

Sow Justice, Harvest Peace

"I am an anti-imperialist."

--- Mark Twain, 1900

"I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can; only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity."

--- Dwight D. Eisenhower

"No doubt, the antagonism of economic interests within and among nations is largely responsible for the dangerous and threatening condition in the world today. Man has not succeeded in developing political and economic forms of organization which would guarantee the peaceful coexistence of the nations of the world."

--- Albert Einstein

Joel Andres wrote a book entitled Addicted to War --- Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism: An Illustrated Expose. In it, he observes that "The costs of being a military superpower and waging wars around the world are enormous. Because hundreds of billions of dollars are funneled to the Pentagon every year, the government skimps on providing basic needs of people here at home. Cutbacks in social programs have caused far more devastation in this country than any foreign army ever has."

The U.S. military budget is now larger than the world's next 15 biggest spenders put together, and the U.S. is now selling far more weapons abroad than any country ever has before. "In the front lines of the pro-war crowd you will find an assortment of bankers, corporate executives, politicians and generals who mislead us with talk of democracy, freedom, justice, and peace. But what really motivate them to go to war are less lofty aims: Money. Markets. Power. Natural Resources." (Like Oil, for instance!).

"Between 1848 and 1934, American Marines invaded Cuba 4 times, Nicaragua 5 times, Honduras 7 times, Haiti twice, Guatemala once, Panama twice, Mexico 3 times, and Colombia 4 times." "During the Cold War (1945 - 1990), the U.S. intervened militarily in foreign countries more than 200 times." Attacking and bombing other countries as a pillar of our foreign policy results in great antagonism, mistrust and retaliation, which makes us more vulnerable to terrorism and less safe. We must somehow change this!! Our superpower strength must be tempered with discipline, self-restraint, fairness, and true justice.

Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved through understanding."

--- Albert Einstein

True justice is honorable fairness. Let us make a noble and generous commitment to the formulation and implementation of strategies and programs to increase Goodwill amongst peoples and nations of earth, and to endeavor to reduce hostilities. Let us reduce Military Spending by \$50 Billion in 2005 to do this, investing this money in Social Justice and foreign development programs. **If we are to have peace, the best means is to begin by sowing true justice!**

Nationalism Decried

“My kind of patriotism and loyalty is loyalty to one’s country, and not to one’s institutions or officeholders.”

--- Mark Twain

**“All of us can do something, can ask questions, can speak up.
It is the American thing to do. It is the patriotic thing to do.”**

--- Historian Howard Zinn

“Love It, or Leave It” was the contemptuous Vietnam War era pro-war slogan in the United States. Tiffany Twain wants to make one thing perfectly clear: I love my country. Americans are extremely fortunate to live in a country with bountiful resources, beautiful public lands and National Parks, great (though somewhat flawed) institutions, and a substantial amount of political freedom, civil rights and legal protections. We are a melting pot of peoples from around the world, many of whose ancestors came here to share in the great American dream, one whose values are being corrupted by a national leadership primarily committed to the wealthy, privileged elite, and to American economic and military supremacy abroad.

Americans are also Earth’s biggest per capita consumers of water, energy, and goods --- and the highest per capita producers of wastes and pollutants. These facts make us the best candidates for leading the world towards a more sustainable future, for beginning to effect environmental restoration, for taking bold steps towards conservation, and for starting to seriously reform our processes and institutions in order to leave a better legacy to future generations.

Nationalism is a cheap instinct, and a dangerous tool in an increasingly competitive world. Good fortune need not be aggressively self-congratulatory or arrogantly protectionist, but should properly be a matter of concern for helping others and for humanitarian action.

“When the states of Europe freed themselves from papal overlordship and protection, each state encouraged Nationalism as a supplement to its army and navy. If it foresaw conflict with any country, it fomented, in its people, hatred of that country, and formulated catchwords to bring that hatred to a lethal point; meanwhile it stressed its love for peace and reason.”

--- The Lessons of History, Will and Ariel Durant

Social and environmental justice, sustainable development, fiscal responsibility, and peaceful conflict resolution must become our highest priorities in the 21st Century. We cannot truly achieve national security through militarism, or through the aggressive advancement of greater inequalities in wealth and privilege. Nor can we sacrifice the health of the environment in order to stimulate the economy in the short-term by giving subsidies to Special Interests that are contrary to promoting the general welfare.

