If You Play With Fire: Did Trump Light a Match? - Part 1

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There is an old saying which states "If you play with fire, you will eventually be burned by fire." Tracing the origin of this well-known axiom is not easy, being as it appears to be a common traditional word of wisdom which has been shared by different cultures for literally millennia. One proposal is that it began in ancient China over 2,500 years ago. In our own English language, the proverb seems to have made a first appearance in 1655, although exactly when, where and by whom remains unknown. It was simply a commonly used idea that was well-known at the time.

However, as usual, God's Word is NOT to be outdone by these worldly theories concerning the origin of the phrase. Thus, it should come as no surprise that we can find the following verse in the sixth chapter of the Book of Proverbs. This book was written and primarily compiled between the reign of King Solomon, who ruled during the 10th century BC, and the reign of King Hezekiah during the 8th century BC. This easily makes the well-known axiom from 2,800 to 3,000 years old, which of course predates the Chinese theory. The verse in question says the following:

"Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?"

Proverbs 6:27, KJV

Well, that certainly sounds very similar to "If you play with fire, you will be burned by fire," doesn't it? However, guess what, my friends? That is not where the Biblical comparisons really end. I think that what Jesus said to the Apostle Peter towards the end of the Gospels of Matthew and John matches up perfectly with this thought as well. As I point out in a few Bill's Bible Basics articles, in that particular incident, in his misguided efforts to protect Jesus from harm, the Apostle Peter raised his sword and cut off the ear of a fellow named Malchus, who happened to be a servant of the Jewish high priest at that time.

Now, dear Peter obviously thought that he was doing the right thing in wanting to protect the Lord from harm. He could not have possibly imagined that by taking such action, in reality, he was standing in the way of God's perfect Will for Jesus, which was that He should die for the sins of the world. After all, it was only hours earlier that Peter had sworn that he would be willing to give his very life for Jesus, as we see by the following set of Bible verses which are found in three of the Gospels:

"Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples."

Matthew 26:33-35, KJV

"But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all."

Mark 14:29-31, KJV

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when

thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death."

Luke 22:31-33, KJV

However, despite what undoubtedly appeared to both Peter and the other Apostles to be a brave and noble act of defiance on Peter's part to protect God's anointed Savior, to everyone's shock and surprise, Jesus' response was to say the following to Peter, which is echoed again in the Book of Revelation:

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: FOR ALL THEY THAT TAKE THE SWORD SHALL PERISH WITH THE SWORD." Matthew 26:51-52, KJV

"Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

John 18:10-11, KJV

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: HE THAT KILLETH WITH THE SWORD MUST BE KILLED WITH THE SWORD. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." Revelation 13:10, KJV

"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and SHOULDEST DESTROY THEM WHICH DESTROY THE EARTH."

Revelation 11:18, KJV

After saying the previous totally unexpected words to Peter and the other Apostles, the Lord then proceeded to touch and heal Malchus' wounded ear, as we see by the following verse that is found in the Gospel of Luke:

"And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."

Luke 22:51, KJV

I am sure that most of my readers will already see the very

obvious similarities between what King Solomon wrote, and what Jesus said to the Apostle Peter. In other words, if we play with fire, we will be burned by fire. If we take up a sword, we will also be killed by the sword. In short, as I share in BBB articles such as the series "Yasser Arafat's Ultimatum: Five Decades and Still No Palestinian State", violence only begets even more violence. Sadly, this is an inescapable conclusion which many people recognize as being absolutely true. So somebody needs to be brave enough to stop the savage war beast, or else it will simply never end, and we may someday destroy ourselves entirely.

In fact, my dear friends, to our own shame, due to the very fallen nature of our world, even when some people do strive to achieve peace -- as President Trump has been trying to do for many months now with regard to the Russia-Ukraine War -- the other parties STILL want to pursue war, and they do NOT want to pursue peace with a wholehearted effort. This tragic reality reminds me of something that King David wrote in the Psalms. That is the following:

"My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war."
Psalm 120:6-7, KJV

What a very sad indictment against humanity! But again, this is a direct result of humanity's fallen, sinful, rebellious and violent nature which corrupts his very mind and heart. It does not help at all that the Devil himself prods us on to steal from each other, to kill each other, and to destroy each other without mercy. After all, as Jesus plainly stated in the Gospel of John, that foul fiend has been a murderer since the beginning when he succeeded in destroying Adam and Eve's chance at Eternal Life, and then also influenced Cain to kill his brother Abel in a fit of jealousy and rage. That serpent has continued doing the very same thing down through humankind's bloody history. Thus it is that we find verses such as the following in the Holy Scriptures:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. HE WAS A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

"Not as Cain, WHO WAS OF THAT WICKED ONE, and slew his

brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous."

1 John 3:12, KJV

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy HIM THAT HAD THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Hebrews 2:14-15, KJV

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

John 10:10, KJV

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, EVEN OF YOUR LUSTS that war in your members? YE LUST, and have not: YE KILL, AND DESIRE TO HAVE, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because YE ASK AMISS, THAT YE MAY CONSUME IT UPON YOUR LUSTS."

James 4:1-3, KJV

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only EVIL CONTINUALLY."

Genesis 6:5, KJV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."

Matthew 15:18-20, KJV

"And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

In sharp contrast to all of the previous verses, as every Bible-believing Christian should already know, not only has God called us out of this present evil world, but He has likewise commanded us to strive to live a life of peace as much as possible. My understanding from reading the Bible for many decades now, is that we are not to actually fight in any secular wars ourselves, or support or take sides in any secular wars either. Those wars are NOT our fights, my friends. They are the wars of the children of the world who will do as the children of the world will do, despite what you and I think about it. To reiterate, we should all strive to live a life of peace and avoid violence, as becomes quite evident by this group of Bible verses:

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

John 18:36, KJV

"But THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Psalm 37:11, KJV

"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK: for they shall inherit the earth . . . Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God . . . But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Matthew 5:5, 9, 44-45, KJV

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN."
Romans 12:18, KJV

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:" Hebrews 12:14, KJV

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, LIVE IN PEACE; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God." Psalm 20:7, KJV

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM. And they went to another village."

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because YE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

John 15:19, KJV

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." John 17:14-15, KJV

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

2 Corinthians 6:17, KJV

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

James 4:4, KJV

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

As we have now clearly seen, the Scriptures plainly declare that if we play with fire, we may in fact be burned by that very same fire. Likewise, if we foolishly embrace violence, killing and war, we may someday die by that very same way. Some worldly people who know not the Lord, and who embrace other false religions, like to refer to this as karma. But in Biblical terms, we are informed that we will reap what we have sown. That is why it is so very important that we are careful regarding what kind of seeds we plant. Are they seeds which produce violence, or seeds which produce peace? Consider the following Bible verses which speak about this same topic:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Galatians 6:7-9, KJV

"Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same."

Job 4:8, KJV

"He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate." Psalm 7:15-16, KJV

"They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah."

