



Central America: prospects for a 'Thirty Years War'

1. Panama: The U.S. Army Southern Command has threatened Gen. Manuel Noriega, that in the next coup attempt, U.S. troops would back the officers trying to overthrow him. The target is not merely Noriega, but the 15,000-man Defense Forces as a whole. Not only will these troops fight if the U.S. invades, but nationalist forces are already setting up militias for that eventuality.

2. Nicaragua: Nicaragua has overwhelming military power in the region, heavily armed by the Soviet Union. It has combined armed forces and militias of 120,000. The U.S. response has been to build up a mercenary, paramilitary force, the Contras, while attacking the professional militaries in the region as a "threat" to democracy.

3. Honduras: Military force of 16,000. One of the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere, the headquarters of one of the dope cartel chieftains. Honduras now faces

the threat of the Contra mercenary forces based on its territory, which are equal in size to its own armed forces.

4. Colombia: The capabilities of the 60,000-man armed forces are overextended, fighting four now-unified narco-terrorist armies. U.S. demands that American troops be sent into Colombia to "fight drugs" would not be tolerated, even by the strongly pro-American military.

5. El Salvador: The country has been torn by eight years of civil war, and the army has been unable to wipe out the Soviet-backed FMLN insurgency. The guerrillas expect they can defeat the government's 45,000-man army, as the economic crisis intensifies.

6. Mexico: The U.S. and Soviet Union have agreed on a civil war scenario in which U.S. troops would be pulled out of Europe, and deployed to police the southern border. Mexico is being hit by a growing narco-terrorist insurgency. Its armed forces number barely over 100,000.

7. Guatemala: While Guatemala's 32,000-man military has held the Soviet-backed insurgency in check, the guerrillas are recruiting among the Indians and being militarily reinforced by the narcotics traffickers.

8. Costa Rica: Has no army, and has been targeted as a major cocaine transshipment center by the drug mob. Drug financier Robert Vesco was based there for many years.

This culture extends as far eastward in Europe as the influence of Roman Catholic missionaries, into the Baltic region, Poland, the Ukraine, and so forth. It is the cultural matrix of the Americas. It extends into the Philippines, and into Africa. This cross, from the Christian borders of Eastern Europe to the Philippines, and along the spine of the Americas, is Western civilization, and is the bastion of civilization as a whole.

Respecting other cultures of this planet, Western civilization's characteristic culture is ecumenical. We have a moral responsibility to assist nations of other cultures in securing access to the benefits of our own. Thus, if we see the matter rightly, our culture's mission in the world is to preserve its superior qualities for the advantage of all humanity. Our duty to make available to all peoples the fruits and methods of scientific and technological progress is an expression of this.

This is what is in jeopardy.

On the surface, the adversary of all humanity is centered presently in Moscow. Moscow is part of the adversary, and that enemy's most powerful military capability. However, the true enemy is a force which infests both Moscow and the West, a force most consistently characterized by the promotion of the "Age of Aquarius" cult dogma as what is presently the leading expression of Gnosticism.

In the affairs of governments, the essence of Western civilization is the principle of *natural law*, as Nicolaus of Cusa and Gottfried Leibniz, for example, identify the proper, non-liberal meaning of *natural law*. This entails such principles as the sacredness of individual human life, the right to development of all persons and nations, the right to be judged by no standard but that of reason guiding the application of natural law, and the commitment of mankind to foster the improved conditions of average life of a growing human population by aid of scientific and technological progress. It means a policy of abhorrence of usury in all forms, and supplying the advantage in social practice to the investment of wealth in the improvement and growth of the scale and per capita productivity of agriculture and industry to effect a rising per capita standard of life.

Starting with the poisonous seed of liberalism, this civilization began its present long drift toward self-destruction during the eighteenth century, with the revival of the model of Roman imperial law as a form of rejection of the Augustinian heritage of *natural law*. Liberalism was then self-defined as a rejection of any intrinsic authority of morality, replacing morality by capricious whims of currently prevailing opinion.

The degenerative process quickened after the 1815 Treaty of Vienna, with the spread of the erotic irrationalism of Romanticism. The second half of the last century saw Romanticism superseded by a more naked evil, Modernism, and out of Modernism came directly the overtly satanic New Age of Ruskin, Nietzsche, Dostoevsky, Teddy Roosevelt, Crowley, H.G. Wells, and so on.

It is the New Age, so viewed in reflection upon its origins, which is the true adversary of all civilization, as it is the modern incarnation of the cult of the anti-Christ. This is the mother—the lunatic Great Earth Mother—of both fascism and communism, including social-democratic "democratic fascism." This mother is expressed by an ideology of practice cohering with the dogmas of Gnosticism.

The problem of those non-Christian cultures we defend as part of a broader definition of civilization, is that they lack a specific ingredient essential to mobilizing the planet for the preservation of even what they themselves fervently, and rightly believe to be their vital interests. It is we who embody relatively the best, the genius of Western European culture, who have what might often appear an acquired instinct for initiating what must be done. Thus, we must place the crucial strategic emphasis upon the area of the cross, not because of any exclusive self-interest of this region of the world, but in the self-interest of all of humanity.

So, the political, economic, and military cohesion and aggregate potentials of the nations of the cross is the bastion of defense of civilization, a region from which no retreat is permitted, whose unified defense is the absolute self-interest of each. That is to say, the notion that the United States might retreat from absolute commitment to the defense of Western Europe—or, part of it—for offsetting gains in the Middle East or Pacific Asia, is a suicidal delusion. We are able to defend these flanks only to the degree we do not weaken any part of the nations of the cross.

This is not to be viewed as an abstract thesis. Practice coincides with this.

The industrial potential of Western Europe exceeds that of the United States. The correlation of present economic power globally is such, that should Western European industries become large-scale suppliers of the Soviet Empire, the Soviet Empire dominates the world absolutely, to the effect that no portion of the world were defensible against Soviet hegemony.

Gnosticism's devastating paradox

In that unfortunate case, the Soviets would butcher their Establishment partners of the West. The study of Hitler-Stalin relations is the demonstration of this.

Nazism was essentially Russian culture superimposed upon Germany, a German-language copy of the Russian fascism of Fyodor Dostoevsky's diary and novels. In the most fundamental respects there was no difference between Nazism and Stalinism. There were numerous differences in detail; the chief difference was that the Nazis spoke German, and that the Stalinists were Russian racists.

So are all Gnostics. In that sense, Gnostics are all cannibals. In a Gnostic world, relations are reduced to who eats whom. If the Russian Gnostics prevail, they will eat the Western Gnostics, for the simple reason that Gnostic regimes do not tolerate power-sharing with representatives of other