“Orthodoxy means not thinking, not needing to think.”

--- 1984, George Orwell

“Poets, Lovers, Generals, the wind is level now, the Earth is wet with dew, the storm of stars in the sky will turn to quiet, and soon, soon, all of us will sleep below the earth, we who never let each other sleep above it.”

--- Poetry of Belonging, as narrated by David Whyte

Context of Concerns

“War is one of the constants of history. It is the ultimate form of competition, and it is unfortunately not diminished with civilization or democracy.”

--- The Lessons of History, Will and Ariel Durant

Modern warfare is a terrible failure of civilization and society. It is almost invariably tragic, extremely unjust to innocent victims, colossally wasteful, and economically and environmentally destructive. In addition, war involves incalculable pain and suffering to its victims. And war causes instability and long-lasting upheavals in societies.

Terrorism perpetrated on September 11th, 2001, by those claiming great grievances, has emboldened and empowered the Conservatives in the United States, and the reactive forces that embrace militarism. Historically humiliated Islamic religious fundamentalists attacked the centers and symbols of American economic and military power, provoking understandable outrage, shock, fear, insecurity, and a clamor for retribution. This ironically dramatically strengthened support for the Right-Wing agenda, advancing the previously untenable doctrine of preemptive warfare against totalitarian regimes, first in Afghanistan and then in oil-rich Iraq. This is one of the clearest examples in history of extremism begetting extremism, and of violence begetting violence in retribution. Persuasive arguments, capitalizing on the emotions sparked by terrorism, have gained sway to advance more extremist, rather than moderate or progressive, policies and agendas in the United States.

War in the wake of terrorism is a vengeful reaction of the wronged powerful towards the tyrannized weak. War in Afghanistan was justified because the fundamentalist repressive Taliban government defied American demands to deliver Osama bin Laden. War in Iraq was justified with phony excuses, including false claims of the imminent deployment of Weapons of Mass Destruction by Saddam Hussein, together with fabricated and untrue ties of Iraq to the terrorist attacks of September 11th. The war in Iraq is clearly a diversion from the war on terrorism, and one that is almost certainly radicalizing the Arab world, creating more injustices and providing impetus for the recruitment of a new generation of terrorists.

It seems obvious, as the mass of humanity increases from 6 billion to 7 billion to 8 billion to 9 billion in the next 50 years, that the competition for control of arable land, fresh water, food, minerals, fossil fuels, and other natural resources will intensify. Conflicts between the greedy and the desperate will inevitably escalate. It becomes increasingly important and urgent to civilization and to life on Earth that we avoid wars, and that peaceful conflict resolution and international law are accorded paramount influence in effectively addressing human strife. **We must find ways to avoid a future of devastating conflicts and calamitous consequences! Superficial changes will not save our beleaguered planet. Our military/industrial societies themselves must change, along with the worldviews that underlie them and rationalize their policies.**

“... I have seen that we do not intend to free, but rather to subject the people ... We have gone there to conquer, not to redeem ... It should, it seems to me, be our pleasure and duty to make these people free, and let them deal with their own domestic questions in their own way, And so I am an anti-imperialist. I am opposed to having the eagle put its talons on any other land.”

On the Spanish-American War and subsequent American occupation of the Phillipines, Mark Twain, 1900

Detachment from Immediate Involvements

The intention of the Earth Manifesto is to stimulate Insight, Perspective and Clarity, galvanizing understanding and illuminating the Big Picture, in hope of helping to create impetus for positive change in the world. The author feels very strongly that the human race faces serious and inadequately-addressed social and environmental problems, and that we have the definite capability of making the world a significantly better place.

We can achieve this goal by advocating, supporting, and adopting farsighted guiding principles, and wisely focusing our attention, activities, and planning in healthy directions, reforming our political systems, redesigning our economies, and modifying our social institutions. The overriding criteria for these changes should be the movement towards equal political and economic rights for all citizens, and the implementation of policies that ensure long-term security and sustainability.