Psalm 57:6, KJV

"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him." Proverbs 26:27, KJV

"He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him." Ecclesiastes 10:8, KJV

So as you can see, being burned by a fire which we ourselves have started, being destroyed by a war which we initiated or

foolishly became involved in, and generally reaping what we have sown are all very much Biblical and Christian concepts. At this point in our discussion, you may be wondering about exactly what prompted me to write this current series, being as I have already written a number of other articles where I amply discuss these very same subjects. Now I will tell you. Being burned by fire is bad enough. Being killed by a sword is equally bad. But consider the fact that there is even a worse fate. That is when we take up the devilish sword of NUCLEAR FIRE and threaten or even use it against others. Is this not a double evil?

What actually caught my attention not too long ago is a very alarming new development which involves the US's 2026 Defense Authorization Bill. The shocking details are revealed in this excerpt from a December 11, 2025 The Washington Times news report with the heading "Underground nuclear tests would be authorized by provision in Defense bill". This same thing is being reported by other news organizations, as well as in a number of military newsletters which I receive. My friends, this is obviously NOT good news. Read for yourself:

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Legislation would permit U.S. underground tests based on North Korean detonations after 1996

The Pentagon will be authorized to resume underground nuclear tests under a provision of the pending defense authorization bill.

The 3,086-page national defense authorization legislation for fiscal 2026, nearing a final vote in the Senate, has a section on Energy Department national nuclear security activities that would end the self-imposed U.S. moratorium on underground tests in place since 1996.

The section states that the testing ban will remain in effect "unless a foreign state conducts a nuclear test after this date, at which time the prohibition on United States nuclear testing is lifted."

The language means that North Korea's six underground nuclear tests carried out between 2006 and 2017 will allow for a resumption of underground nuclear tests by the Pentagon and Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

The pending bill, which passed the House this week and is expected to clear the Senate soon, also maintains a ban on atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons.

The bill will authorize \$890.6 billion in spending in fiscal 2026, including \$855.7 billion for Pentagon programs, \$34.3 billion for national security programs at the Energy Department, and \$512.4 million for defense-related activities.

The new policy on underground nuclear tests follows a declaration by President Trump last month that the United States will resume nuclear tests in response to tests by Russia, China and North Korea.

"We're the only country that doesn't test, and I don't want to be the only country that doesn't test," Mr. Trump said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes."

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Let me interject a word of clarification here, being as a part of the previous excerpt may not be clear to some of you, just as it was not clear to me at first either. In fact, it was a little confusing to me. When the article states "unless a foreign state conducts a nuclear test after this date", it is actually quoting directly from the 1996 U.S. self-imposed moratorium. So when it says "after this date", it is actually referring to any kind of nuclear test conducted by a foreign government AFTER 1996. This would obviously include the set of nuclear tests which were conducted by North Korea, as is mentioned in The Washington Times news article.

In short, the United States now feels justified in beginning underground nuclear tests again. By way of the 2026 Defense Authorization Bill, the Trump administration is letting the world know that it is apparently very serious about renewing nuclear tests. In fact, on the evening of October 29, 2025, and just prior to a summit the next morning with Chinese President Xi Jinping which occurred on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in the South Korea, President Trump made a post on his Truth Social platform in which he stated the following:

"The United States has more Nuclear Weapons than any other country. This was accomplished, including a complete update and renovation of existing weapons, during my First Term in office. Because of the tremendous destructive power, I HATED to do it, but had no choice! Russia is second, and China is a distant third, but will be even within 5 years. Because of other countries testing programs, I have instructed the Department of War to start testing our Nuclear Weapons on an equal basis. That process will begin immediately. Thank you for your attention to this matter! PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP"

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As you can see from the previous Truth Social post, Trump indicates that he was motivated to make his decision due to "other countries testing programs". This was apparently an indirect reference to North Korea's well-known tests. That communist nation conducted six confirmed nuclear tests -- all underground -- between 2006 and 2017. However, as some of may readers may know, North Korea is not alone in that regard. As you may recall, in 1998, both India and Pakistan also detonated a few nuclear devices.

While in his Truth Social post President Trump didn't mention Russia, China or North Korea by name, the aforementioned TWT news article from December 11, 2025 states that Trump did in fact accuse those nations of conducting nuclear tests during an interview on the CBS news show "60 Minutes". So, I went online in order to hopefully track down a transcript of the actual "60 Minutes" show which aired on November 2, 2025. As it turns out, the President was interviewed by correspondent Norah O'Donnell on October 31, 2025 at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida. Following are the pertinent parts of the interview which apply to this current series:

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NORAH O'DONNELL: Less than an hour before your meeting with President Xi, you posted on social media that you instructed the, quote, Department of War to start testing our nuclear weapons --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: That's right.

NORAH O'DONNELL: -- immediately.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Yeah --

NORAH O'DONNELL: What did you mean?

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Well, we have more nuclear weapons than any other country. Russia's second. China's a very distant third, but they'll be even in five years. You know, they're makin' 'em rapidly, and I think we should do something about denuclearization, which is gonna be some -- and I did actually discuss that with both President Putin and President Xi. Denuclearization's a very big thing. We have enough nuclear weapons to blow up the world 150 times. Russia has a lot of nuclear weapons, and China will have a lot. They have some. They have quite a bit, but --

NORAH O'DONNELL: So why do we need to test --

NORAH O'DONNELL: -- our nuclear weapons?

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Well, because you have to see how they work. You know, you do have to -- and the reason I'm saying -- testing is because Russia announced that they were gonna be doing a test. If you notice, North Korea's testing constantly. Other countries are testing. We're the only country that doesn't test, and I wanna be -- I don't wanna be the only country that doesn't test.

President Trump goes off-topic at this point in the interview with his usual boasting of his accomplishments, and then . . .

NORAH O'DONNELL: I -- I w -- definitely want to talk about the economy, but I just want to make s -- sure we -- we button up this issue --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Sure.

NORAH O'DONNELL: -- on nuclear weapons. And I want to clarify this --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Sure.

NORAH O'DONNELL: Are you saying that after more than 30 years, the United States is going to start detonating nuclear weapons for testing?

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: I'm saying that we're going to test nuclear weapons like other countries do, yes.

NORAH O'DONNELL: But the only country that's testing nuclear weapons is North Korea. China and Russia are not --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Well, Russia's -- no, no. Russia's testing nuclear weapons --

NORAH O'DONNELL: So my understanding --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: And China's testing 'em too. You just don't know about it.

NORAH O'DONNELL: That would be certainly very newsworthy. My understanding is what Russia did recently was test essentially the -- delivery systems for nuclear weapons, essentially missiles, which we can do that but w -- not with nuclear warheads --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Russia's testing, and China's testing, but they don't talk about it. You know, we're a open society. We're different. We talk about it. We have to talk about it, because otherwise you people are gonna report -- they don't have reporters that gonna be writing about it. We do. No, we're gonna test, because they test and others test. And certainly North Korea's been testing. Pakistan's been testing.

