National Research Council report, only 28% of high school science teachers consistently follow the National Research Council guidelines on teaching evolution, and 13% of those teachers explicitly advocate creationism or "intelligent design;"

18% of Americans still believe that the sun revolves around the earth, according to a Gallup poll;

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities report on education shows that the U.S. ranks second among all nations in the proportion of the population aged 35-64 with a college degree, but 19th in the percentage of those aged 25-34 with an associate or high school diploma, which means that for the first time, the educational attainment of young people will be lower than their parents;

74% of Republicans in the U.S. Senate and 53% in the House of Representatives deny the validity of climate change despite the findings of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and every other significant scientific organization in the world;

According to the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress, 68% of public school children in the U.S. do not read proficiently by the time they finish third grade. And the U.S. News & World reported that barely 50% of students are ready for college level reading when they graduate;

According to a 2006 survey by National Geographic-Roper, nearly half of Americans between ages 18 and 24 do not think it necessary to know the location of other countries in which important news is being made. More than a third consider it "not at all important" to know a foreign language, and only 14 percent consider it "very important;"

According to the National Endowment for the Arts report in 1982, 82% of college graduates read novels or poems for pleasure; two decades later only 67% did. And more than 40% of Americans under 44 did not read a single book—fiction or nonfiction—over the course of a year. The proportion of 17 year olds who read nothing (unless required by school) has doubled between 1984-2004;

Gallup released a poll indicating 42 percent of Americans still believe God created human beings in their present form less than 10,000 years ago;

A 2008 University of Texas study found that 25 percent of public school biology teachers believe that humans and dinosaurs inhabited the earth simultaneously.

E) Where are the biggest threats to world peace?



F) What will unite us and motivate us?

CLIMATE

[Climate change](#).⁶⁸

From Alice Bailey:

“...the Mahachohan is working specifically at this time (in co-operation with the Manu), with the devas of the gaseous subplane; this is in connection with the destroying work they are to effect by the end of this rootrace, in order to liberate Spirit from constricting forms. Volcanic action therefore may be looked for, demonstrating in unexpected localities, as well as within the sphere of the present earthquake and volcanic zones. Serious disturbance may be looked for in California before the end of the century, and in Alaska likewise.” (*A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 908)

We have not seen the volcanic/seismic activity. Instead, what we see are dramatic shifts in weather systems.

Global warming:

[There is a political dimension](#)⁶⁹

But the general themes are:

- a) Changes the water cycles of the earth.
- b) For every degree of temperature increase, the atmosphere sucks up 7% more moisture from the ground
- c) The heat forces the extra moisture into the clouds, so we get more concentrated precipitation, more violent storms, but they are more infrequent, throwing off the water cycle of the earth
- d) Blockbuster snows, greater spring floods, more prolonged cycles of drought, monster hurricanes and typhoons
- e) We are in the 6th extinction cycle on earth. Over the next 7 decades we could lose over half the species of animals
- f) Sea ice melts are changing the ocean currents. Will cause storms we cannot imagine by the end of this century. Also changes the migratory patterns of fish. Fish shortages.
- g) To arrest the worst of the climate change we have to be off carbon as a fuel in 40 years

IN CONCLUSION

We would do well to ask ourselves and investigate the following questions:

- A) The US – a savior or a bully?
- B) Putin and Russia – a bully or a savior?
 - a) What Putin is not, or is
 - b) Russia since the fall of the Soviet Union
 - c) The future of Russia
 - d) A nation in transition
 - e) Russia's new defense systems and what they mean^{70, 71}
- C) China – a threat or a pioneer?
- D) Europe's travails into the future – Brussels or brussel sprouts?
- E) Iran – the world's premier terrorist state, existential threat or a real catalyst for peace?
- F) Israel – the \$64,000 question
- G) North Korea – really?
- H) Ukraine – Europe, Russia, both, or independence from both?
- I) Venezuela – why do we care about Venezuela, or why we should?
- J) What we can probably expect in the immediate few years ahead?

A few closing thoughts, from Alice Bailey:

Referring to the time element in predictions/forecasts, especially as they apply to the myriad predictions made by psychics in recent memory:

“Only those who have been for ten years strict vegetarians can work thus in what might be called the "record aspect of the astral light". When they add to their purified astral and physical bodies the light of reason and illumination of the focussed mind (which is very rarely found), then they become accurate interpreters of astral phenomena. Their link with the vegetable kingdom is then very close and unbreakable, and that link or binding chain will lead them through the door to the scene of their investigations. But unless the goal of a vegetarian diet is this field of service, the arguments for its following and for that form of diet are usually futile and of no real moment.”
(*Esoteric Psychology I* p. 242)

And for the decades to immediately follow 2025:

“Next century, when the seventh ray has achieved complete manifestation [probably late in the century, as no firm date is given] and the Piscean influence is entirely removed, the *seventh ray Avatar* will appear. His work will demonstrate the law, order and rhythm of the creative process as it works out on the physical plane, blending spirit and matter. And as this ray is called the Ray of Ceremonial Order or Ritual, He will be largely instrumental in producing those conditions which will permit of the reappearance upon Earth of the Mysteries of Initiation, of which the Hierarchy is the custodian. He is necessarily connected with the Great White Lodge on Sirius. This fact does not, however, concern us now, for we await the coming of a still greater Avatar.” (*Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 299)

“During the coming century, the meaning of the resurrection will be unfolded and the new age will reveal its true significance. The first step will **be the emergence of humanity from the death of its civilisation, of its old ideas and modes of living, the relinquishing of its materialistic goals and its damning selfishness, and its moving into the clear light of the resurrection life.** I am not here speaking in symbolical or mystical terms. I am dealing with facts—facts as real and as imminent as the coming Cycle of Conferences, and facts for which the past two hundred years have prepared humanity. This preparation has culminated in the restlessness of the twentieth century and has led to the horror of this world war, 1914-1945 through which we have been passing.” (ibid p. 471)

In closing, what we can probably realistically expect is for world crises to build to a kind of climaxing event or series of events in the next few years that will cause a sort of ‘reset’ in our world view. As an astrologer and through my own research, that would likely take place early in the next decade (2020s). Flash points will continue through this world period. That re-think/reset is taking place subjectively at the moment. As nations, groups and individuals, we can either choose aggressive posturing, as we see now and which is the Piscean model, and which would lead quickly to those climaxing events. Or we can choose to sit at the table with each other, figuratively speaking, and face the realities of our varying situations together, calmly, but resolvedly. The propaganda wars are such that, at present, more progressive, enlightened considerations are being drowned out. China and Russia need to be dispassionately examined by the public from all sides in the West, away from any sense of hysteria or old knee-jerk reactions. Small countries like North Korea, Iran and so forth need to be examined as well, and seen for what they are – small, regional powers that in fact, pose no threat to other nations. Their rhetoric is defensive in nature.

As we pass from this Age of Pisces that has given us so much, positive and otherwise, our biggest changes in thought should and will give way to a more ordered world, where the individual – whether a person or a nation – will be recognized for their individual gifts, needs, point in evolution and so forth, and thus accommodated in the larger world view, becoming a valued partner in local and international affairs. It will not be a perfect world. We are not headed toward a utopian state of affairs. But, if we are to believe that the cycles in nature and astrology have their effects and bring fruition – and history shows that they, in fact, do – then we can perhaps get a clearer sense of that for which we should work. To either sit back and ‘let the cycles do their work’ or to say ‘all is within order’ and then do nothing is to neither contribute to nor to advance the causes of evolution. Our opportunities and responsibilities are great. Our time has arrived.

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⁴ ...Above everything else required at this time is a recognition of the world of meaning, a recognition of Those Who implement world affairs and Who engineer those steps which lead mankind onward towards its destined goal, plus a steadily increased recognition of the Plan on the part of the masses. These three recognitions must be evidenced by humanity and affect human thinking and action *if* the total destruction of mankind is to be averted. They must form the theme of all the propaganda work to be done during the next few decades—until the year 2025—a brief space of time indeed to produce fundamental changes in human thought, awareness, and direction, but—at the same time—a quite possible achievement, provided the New Group of World Servers and the men and women of goodwill perform a conscientious task. Evil is not yet sealed. (*Discipleship in the New Age II*, p. 165)

⁵ I have made this practical application and this immediate illustration of teaching anent glamour, illusion and maya because the whole world problem has reached a crisis today and because its clarification will be the outstanding theme of all progress—educational, religious and economic—until 2025 A.D. (*Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 364)

⁶ Ray One Not in manifestation.

*Ray Two In manifestation since 1575 A.D.

*Ray Three In manifestation since 1425 A.D.

Ray Four To come slowly into manifestation after 2025 A.D.

*Ray Five In manifestation since 1775 A.D.

Ray Six Passing rapidly out of manifestation. It began to pass out in 1625 A.D.

*Ray Seven In manifestation since 1675 A.D.