One thing seems perfectly clear: Profound changes are required. We were shown that extremism begets extremism, as the September 11th attacks by fundamentalist Islamic terrorists ironically dramatically strengthened exactly what they opposed. Osama bin Laden, in an audio-tape on October 11, 2001, expressed his anger over three things: (1) the humiliation and degradation of the Moslem world; (2) the support of the United States for dictatorial, repressive regimes in the Middle East; and (3) the U.S. imposition of its dictates abroad through military might and brutal economic sanctions.

The events of September 11th have shifted American politics significantly to the right, not only providing justification to U.S. imperialistic aggression and giving much greater power and funding to the Authority Juggernaut of the U.S. military, Pentagon, CIA and FBI, but also sadly empowering Conservative politicians to greatly advance their Special-Interest-oriented, environmental-exploiting, socially retrogressive agendas.

So we see that Islamic extremism has given us greater insecurity, more religious intolerance, a more vigorous assault on the environment, less regulations on Big Business, bigger profits for Defense Contractors and oil companies, more wasteful consumption, greater influence by the wealthy and socially irresponsible corporations, and bigger budget deficits --- in addition to greater military aggression, and less of a respect for the sovereignty of other nations and even of the voices of our allies.

The pendulum swings, and it must soon begin to swing back to more sane moderation! We must commit ourselves to actively, firmly, farsightedly, and boldly beginning to advance an agenda of social well-being, human dignity, democracy, balanced budgets, egalitarianism, environmental protections, and ecological integrity.

Our collective involvement is becoming increasingly important in the world today. We can see that Vested Interests manipulate policy to their advantage, and to the detriment of the common good, if we do not speak up. Detachment from our daily activities, as in meditation, nature walks, or spiritual endeavors can give us a better perspective on the importance of our striving to help make a difference in the world.

Sexy Statesmanship, Or Is It?

“Somewhere, somehow, in the name of humanity, we must challenge a thousand evil precedents, and dare to apply the Golden Rule to nations, as the Buddhist King Ashoaka did in 262 B.C. Magnanimity in politics may be the truest wisdom; and a great empire and little minds go ill together.”

The Lessons of History, Will and Ariel Durant

The United States, in the eventful and illuminating interregnum since September 11th, 2001, has been in the grips of both a subtle national questioning and a rather hawkish frenzy. The latter is characterized by a proud flag-waving nationalism supporting the troops abroad and the fanned flames of blind patriotism, of vindictive self-justification, of angry retributive reaction, of political posturing, and of veiled profit-oriented goals of a modern form of imperialism.

Seething convictions of self-righteousness, insecure aggressiveness, and arrogant moral absolutism are dangerous characteristics in a world of growing economic and social inequities, intensifying competition, increasing hostilities, and diminishing and degraded natural resources.

“Consciousness has given us the power to destroy ourselves, as well as the power to preserve ourselves.”

--- John Fowles

Our military adventurism is a very high-risk game. Instead of our bomb-dropping offensives, we should be creating peace in the Middle East, with a secure homeland for the Palestinians and dramatically improved Israel/Arab relationships achieved through committed compromise and balanced foreign policy initiatives; we should be weaning ourselves from our addiction to Mideast oil by adopting bold Efficiency, Conservation and Alternatives measures; and we should be trying to make the world more safe through more equitable social justice, and through sustainable development, expanded opportunities, better education, the empowerment of women, and worldwide water and environmental protections.

The “War on Terror” commands ever more resources, far in excess of rational and properly-directed spending priorities. It eagerly embraces militarism, taking the offensive in preemptive warfare, crusading against opposition, lashing out with counterattacks on entire countries, and undertaking an untold profusion of covert espionage, detention, torture and police interrogation activities. The willingness to address the underlying causes of terrorism seems “lost in translation”, atrophied in the rush to achieve justice-as-retribution rather than in any larger sense of understanding or social justice.

The concatenation of these trends is tending to exacerbate dangerous conditions on Planet Earth. We need not despair; but we must begin to direct energy and initiative to more wisely tackling the distinctly monumental challenges facing humankind.

Demand the replacement of John Ashcroft with more moderate leadership in the Attorney General’s office! Insist on the revision of the Patriot Act to protect civil liberties!! Support the protection of Constitutional rights!!!