NORAH O'DONNELL: Not nuclear weapons, is my understanding --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Of course they have --

NORAH O'DONNELL: North Korea has, but not nuclear weapons --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: But they don't go and tell you about it. And, you know, as powerful as they are, this is a big world. You don't necessarily know where they're testing. They -- they test way under -- underground where people don't know exactly what's happening with the test.

You feel a little bit of a vibration. They test and we don't test. We have to test. And Russia did make -- a little bit of a threat the other day when they said they were gonna do certain forms of a different level of testing. But Russia tests, China -- and China does test, and we're gonna test also.

NORAH O'DONNELL: So we are going to --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Doesn't it sorta make sense? You know, you make -- you make nuclear weapons, and then you don't test. How are you gonna do that? How are you gonna know if they work? We have to do that --

NORAH O'DONNELL: Apparently, we don't need to test our nuclear weapons, 'cause they're the best in the world, according to experts I've spoken with --

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: According to me. We have the best, and I was the one that renovated them and built them during a four-year period. And I hated to do it, because the destructive capability is something you don't even wanna talk about. But if other people are gonna have 'em, we're gonna have to have 'em.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: And if we have 'em, we have to test 'em, otherwise you don't really know how they're gonna work. And we don't wanna ever use them.

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Continuing our discussion from part one, my dear friends, as I am sure many of you already understand, this is indeed a very worrisome situation. It is kind of similar to a pressure cooker just waiting for the lid to blow off. For those of you who may not be aware, allow me to share a few statistics with you. To begin with, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, under the leadership of Xi Jinping, Communist China has been significantly upgrading its military hardware. In fact, its nuclear warhead stockpile has expanded to some six hundred warheads in recent years with one hundred warheads being added per year since 2023. Furthermore, it is the view of the Pentagon that China could have as many as one thousand operational nuclear warheads by the year 2030.

Turning our attention to Russia, the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation estimates that Vladimir Putin currently possesses 5,459 nuclear warheads, of which 1,600 are actively deployed. In contrast, the CACNP also estimates that the USA is in possession of some 5,550 nuclear warheads, with perhaps 3,800 of those currently being active. The point is this, my friends. While the USA, Russia and China have not conducted any live tests since the 1990s, nevertheless, they are ALL still in possession of A LOT of nukes. So what if Mr. Trump is symbolically lighting a match with his recent decision? Remember; if you play with fire, you will be burned by that very same fire.

As I was researching information and writing this series, I was reminded of an entirely different and unrelated subject. That is to say, advanced, intelligent alien life. While some of my readers may not be aware of it, one theory which has been proposed to explain why the people of Earth have never made contact with an intelligent alien race -- for those of you are even open-minded enough to accept such a possibility -- is that these other assumed alien races reached a certain level of technology, and then they just destroyed themselves.

It is indeed a frightening proposition, whether you believe it or not, isn't it? I discuss the possibility of alien life in my eight-part series entitled "Alien Life, Extrasolar Planets and Universal Atonement", which you will find listed at the end of this same series with a clickable link, for those of my readers who may be interested in reading it.

My friends, if Trump's decision is not already worrisome as it is, the next question we have to address is how the other major nuclear states have reacted to the North Korean tests, and even more recently to America's new position. As I asked you a minute ago, with his recent decision and order, is it possible that President Trump is foolishly lighting a match which will eventually lead to a terrible nuclear fire, and a potential nuclear holocaust some years down the road which will wipe out civilization on our planet? After all, if he raises his devilish sword of nuclear fire, America's enemies will respond in kind by doing the very same thing. Do not doubt it for a minute!

Yes, I know that will undoubtedly sound like a very alarmist, gloom-and-doom statement to some of my readers. I normally do NOT make such statements. However, the fact remains that even at this very moment, we humans do possess the means to totally obliterate ourselves from this planet. Thus, it is foolish to try to hide our heads in the sand, simply ignore the reality of the situation, and pretend that it does not exist, because it most certainly does. And now we have a situation which may potentially precipitate it.

I must confess that I do find something rather odd regarding President Trump's decision and order. He claims that he made his decision based on China's rapid expansion of its nuclear warheads stockpile, and also detonation of nuclear devices by other nations, namely North Korea. However, here's the thing. National leaders and governments rarely ever tell the general

population why they are really doing certain things. Instead, they like to feed us red herrings which will purposely lead us away from the real truth. They constantly psychologically manipulate us and gaslight us so that we become so confused, that we really have no idea regarding what is actually going on. Well, in this case the real facts on the ground are the following:

- * Russia's last known nuclear test was in 1990.
- * The USA last conducted nuclear tests in 1990.
- * China's last tested nuclear devices in 1996.
- * India and Pakistan conducted tests in 1998.
- * North Korea's last nuclear test was in 2017.

You no doubt noticed that even in the "60 Minutes" excerpts I shared with you in part one, CBS's correspondent Norah O'Donnell repeatedly questioned President Trump regarding some of the false statements that he was making regarding Russia, China and Pakistan. Yet despite her queries, Trump just kept bulldozing through his responses. He repeatedly cut off O'Donnell in a disrespectful manner, and insisted that he was speaking the truth. Meanwhile, not only was he being rather evasive with his responses, but he never even offered one shred of real factual evidence to support his claims.

To be fair and transparent with my readers, I did not watch the actual interview myself. However, from just reading the provided transcript, that is the impression I was given. Mr. Tump came across as being very weak in his responses to me personally. As he has done on previous occasions, he wanted viewers to believe him, just because he said so, or perhaps because he is the president. However, that is NOT the way it works. We are not just mindless, obedient robots. We need to carefully analyze all of the known facts, and then arrive at our own conclusions.

My friends, when a national leader is talking about nuclear weapons stockpiles, and accuses other countries of certain treaty violations without providing any evidence to support such claims, that is very serious business, and it should not be taken lightly. One must carefully guard their words and speak circumspectly. A leader should not intentionally

inflame his perceived enemies. This is obviously NOT one of President Trump's strengths, as we all know, or at least should know, being as this is now Mr. Trump's second term in office. The Bible has a lot to say regarding being slow to speak, as we can determine by the following group of verses:

"BE NOT RASH WITH THY MOUTH, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore LET THY WORDS BE FEW." Ecclesiastes 5:2, KJV

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, SLOW TO SPEAK, slow to wrath . . . If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this mans religion is vain."

James 1:19, 26, KJV

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but HE THAT REFRAINETH HIS LIPS IS WISE."
Proverbs 10:19, KJV

"For he that will love life, and see good days, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL, and his lips that they speak no guile:"

1 Peter 3:10, KJV

"A fool uttereth all his mind: but A WISE MAN KEEPETH IT IN TILL AFTERWARDS."

Proverbs 29:11, KJV

"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

Proverbs 18:13, KJV

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."