(*Esoteric Psychology II*, p. 27)

⁷ We only need more light, in the esoteric sense, in order to see the soul, and that light will shortly be available and we shall understand the meaning of the words, "And in Thy light shall we see light." This intensification of the light will continue until A.D. 2025, when there will come a cycle of relative stability and of steady shining without much augmentation. In the second decanate [Gemini] of Aquarius these three aspects will again be augmented by increased light from the fourth aspect, that is the light from the soul realm, reaching us via the universal "chitta" or mind stuff. This will flood the world. By that time, however, the soul will be recognised as a fact, and as a consequence of this recognition our entire civilisation will have changed so radically that we cannot today even guess at the form it will take. (*Esoteric Psychology I*, 104)

⁸ The inner structure of the World Federation of Nations will eventually be equally well organised, with its outer form taking rapid shape by 2025. Do not infer from this that we shall have a perfected world religion and a complete community of nations. Not so rapidly does nature move; but the concept and the idea will be universally recognised, universally desired, and generally worked for, and when these conditions exist nothing can stop the appearance of the ultimate physical form for that cycle. (*Esoteric Psychology I*, p. 178)

⁹ We have now the difficult task of considering an aspect of divine manifestation which is as yet so little apparent upon the physical plane that we lack the exact word with which to express it and those words available are likewise misleading. I can, however, attempt to give you certain concepts, relationships and parallels which may serve to close this section on astrology and lay a foundation for future teaching around the year 2025. That is the mode whereby all revelation comes. A thought is given; a symbol described; an idea portrayed. Then, as the minds of men ponder upon it and the intuitives of the world pick up the thought, it serves as a seed thought which eventually comes to fruition with the presentation and the unfolding of a revelation which serves to lead the race of men nearer to their goal (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 590)

¹⁰ Thus a great and new movement is proceeding and a tremendously increased interplay and interaction is taking place. This will go on until A.D. 2025. During the years intervening between now and then very great changes will be seen taking place, and at the great General Assembly of the Hierarchy—held as usual every century—in 2025 the date in all probability will be set for the first stage of the externalisation of the Hierarchy. The present cycle (from now until that date) is called technically "The Stage of the Forerunner". It is preparatory in nature, testing in its methods, and intended to be revelatory in its techniques and results. You can see therefore that Chohans, Masters, initiates, world disciples, disciples and aspirants affiliated with the Hierarchy are all at this time passing through a cycle of great activity. (*Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 531)

¹¹ Today, human beings as a whole are so loudly invocative that the entire trend of the life of the Hierarchy and Its plans to date have been subjected to change, to postponement as far as certain interior and purely hierarchical determinations are concerned, and to a hastening of certain plans which were slated (if I may use such a word) to take place several

centuries later than this but which—owing to the unexpected preparedness of humanity—can take place, not prematurely really, but securely and in the fullness of time; this fullness of time, as regards the particular planning with which we are dealing, is from now until the year 2025 A.D.—a brief period of time indeed in which to see the consummation of the larger purpose of the planetary Logos, working through the three major centres within His body of manifestation. This purpose was threefold in nature:

1. It involved the ability of Those in the Council Chamber at Shamballa to react to and absorb certain extra-planetary energies and to use them in an intra-planetary sense. It had not been anticipated by the Directing Agents of these forces that our planetary Logos would achieve a certain goal so early in time and space as He has.
2. It involved a great expansion, numerically and in the consciousness of the Hierarchy. This predicates a great influx of initiates and disciples and a tremendous inflow of what is esoterically called "angelic essence" from the deva kingdom, under the direction of certain great Devas who have affiliated during the past two hundred years with the Hierarchy. This again had not been expected so early. The result of this happening has been that the door of initiation through which mankind passes stands wider open (symbolically speaking) than ever before, and at the same time, the Masters are passing with greater rapidity on to the Way of the Higher Evolution; this is due to the fact that initiates are fitting themselves so rapidly to take Their places, and disciples are moving on into initiate position so fast, that a great pressing forward has become legitimate.
3. It involved, finally, a great awakening in the human family and a major spiritual reorientation. This again had been believed possible of accomplishment when the sun passed into Capricorn about 2300 years hence. But—it has already taken place and necessarily has brought about a basic adjustment in the plans of the Hierarchy and a renewed emphasis upon the purpose, as registered in Shamballa.

(*Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 562)

¹² ...it will become apparent why the day of opportunity has only just arrived. The East has preserved rules for us since time immemorial. Here and there Orientals (with a few Western adepts) have availed themselves of those rules and have submitted to the discipline of this exacting science. Thus has been preserved for the race the continuity of the Secret Doctrine, of the Ageless Wisdom, and thus has been gathered together the personnel of the Hierarchy of our planet. In the time of the Buddha and through the stimulation He produced there was a great gathering in of Arhats. These were men who had achieved liberation through self-initiated effort. This period, in our Aryan race, marked a climax for the East. Since then the tide of spiritual life has steadily flowed westward, and we may now look for a corresponding climax in the West, which will reach its zenith between the years 1965 and 2025. Towards this end the adepts of the East and of the West are unitedly working, for they follow always the Law. (*Light of the Soul*, p. xii)

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