Illuminating Conjecture

“To be or not to be, that is the question: whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them.”
--- William Shakespeare

Inequality in our personal lives can be measured by the competing conceptual states of HAPPINESS and ENVY. Happiness is essentially the desire to keep things just the way they are. Envy is essentially the desire to change them. Seen from the perspective of evolutionary forces, happiness is the chief obstacle to progress --- and envy is a chief source of it. Human societies are always unjust, to greater or lesser extents, and almost all social and political conflicts are between the party of happiness and the party of envy.

The party of happiness rightly maintains that society should allow the individual a maximum of freedom to pursue happiness. The party of envy rightly maintains that society should allow equal access to opportunity and the chief sources of happiness.

The political struggle between these competing forces is powerfully affected by the enormous influence of Big Money in helping skew public policy in favor of the Status Quo and the party of happiness.

Capitalism has proven itself to be a highly successful economic system. It clearly has critical faults, which make it mandatory that it be governed and regulated, to wit:

- (1) It encourages advantages for individuals based on unjust social privileges and inequality of opportunity, rather than hard work, merit and ability;
- (2) It facilitates the exploitation, degradation and polluting of the commons;
- (3) Wealth accrues to an elite, who callously abuse their power and influence in opposing positive government programs, community well-being, and healthy change;
- (4) Big Money tends to unfairly manipulate the system to its advantage, at times corruptly, resulting in harm to people, the environment, the well-being of biodiversity on Planet Earth, and the vital state of peaceful coexistence between nations;
- (5) Capitalism mimics Fundamentalism in embracing Conservatism, with its doctrinal propensity to ignore and oppress the disadvantaged, and to allow harmful and unfair means to be used to accomplish self-righteous and selfish ends;
- (6) Government policies and bureaucracy are readily abused by Corporate lobbyists and profiteers in the present moment, often in direct opposition to the interests of people in the future; and,
- (7) Capitalism discounts the value of natural resources, healthy ecosystems, and balanced federal budgets to future generations.

The laissez-faire bias of Conservatism pushes to let capitalism operate more abusively and less responsibly. Conservatism must yield to the moderate, the reasonable, and the intelligent --- or, more likely, we must soon throw the rascals out of office!!

In order to move in the direction of fairness and progressive change, our economic and political systems require reforms that reduce the legalized, institutionalized bribery that is at the heart of our national elections. Help enact true campaign finance reform!

Think Globally, Act Locally

Economic and political forces seem to focus on having big industries exploit resources, emphasizing one view of nature over all others --- that of using nature, trying to control it, and transforming it for our materialistic purposes, no matter how harmful our impacts. Nature is regarded by the business-as-usual crowd as something that can, even must, be exploited to full advantage. They urge us to have faith that we will be able to find solutions for the adverse impacts and unanticipated costs of such exploitation.

“It is an unnerving thought that we may be the living Universe’s supreme achievement and its worst nightmare simultaneously.”

--- A Short History of Nearly Everything, Bill Bryson

Small-scale, community approaches to the management of resources are often more flexible, less disruptive, more just, and more likely to be renewable and sustainable than large-scale projects.

Large-scale projects are more wasteful and more destructive of human communities and ecosystems than small-scale projects. But Big Business, and Big Government, love to maximize the profitability of the exploitation of natural resources by Vested Interests, and are able to do this more readily with large-scale projects. They also gravitate towards large-scale undertakings because they facilitate the aggregation of power, making it easier to dominate, to control, to conquer opposition, and to create self-justifying propaganda in support of such projects.

The political clout of oil, coal, and nuclear industries skews our national policy in favor of large capital investments in such things as oil refineries, supertankers, coal mining machinery, and nuclear plants --- and in military preparedness to ensure access and interrupted supply to foreign oil. This seriously inhibits efforts at conservation, which involves more productive, renewable, environmentally sound, and community-based undertakings.

These are cogent reasons for us to begin supporting small scale, local technologies like solar panels instead of nuclear power plants, or conservation programs rather than stimulating the wasteful consumption of non-renewable resources. Bigger is not better for society as a whole. Giant centralized industries also have a greater risk to terrorist attack than decentralized ones. It would be wise to encourage --- through innovative policies, full product pricing, and incentives and disincentives --- alternatives to wasteful resource usages, risky development, agricultural monocultures, forest clear cutting, construction of enormous dams, and the conversion of nature to commodities, suburbs, and real estate. Let’s actualize this!!