Proverbs 25:28, KJV

As the previous verses reveal, it is indeed unwise for us to speak before we know all of the facts. Even worse than just being quick to speak is when motivated by our foolish pride, jealousy or rage, we intentionally accuse others falsely and slander and speak lies against them. The Bible has a lot to say regarding this issue, and refers to it as bearing false witness. Considering the following group of additional Bible verses which verify these various points:

"Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer."

Psalm 101:5, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."

Proverbs 8:13, KJV

"Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee."

Proverbs 4:24, KJV

"He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool."

Proverbs 10:18, KJV

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Exodus 20:16, KJV

"Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour."

Deuteronomy 5:29, KJV

"A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow."

Proverbs 25:18, KJV

He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Matthew 19:18-19, KJV

"Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother."

Mark 10:19, KJV

"Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother."

Luke 18:20, KJV

"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt

not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Romans 13:8-9, KJV

So exactly why is it so important that we refrain our lips from lying, accusing others falsely, slandering them, and bearing false witness against them? As Jesus himself informs us in the Gospel of Matthew, it is because we will each be judged by the very words that we speak. Not only that, but as we have already discussed, in the end, we will reap what we have each sown, as we see by the following two verses:

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Matthew 12:37, KJV

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Proverbs 18:21, KJV

Following are a few additional Bible verses regarding wicked people who seem to have nothing better to do with their sad lives than to go around lying about people, stirring up all manner of discord and division, and creating all kinds of trouble with their vile, poison-spitting tongues wherever and whenever they possibly can. They are despicable people indeed!:

"The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;"
Psalm 58:3-4, KJV

"A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy."

Proverbs 6:12-15, KJV

"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

James 3:5-6, KJV

Quite frankly, I think US President Trump could learn a lot from the previous Bible verses, if he would just take them to heart. Sadly, it is apparent to many of us that his ego and his pride seem to be greater than his humility. So let us continue with our primary discussion regarding President Trump's accusations, and his apparent intentions to renew underground nuclear tests.

Even if we consider Kim Jong Un's last nuclear detonation that occurred in the Fall of 2017, it has been over eight years since anyone has conducted a nuclear test. If we leave out North Korea, it has been twenty-seven years and as long as thirty-five years. Yet despite this long lapse of time, America's President Trump is claiming that due to detonations that occurred years ago, he has suddenly decided and ordered that the United States must begin conducting nuclear tests again. My friends, in my opinion, this just does not add up. Furthermore, I believe that American Vice President JD Vance revealed the actual reason for the US's planned resumption of underground nuclear tests this past October -- 2025 -- with certain statements that he made to the White House press corps.

For those of my readers who may not remember what Vance said back then or who may have missed the Vice President's comments altogether, while he was defending President Trump's extremely controversial decision and order regarding the resumption of testing nuclear weapons after a gap of thirty-three years -- again, since 1990 -- JD made the following revealing comments:

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"Well, I think the president's truth [meaning Truth Social post] speaks for itself. We have a big arsenal. Obviously, the Russians have a large nuclear arsenal. The Chinese have a large nuclear arsenal. Sometimes you've got to test it to make sure that it's functioning and working properly . . . It's an important part of American national security to make sure that this nuclear arsenal we have actually functions properly . . . To be clear, we know that it does work properly, but you got to keep on top of it over time, and the president just wants

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So you see, it really has very little to do with tests that were conducted eight years ago or longer. America under the Trump administration simply wants to make sure that the US' nuclear stockpile and associated hardware is still working properly. In fact, I think JD made a little verbal slip, but then quickly corrected himself by stating "we know that it does work properly." The fact of the matter, my friends, is that all of that hardware has been sitting there unused for decades now, and such hardware does degrade and deteriorate over time. Thus, Trump wants to be reassured that if a major nuclear war were to erupt, the United States would be fully prepared for it.

Quite frankly, I find the whole idea ludicrous, vile, obscene and quite wicked. After all, if the nukes really do start to fly, the ONLY thing any national leader will want to do is to make certain that if his country is being taken out, that the other opposing country is taken out as well. What else could a leader possibly want to be prepared for? After all, no one would survive such a nuclear holocaust, right? Or at least they certainly would not want to once they are forced to live in the horrible aftermath which would follow such a terribly devastating nuclear war.

If you are wondering exactly what such a terrible situation would actually even be like, you may want to consider asking some of the remaining aging survivors of the 1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb attacks about that. I am sure they would have a lot to say concerning aftermath conditions. In Japan, these dwindling survivors of those two atomic bomb blasts are referred to as the "Hibakusha". Officially, there are said to now be less than 100,000 of them. However, their numbers are shrinking rapidly due to their advanced age. One interesting thing about them is that many of them have begun to speak out by sharing their personal war stories, and are advocating for global nuclear disarmament before human pride and stupidity results in history repeating itself somewhere in the world.

Returning to our discussion concerning Trump's recent order, we likewise need to remember that like many presidents before him, Mr. Trump strongly believes in the military doctrine of "peace through strength". In other words, show your perceived

enemies that before they even think about attacking you, they had better think again. Why? Because if they are so foolish as to do so, they will get clobbered right back. Furthermore, if we are talking about a nuclear attack, forget it! That is why those nations which already possess nuclear weapons view them as a very strong means of deterrence. In short, if you do it, then I'll do it too -- assuming I have time -- and it will surely result in MAD. That is to say, "Mutually Assured Destruction". What a devilish doctrine indeed! Sadly, that is PRECISELY how those warmongering leaders actually think.

So, as I am sure you can see by now, President Trump's order to resume the testing and detonation of nuclear devices is by no means a good idea whatsoever. However, you should know that this issue is a lot more confusing than what it seems on the surface. That is because while Mr. Trump appeared to be indicating that the United States would soon begin a new phase of testing and detonating actual nuclear devices, the secretary of the U.S. Energy Department -- Chris Wright -- which oversees America's nuclear program, appears to have outright contradicted the president, and described a rather different picture of what could soon happen.

In an interview with Fox News' Peter Doocy on the "The Sunday Briefing" news show, which aired on the same day as President Trump's interview with Norah O'Donnell on CBS's "60 Minutes", Wright made the following statements during the interview. I personally extracted these quotes verbatim from the news show using software on my computer. In my view, what Wright states really clears up a lot of the confusion that was created by Trump's ambiguous responses on "60 Minutes":

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"Well, I knew that modernizing our nuclear stockpile was a critical priority. A lot of our weapons are very old, and president Trump's been adamant about we have to be at the forefront. We need to be ahead of our adversaries, and we need to keep our weapons stockpile modern and upgraded. So I knew I'd be working on this modernization program that's going on.

I think the tests we're talking about right now are system tests. These are not nuclear explosions. These are what we call non-critical explosions. So you're testing all the other parts of a nuclear weapon to make sure they deliver the appropriate geometry and they set up a nuclear explosion.

The testing that we'll be doing is on new systems, and again these will be non-nuclear explosions. These are just developing the sophisticated systems so that our replacement nuclear weapons are even better than the ones they were before. They're reliable in all circumstances under all conditions, and they deliver the performance they were designed for.

The U.S. actually has a great advantage. With our science and our computation power, we can simulate incredibly accurately exactly what will happen in a nuclear explosion. And we can do that because in the 60s, 70s, and 80s, we did nuclear test explosions. We had them detailed and instrumented and we measured exactly what happened. Now we simulate what were the conditions that delivered that and as we change bomb designs, what will they deliver. We have a reasonable advantage today in nuclear weapons design over all of our adversaries."

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So as you can plainly see, based on what Chris Wright states in the previous interview excerpts, and contrary to what was said by President Trump, the United States will NOT actually be detonating nuclear devices, and they will definitely NOT be doing anything that results in the creation of a nuclear chain reaction, which is the actual beginning of a nuclear explosion. While I could be wrong, my understanding is that Vice President JD Vance was talking about the very same kind of tests in the previous quote I shared with you from this past October. As Mr. Wright states, these preparatory steps are referred to as "non-critical explosions", or simply as "non-criticals". Following is a more detailed explanation regarding what non-criticals are, how they are used, and why they are used. This an AI generated response:

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"Non-critical" in nuclear testing refers to experiments using nuclear materials that do not cause a self-sustaining nuclear fission chain reaction or a nuclear explosion, unlike actual warhead tests, often called subcritical experiments. These tests use small amounts of fissile material (like plutonium) or configurations that prevent criticality, allowing scientists to study weapon physics, materials, and safety without creating a nuclear yield, ensuring stockpile reliability.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF NON-CRITICAL TESTS:

- * No Nuclear Yield: They don't produce a mushroom cloud or significant nuclear energy release, just traditional explosive energy.
- * Subcritical Mass: The amount or arrangement of plutonium is too small or configured incorrectly to sustain a chain reaction.
- * Stockpile Stewardship: They are part of ongoing efforts (Stockpile Stewardship Program) to maintain the safety and effectiveness of existing nuclear weapons without full-scale testing.
- * Distinction from Criticality: "Critical" means a stable, ongoing fission chain reaction (like in a reactor), while "non-critical" means stopping short of that state.

WHY THEY ARE USED:

- * Safety & Reliability: To verify weapon components still work as intended.
- * Arms Control Compliance: They fall outside bans on full nuclear explosive tests, allowing research under treaties like the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).
- * Understanding Physics: To gather data on materials under extreme conditions, ensuring weapons remain viable.

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As I dug deeper into the issue of non-critical explosions, I discovered that both Russia and the United States have been conducting these types of tests for literally decades, ever since the CTBT went into effect in 1996. Concerning China, a question mark seems to hover around what it has done and has not done in this area of nuclear research. Furthermore, these types of tests are in fact permitted under the CTBT, because they are not actually full chain reaction explosions, and as the previous detailed explanation points out, such tests help nuclear states to maintain their stockpiles in both a safe and reliable condition. Following is additional information regarding what is currently known insofar as how many such non-critical -- a.k.a. subcritical -- experiments have been

conducted by each nuclear state since the CTBT first went into effect in 1996.

- * United States -- Has conducted over 20 (at least 27, with the latest being "Pollux" in 2012) subcritical experiments at the Nevada National Security Site (formerly the Nevada Test Site) since 1996. The purpose is to maintain the safety and reliability of its nuclear stockpile as part of its Science Based Stockpile Stewardship Program.
- * Russia -- Has also conducted subcritical tests at its Novaya Zemlya test site. Reports indicate they had performed at least three such tests by the year 2000, and potentially more since, although precise numbers are less publicly available than for the U.S.
- * China -- Is believed to have the infrastructure and technology to conduct subcritical tests and is suspected of doing so, but no confirmed number has been announced or publicly detected by international monitoring systems.
- * Other nuclear-armed states, including the United Kingdom, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea, and Israel have either not conducted non-critical tests, or information regarding such activities is not yet publicly available, or widely reported. India, Pakistan and North Korea have conducted actual nuclear explosive tests since 1996, but these were full nuclear tests, not non-critical experiments, and were conducted by non-signatory states to the CTBT at the time.

As multiple news agencies have reported, after President Trump made his very provocative statements regarding the potential resumption of underground nuclear tests in late October and early November of this same year -- 2025 -- Russian President Vladimir Putin proceeded to impart instructions to several Russian government ministries to draft proposals for Russia's similar potential resumption of its own nuclear tests. Putin in fact made the following statements to the Russian Security Council in early November, as relayed by an English transcript which was released by the Kremlin at that time:

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"In this regard, I instruct the Foreign Ministry, the Defence Ministry, the special services, and the corresponding civilian agencies to do everything possible to gather additional information on this matter, have it analyzed by the Security Council, and submit coordinated proposals on the possible first steps focusing on preparations for nuclear weapons tests."

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At the same time, Putin totally denied the claims which had been made by Donald Trump during the "60 Minutes" interview. Mr. Putin in fact reminded everyone who was present at that Security Council meeting that to date, the Russia Federation has consistently adhered to the conditions that are outlined in the CTBT, or Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Putin further added that his country would continue to do so until another country violated the treaty first, as you can see by the following quotes which I extracted from that November 2025 Russian Security Council meeting:

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"I took note of some of your remarks and opinions and I would like to note that Russia has always strictly adhered to its obligations under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and we do not plan to abandon these obligations."

"At the same time, indeed, in my 2023 Address to the Federal Assembly, I said that if the United States or any other state party to the Treaty was to conduct such tests, Russia would be under obligation to take reciprocal measures."

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In other words, Russian President Vladimir Putin stated that Russia would indeed respond if the United States were to act first to resume its own nuclear tests. That is to say, if the United States were to begin to actually detonate any nuclear devices in underground test facilities. If you're interested in reading the full English transcript of that portion of the November Russian Security Council meeting, please proceed to the URL below. Please note that I cannot guarantee that the English transcript will still be accessible when you visit this web page:

http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/78403

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It A Major Intelligence Failure?, Various Explanations Given For Why A Bomb Was Also Dropped On Nagasaki, Some People With Entrenched World War 2 Views Will Never Change Their Minds, Non-Combatant Civilians Were Most Affected By The Hiroshima And Nagasaki Atomic Blasts, Wars Are Usually Fought Between Opposing Governments And Not Between The Common People, The Collateral Damage Mentality Of The US Military, It Would Be Declared A War Crime Today, Depravity Of The Human Heart, All Wars Are Satanic, Lust And Greed Are At The Root Of Them All

Continuing our discussion from part two, the next question we need to ask ourselves concerns how Xi Jinping and Communist China have reacted to President Trump's claim that China is still secretly conducting underground nuclear tests. As you can imagine, China has responded in a similar way to Russia, and has denied the allegations, and maintains that it still adheres to its nuclear testing moratorium, meaning that it is not conducting any secretive underground nuclear tests in which a full-blown nuclear fission chain reaction is allowed to occur. In an October 2025 news conference which occurred at the Chinese Foreign Ministry only hours after President Trump had publicized his alarming statements, Guo Jiakun, a Ministry spokesperson, made the following comments:

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"China hopes that the U.S. will earnestly abide by and respect its obligations under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and its commitment to suspend nuclear testing, and take concrete actions to safeguard the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation system and maintain global strategic balance and stability."