Socialism collapsed because it did not allow prices to reflect economic truths. Capitalism could collapse because it does not allow prices to reflect ecological truths. It is for us to choose to change capitalism in simple but revolutionary ways, rather than marching lock step towards the ecological calamity of a severely depleted planet.

Our business and political leaders are out-of-step with what should best be done, beholden to self-interested influences that recognize a bullying sucker incapable of discipline --- Big Government --- when they see it. The federal government does not need “to be drowned in a bathtub”, as Neoconservative Grover Nordquist seeks, but we must find better ways to control its spending, its large scale propensities, and its tendency towards authoritarian domination.

Doggone Democracy

“It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native American criminal class, except Congress.”

— Mark Twain

The United States has the best politicians that money can buy. As far back as Plato in Athens in about 375 B.C., it was clearly recognized that democracy is corrupted by “the folly of leaving the selection of political officials to those shady and wealth-serving strategists who pull the oligarchic wires behind the democratic stage.” (Quote from The Story of Philosophy, by Will Durant)

We need, more than anything in American politics, far-sighted progressive leaders with the long-term best interests of the country’s citizens on their agendas. We need wise, fair planners. We need politicians who capably balance short-term needs with the best long-term strategies for a secure and sustainable future. We need leaders and representatives who are not merely pawns and mouthpieces of elite Special Interests --- politicians who understand and support the critical necessity for pursuing sustainable human activities.

We must subordinate the strident demands of the selfish, the greedy and the power-hungry to the best interests of the commons. We need open-minded, skilled and effective leaders who can inspire and communicate clearly the urgency and necessity of long-term strategies.

In many respects, the government of the United States is too big, too intrusive, too bureaucratic, too wasteful, too inefficient, and too shortsighted. It is far too beholden to Big Bucks, and too eager to indulge in deficit spending. It opposes innovations that threaten the perks of political patronage. It takes hefty taxes from taxpayers and too freely spends them on subsidies, “entitlements”, and pork barrel spending. Persuasive political and economic arguments can be made that we should reform our government and reduce its size, and make it less intrusive in its citizen’s lives. And in doing so, we must strive to make the best decisions about the vital role of the federal government, so as not to eliminate the things it does better than local or state governments.

The philosophy of laissez-faire capitalism posits that we should minimize government interference in the free market. Businesses strive to maximize profits and minimize costs. So, in competing in the marketplace, companies naturally tend to resist all social and environmental costs they can, and that their competitors are avoiding. This creates the very important need for government regulations. Bureaucratic red tape can be onerous and stupid, and should be streamlined. However, the “infectious greed” of Corporate scandals in the year 2002 clearly demonstrates once again that businesses do not fairly regulate themselves; that they manipulate the system, opposing environmental regulations almost without exception, externalizing enormous costs onto society and harming many ecosystems of the natural world.

Americans must vote, and demand that their representatives support reasonable and frugal spending, a balanced budget, positive labor laws, socially beneficial environmental regulations, and intelligent, fair, farsighted incentives and disincentives to help transform our societies into healthier ones. We cannot be complacent!!

The Big Picture: Transformation Required

“Each generation, sharing in the heritage of the Earth, has a duty as trustee for future generations to prevent irreversible and irreparable harm to life on Earth and to human freedom and dignity.”

Jacques-Yves Cousteau

The luxury liner S.S. Titanic, on its maiden voyage across the North Atlantic in 1912, struck an iceberg and sank, with over 1,500 people dying in the cold waters. The captain of the enormous ship had recklessly thrown caution to the wind, steaming at top speed, despite receiving repeated wireless communications warning of the danger of numerous icebergs en route.

Humanity's current courses of action, and cumulative attitude, contain distinct parallels to the outrageous hubris and brazen impudence of the Titanic's captain. We are presumptuously risking not only the safety of ourselves and our descendents, but also the well-being of all life on Earth, and the health and balance of global ecosystems through the aggressive exploitation, waste, and polluting usages of natural resources.