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Severals days after the previous statement was released by the Chinese Foreign Ministry, on November 3, 2025, Mao Ning -- who was another spokeswoman for the same Ministry -- plainly denied the accusations which had been made by President Trump five days earlier. In her remarks, Miss Ning stated the following:

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"As a permanent member of the UN Security Council and a responsible nuclear-weapon state, China is committed to

peaceful development, follows a policy of 'no first use' of nuclear weapons and a nuclear strategy that focuses on self-defense, and adheres to its nuclear testing moratorium. We stand ready to work with all parties to jointly uphold the authority of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and safeguard the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

It's hoped that the U.S. will earnestly abide by its obligations under the Treaty and its commitment to a moratorium on nuclear testing, and take concrete actions to uphold the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, as well as global strategic balance and stability.

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A week later on November 10, 2025, the 65th session of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization was held at the United Nations headquarters located in Vienna, Austria. China's permanent representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Li Song, attended the session, and elaborated on China's position. Several days later, on November 13th, China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs posted the following position on their website:

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Li Song pointed out that the Global Security Initiative and the Global Governance Initiative provide Chinese wisdom and solutions for addressing the root causes of international conflicts and achieving lasting peace and stability in the world. China is willing to work together with the international community to practice true multilateralism and uphold the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, including the Treaty.

China firmly upholds the purposes and objectives of the Treaty, strictly observes its commitment to a moratorium on nuclear testing, and strongly opposes the United States' deliberate distortions and false accusations regarding China's nuclear policy. China urges the U.S. to earnestly fulfill its obligations under the Treaty and its commitment to a moratorium on nuclear testing, and to take concrete actions to safeguard the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

If you have an interest in reading an English version of Communist China's full white paper regarding arms control, disarmament, and nonproliferation, please proceed to the following URL. Again, I cannot guarantee that the English text of the white paper will still be accessible when you visit this web page:

http://english.scio.gov.cn/whitepapers/2025-11/27/content_118198082_5.html

From all of the information I have now shared with you, it seems that the only thing which we can really conclude, is that all three major nuclear states -- Russia, China and the United States -- deny that they have conducted any nuclear tests -- meaning full-blown nuclear explosions involving a chain reaction -- since the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty went into effect in 1996. Please note that while that is when the treaty went into effect, that does NOT mean that all nations signed on to it in that same year.

And then we have President Trump claiming that at the very least, Russia and China have broken the treaty, and perhaps Pakistan as well. North Korea is obviously already a given, and Kim Jong Un makes no effort to hide that fact. So if we are being honest with ourselves, we really do not know the truth, because all national leaders will obviously lie and deceive in order to protect their nation's secrets. As for Trump, we all know what kind of a man he is. He has a solid record of often being proud and boastful, and of constantly exaggerating and embellishing the facts when it is to his political advantage, or when it feeds his ego.

Personally, I would like to believe that what Chris Wright has stated is true, and that the United States doesn't have any intentions to conduct full-blown underground explosions. But again, we just really do not know. One possibility I've considered is the following. As many Americans know, ever since his first term in office, President Trump has had a number of problems with bending certain people to his will. This has resulted in some government officials -- including some high-ranking military personnel -- either voluntarily resigning from their positions in the Trump administration, or else being fired or pressured out of their jobs. I mean Trump's turnover rate is NOT exactly that good, right?

In short, while each US administration tries to present a unified front to the American public, what occurs behind the scenes may in fact be very different. Having said that, I am wondering if perhaps at this current time, there may be an internal power struggle occurring between President Trump -- who actually DOES intend on restarting full-blown underground nuclear tests -- and certain other people -perhaps even U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright -- who are saying "Sorry, Mr. President, nope, we cannot possibly do that. We just cannot abrogate the CTBT. It would be very dangerous. It would hurt our credibility. It would open a global can of worms, and let the nuclear genie out of the lamp even further than it has already escaped." Such a position would obviously NOT make President Trump happy if he is truly intent on resuming underground nuclear tests, and NOT just non-critical explosions.

Of course, I am not a government insider, and I don't even work for the government, so I honestly do NOT know if there is any truth to what I have just stated. I am simply basing this theory on what has already been stated publicly by a number of different US government officials, and also on what we have already observed with Mr. Trump's ability to retain certain individuals within his administration when they disagree with his policies. And yet there is another reason why I think my theory may have a degree of merit, which I will now explain to you for your consideration.

As we learned earlier in this series, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty does NOT prevent signatories to the treaty from conducting what are referred to as non-critical explosions in order to maintain the safety and reliability of their nuclear weapons stockpiles. Therefore, being as this is the case, there is no need to ask for permission in order to conduct such tests, and there is no reason to hide such limited tests from the global community either; unless, of course, a nuclear state is doing more than it is allowed to do under the CTBT. On top of that, as we learned earlier, the United States has ALREADY conducted 20-27 such tests, with the last one having occurred in 2012.

That being the case, if President Trump's true intentions were only to resume those non-critical experiments which ended in 2012, then there would really be no need for him to announce such intentions to the world. The U.S. Energy Department could simply conduct such tests, and that would be the end of it. There would be no need for fanfare, and

there would be no controversy. So this suggests to me that President Trump really DOES want to renew real, full-blown, full-chain-reaction, underground nuclear tests. If that is truly his intentions, and if some other individuals in his administration are NOT in agreement with him, that would explain why Chris Wright came out and offered a different explanation regarding what the U.S. government is planning to do at some point in the near future.

Let me emphasize again that this is just my personal theory and something which I am currently pondering as just one possibility. I mean, gosh, for all I know, Chris Wright may just be trying to conceal the government's true intentions in order to throw off adversaries such as Russia and China. However, I was not given that impression while listening to his interview. He came across to me as being a nuts and bolts, matter-of-fact kind of guy. However, let me add that there is one thing which could happen, which would convince me that I am on the right track. As much as President Trump seems to like Wright, if he suddenly resigned from being the Secretary of the U.S. Energy Department, or was in fact forced out by Trump, that would be a clear indicator of Mr. Trump's true intentions with regard to underground nuclear tests.

If that were to prove to be the case -- that is to say, that Trump is set on conducting full-blown, full-chain-reaction nuclear tests -- then in my view, there is a major problem, and an inherent danger in even all of the current talk. You see, whether or not the United States is actually going to conduct such underground tests kind of becomes a moot point in my view.

So why do I say this? Because whether we are talking about Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, India, Pakistan, Israel or any number of the other aforementioned countries which currently possess some level of nuclear technology, if they simply BELIEVE that the United States is actually doing it -- even if they never really do conduct such tests -- then that will provide those other nations with the justification they need for doing the very same thing as well. And where will that lead us to? Where will we go from there? Will it take us to the brink of a nuclear holocaust?

So you see, whether President Trump was simply speaking out of ignorance -- and was thus corrected by Chris Wright -- or actually meant what he said concerning resuming underground

nuclear explosions, it may very well be that by playing with fire himself, and lighting the match through his careless words, he may have started a nuclear fire which may someday consume us all, unless humanity finally learns to live in peace with each other. I think we all realize that humanity has a very long way to go before it reaches such a level of planetary maturity, and that is worrisome.

While I have been discussing all of these distasteful things with my readers, let me emphasize again, as I did earlier in this series, that in my view, all of this nuclear weapons technology is downright evil, wicked and Satanic. It should NEVER have been invented in the first place! As I mention in "Science and Technology: The Forbidden Knowledge?", I hold the view that science and technology is a two-edged sword. Some of it can indeed be used for very good and beneficial purposes for humanity; not only in medical fields and other disciplines, but in our daily lives as well. In fact, the Bill's Bible Basics online ministry is clear proof of this very thing. As I explain in the article "The Internet: Our Final Frontier; Your Last Chance?", I have personally been using computer technology since 1993 to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ online.

But then we have the darker end of the spectrum, and all of the wicked stuff which humanity has devised to destroy and kill each other, such as nuclear weapons and other forms of WMD -- Weapons of Mass Destruction -- ICBMs, killer drones, jets, tanks, submarines, machine guns, laser weapons, etc. Such inventions originate in the deepest, darkest regions of man's heart. As we learned earlier, they are inspired by the Devil himself who is a thief, liar, deceiver, murderer and destroyer.

What is truly mind-boggling to me, is the fact that even after physically witnessing and seeing the destruction and extreme suffering they have perpetrated against their very own species, some of these wicked warmongers NEVER repent of their ungodly deeds. They continue to justify them, and will even commit more atrocities against their fellow man. We have already discussed World War 2 and the atomic bombs which were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Let us return to that subject for a moment. My dear friends, it truly saddens me to know that to this very day, certain individuals in the U.S. government and the U.S. military STILL justify those vile actions. They insist that dropping those bombs was absolutely necessary, and that by

so doing, they not only saved many thousands of lives, but they supposedly shortened World War 2 by a year or two.

Furthermore, are you aware of the fact that up until the day that he died at the ripe, old age of ninety-two in 2007, Paul W. Tibbets, Jr. never repented of, or even regretted, what he had done? For those of you who don't know, during WW 2, after slowly climbing the military ranks, in 1944 he was appointed as the commander of the 509th Composite Group. It was this group which a year later would conduct the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A year prior to that, in 1943, he had assisted in the development of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress. This aircraft was a four-engine propeller-driven heavy bomber that was designed for high-altitude strategic bombing.

Well, the Enola Gay -- which dropped the bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 -- was just such a bomber, and it was piloted by Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, Jr. In fact, as I have mentioned to my readers before, the 509th Composite Group and the Enola Gay were stationed at North Field on the island of Tinian in the Mariana Islands archipelago. A day prior to the attack on Hiroshima, Tibbets had formally named his B-29 "Enola Gay" in honor of his own mother. I have to wonder what she thought of that after learning what the aircraft had been used for. So as I said, on August 6, 1945, Tibbets and his crew dropped "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later on August 9, 1945, "Fat Man" was also dropped on Nagasaki by another aircraft which had been dubbed "Bockscar" or "Bock's Car". It was named after Captain Frederick C. Bock, who participated in the Nagasaki attack.

On a personal note, let me also add that the Mariana Islands are where I have lived for the past forty years. Furthermore, let me also inform you that at the height of World War 2, our island of Guam was occupied by Japanese forces for not quite three years. It was a horrific time for the native people of Guam, who are known as the Chamorros. This dark period was marked by imprisonment, loss of property, and in many cases, mass executions, often by beheading. Ironically, since that time eighty years ago, Japanese tourism has become one of the main revenue streams for our island, although it's been in serious decline ever since the COVID-19 pandemic.

As I likewise mention in my article called "Why I Hate War: And Exposé on Human Violence", we see something very similar happening with the Southeast Asian country of Vietnam. In other words, even though over 58,000 American soldiers died

in Vietnam during the Vietnam War -- which I also opposed -- today, the United States and that country -- which is still run by a Communist government -- are trading partners. All hail to the mighty American dollar! The profit margin above all! Not! The hypocrisy of it all!

Returning to World War 2 and the bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, whenever these tragic historic events are discussed, those people who support them are quick to point out that the Japanese do not have anyone to blame but themselves for what happened to the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, being as it was four years earlier on December 7, 1941 that they attacked America's Pacific Fleet which was stationed at its naval base at Pearl Harbor on Oahu, Hawaii.

This equally tragic wartime event has long been described by most military and government people as having been a surprise attack by the Japanese forces. However, to offer a balanced perspective here, let me mention that for many decades now, rumors have nevertheless persisted which claim that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was aware of the impending attack, but he allowed it to occur anyway, in order to justify America's entry into World War 2 the very next day.

Personally, I honestly don't know, because I was not only not born as yet when those events occurred, but I can only go by the information which is publicly available, which is rather mixed in its opinions. From the military's perspective, what occurred on December 7, 1941 was in large part due to a major intelligence failure, which itself resulted from missed clues, communication breakdowns between Army and Navy intelligence, and an underestimation of Japan's military capabilities. I will leave the conspiracy theory at that.

For my part, despite what either warring party may say to try to defend their particular position, personally, I am still left with some unanswered and rather troubling questions. For example, if the primary goal of the United States government and the U.S. Military was to intimidate the Japanese Empire, and to force them to surrender out of fear of what was going to happen to them if they chose not to surrender, why did they have to purposely drop both of the bombs over population centers? I understand that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were home to large Japanese military installations. However, it seems to me that a demonstration of the destructive power which the United States possessed in a NON-POPULATED region would have sent the very same message.

And second, why did "Fat Man" have to be dropped on Nagasaki three days later? It seems to me that dropping "Little Boy" on Hiroshima alone would have surely driven home the point to the Japanese that it was time for them to surrender. Of course, the official explanation which has been given, and which is still defended today, is that the Japanese Supreme War Council remained deadlocked on the terms of surrender and did NOT accept the Potsdam Declaration's ultimatum for unconditional surrender, despite the destruction three days earlier of Hiroshima. The United States did NOT like this delay by Japan because it wanted to end the war ASAP.

Thus, the Truman administration decided to drop yet another bomb -- and a different type at that -- on Nagasaki to not only break the will of the Japanese government, but to also demonstrate that America had plenty more atomic bombs that it could drop. In fact, I have read that America ALREADY had a third atomic bomb in waiting, just in case "Fat Man" did not convince the Japanese to surrender, and they still needed a little more motivation to do so.