In advancing the injudicious doctrines of laissez-faire capitalism and anti-conservation Conservatives, we are incautiously stimulating consumption, promoting misguided growth, and inflicting untold environmental harm. Simultaneously, we are opposing reasonable and necessary initiatives to slow human population growth. We are reducing regulations on irresponsible businesses. We are eagerly encouraging inequities by cutting taxes to further enrich the wealthy. We are indignantly resisting the implementation of social programs that truly address unfairness and progressive goals. We are spending far beyond our means, creating history's largest budget deficits and national debt, with over half of discretionary federal spending committed to a giant war machine (“defense spending”). We are under funding education and allowing our infrastructure to crumble. We are subsidizing and powerfully defending the Status Quo. And we are complacently consenting to an anti-democratic domination of our politics by Big Money, Big Business, patriarchal authoritarians, and religious fundamentalists.

We are squandering our national heritage to accomplish these misguided policies. The threat to the health of the environmental and the social well-being of our communities, and possibly to the very survival of the human race, grows insidiously and steadily.

Capitalism has proved that it is a better economic system than the Planned Economy, as has been clearly demonstrated by the bankrupting of the Soviet Union during the Cold War. The U.S. engaged the Soviets in a financially, and socially, extremely taxing, expensive arms race, and both sides expended far too much money, resources and energy for military purposes, to the unconscionable neglect of healthy societies. Capitalism was better able to afford the colossal waste because of its more effective utilization of innovation, incentive, capital, and human motivation. The entire tragedy of the mad competition is overlooked in our pride at having quashed Communism, despite the terrible costs to Soviet and American societies, and to the Planet. Today, the arms race continues to escalate in the world, highlighting a fatal flaw of Capitalism: it values material things too highly, it eagerly accepts and fosters gross inequalities, and it places far too little value on healthy ecosystems and biodiversity on Planet Earth.

An Environmental Revolution and the transformation of Capitalism must be empowered, not resisted, in order to assure a healthier, safer, more peaceful posterity.

Prosperity through Profligacy?

The fundamental premise of our economic system is that we can create wealth and prosperity only by increasing the demand for products and services. We rely on the stimulating of demand, in order to create economic growth and provide jobs for an increasing human population. **We have essentially elevated inefficiency and wasteful consumption into a national purpose, addicted to economic growth, to goods that are disposable, to changing fashions, to planned obsolescence, and to stimulating demand through advertising.**

We additionally hype up economic activity through two rather irresponsible expedencies: misguided subsidies and deficit spending. Increasingly, we have become conditioned in our societies to define ourselves by the quantity or luxury of our possessions, a shallow materialism that ultimately is not satisfying to the soul.

Our system of Crony Capitalism is a severe distortion of a free market democracy, due to the dominating influence of Establishment interests. Crony Capitalism panders to selfish Vested Interests, creating greater inequities, and it has a perversely detrimental propensity to create conditions amenable to a permanent war economy, with enormous military expenditures. Fear and insecurity are used to gain support for armed interventionism. The Cold War, then, and the War on Terrorism, forevermore, allows Corporate America to indulge the United States' superpower eagerness to interfere in the affairs of others.

Crony Capitalism stimulates impulses of envy, jealousy, acquisitiveness, greed, nationalism, patriotism, and self-righteousness to help keep the Establishment in power, resisting reform. War has the dual "Advantage" of stimulating economic activity, and if "successful", increasing control over someone else's resources. Also, the Federal government gravitates towards militarism because this facilitates the control and domination of centralized power.

World War II helped bring the world out of the Great Depression of the 1930's. Since then there has been a strong ideological argument that a War Economy, with lavish military spending, is a source of economic health. It should be more accurately understood as a sustained non-productive use of capital and labor, a wasteful allocation of funds to military research and development, and a perversion of the self-correcting mechanisms of the competitive, cost-minimizing free market system. The War Economy involves enormous subsidies and a bizarre tendency towards maximizing costs (thanks a lot, Halliburton, et al!). **Downsize the Pentagon, the military budget, and the federal bureaucracies!**

It is a grand irony that the word "economy" means both the management and development of the resources of a country, on the one hand, and the careful, thrifty use and management of resources, on the other. It is another grand irony that the current Administration, representing Conservative elements of society, has become the primary proponent of giving subsidies to Big Businesses, of dramatically increasing military spending, and of indulging in irresponsible deficit spending in order to give tax breaks to their wealthy friends and supporters. Tiffany Twain contends that inefficiency, waste, consumerism, and war are NOT reasonable and intelligent bases for human activities.

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