Of course, there are many different opinions both pro and con regarding what happened, why it happened, and according to some people, why it should NOT have happened. According to one particular source, the truth of the matter is said to be that the USA wanted to drop BOTH bombs, because they were two DIFFERENT types of atomic weapons, and the United States wanted to determine what type of effects each of the bombs would have on a population center. Online sources indicate that "Little Boy" was an enriched uranium gun-type fission weapon, while "Fat Man" was a plutonium implosion-type nuclear weapon.

Now, I realize that no matter what I say here, there are still going to be some people -- particularly people who are associated with the military or who are super American patriots -- who will ALWAYS view the official explanations given as being logical, reasonable and justifiable. Such people are totally entrenched in their position, and there is absolutely NOTHING I can say which will ever change how they feel. However, for any of my readers who still remain on the fence regarding this issue, perhaps this next point will help you to finally decide where you stand.

This point concerns not only the horrific effects which the two devilish devices had on the Japanese population centers of Hiroshima and Nagasaki -- both from the immediate atomic blasts themselves, and likewise during the aftermath period -- but precisely on WHO was most affected by them. Allow me to simply share an excerpt with you that is taken from the Wikipedia website. I think you will quickly determine what I am talking about:

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"These targets were chosen because they were large urban areas that also held significant military facilities. On 6 August, a Little Boy was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days later, a Fat Man was dropped on Nagasaki. Over the next two to four months, the effects of the atomic bombings killed 90,000 to 166,000 people in Hiroshima and 60,000 to 80,000 people in Nagasaki; roughly half the deaths occurred on the first day. For months afterward, many people continued to die from the effects of burns, radiation sickness, and other injuries, compounded by illness and malnutrition. Despite Hiroshima's sizable military garrison, estimated at 24,000 troops, some 90% of the dead were civilians."

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Please take note of that very last sentence, my friends. In my view, it is totally indefensible that 90% of the atomic blast casualties in Hiroshima were non-combatant CIVILIANS! They were NOT soldiers! The situation in Nagasaki was even worse! According to my research, well over 95% of the dead were again non-military personnel. They were non-combatant CIVILIANS! Furthermore, in Nagasaki, by the end of 1945, approximately 150 of the dead were actually identified as being soldiers! That is all! Only 150 of them! Well wait a minute! In a war, isn't it supposed to be soldier fighting against soldier? Armed combatant fighting against armed combatant? That was most certainly NOT the case here. In fact, the United States had NOT even made a land invasion, which is supposedly what these two atomic bomb attacks were trying to avoid.

The point, my friends, is that 90% to 95% or more of those hundreds of thousands of Japanese citizens who perished in those two cities were CIVILIANS. They were people just like you and me who were simply trying to live their lives. They faced the same daily struggles as you and me. They had the same dreams as you and me. They had children just like you and me. I would dare say that many of them were probably

quite opposed to that wicked war, just as even today when a country goes to war, there are a lot of citizens who oppose the actions of their government. I would also dare say that most of them had probably never even seen an American, and they probably had no personal quarrel with Americans.

You see, my friends, wars are usually BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, and NOT between the common citizens of two nations. Isn't this true today as well? Be honest with yourself. Do you have a personal quarrel with the people in every country where the American government is currently engaged in war, or fomenting revolution, or fueling civilian uprisings, or whatever it is doing over there? I dare say that you don't.

So you see, my friends, with regard to the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the American government did NOT care one bit. The 240,000+ citizens who died were simply COLLATERAL DAMAGE. They had to die so that America could make its point to the Japanese government and the Japanese military. Those CIVILIANS had to be made an example of the awesome military might of the United States in order that the Japanese government would be forced to surrender. That was the American government's attitude and mentality, and it has not changed. If you think that I am exaggerating, then I urge you to consider the hundreds of thousands of CIVILIAN Iragis who also died as COLLATERAL DAMAGE during America's ridiculous Iraq War not that long ago. Or also consider how many Vietnamese CIVILIANS died as COLLATERAL DAMAGE during the Vietnam War. I talk about this issue in the article called "Why I Hate War: And Exposé on Human Violence".

Let's me honest here, my friends. If a nation were to drop a nuclear bomb on the city of another nation today, such actions would immediately be declared a war crime, and I would think that the entire world would be very quick to condemn that nation and to shun it. Am I wrong? Yet eighty years ago, America got away with it; not once, but TWICE, and ready to do it a THIRD time if it became necessary in order to break Japanese will. How disgusting! How ungodly!

In light of these horrific World War 2 figures I've shared with you, I honestly don't see how anyone can continue to justify what America did to those two cities. Yet sadly, as we have already discussed, some very hard-hearted, callous people continue to do so to this very day. I certainly hope that you are not one of them. As we learned earlier in this

series, the level of depravity of the human heart knows no bounds. Let me share two of those verses with you again:

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only EVIL CONTINUALLY."

Genesis 6:5, KJV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

While we can endlessly point our fingers and incriminate one side or the other in any given war, and try our very best in some convincing but vain way to justify what has been done, the bottom line still remains that all war is wicked, evil, diabolical and totally satanic. As we learned in part one of this series, the Apostle James made it clear that every war is basically rooted in human lust and greed. Maybe a leader wants to extend his sphere of influence by dominating some other nation. Or perhaps he wants to illegally grab some of their territory. Or maybe that leader's primary interest is in stealing some of their natural resources. It is all pure and selfish greed, and if you look deep enough, you'll find one or more of these motivations in every war that has ever been fought. As we learned earlier, the Apostle James wrote:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, EVEN OF YOUR LUSTS that war in your members? YE LUST, and have not: YE KILL, AND DESIRE TO HAVE, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because YE ASK AMISS, THAT YE MAY CONSUME IT UPON YOUR LUSTS."

James 4:1-3, KJV

Please go to part four for the conclusion of this series.

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If You Play With Fire: Did Trump Light a Match? - Part 4

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Understanding The Vile Wicked Nature Of War Despite Worldly Attempts To Try To Justify It, You Are A Child Of God First And Foremost, Never Think Like A Child Of The World Or View Anything Through The World's Eyes, View Everything Through The Lens Of The Scriptures, Strive To Live In Peace With All Men, The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth, Why I Always Point You To The Scriptures, New Poem And Song: "Gone In Seconds!", More Related Poems, Closing Remarks, Suggesting Reading List

Continuing our discussion from part three, in this series we have covered a considerable amount of territory. It is my hope that it has opened your eyes, mind and heart to things which you may not have known or considered before. Most of all, I hope that this series has helped you to clearly see and understand exactly how vile and wicked war truly is, no matter how justifiable worldly governments and militaries may try to present it, in order to convince you to support their devilish endeavors.

Please always remember that first and foremost, you are a child of God. You are NOT a child of the world. As such, you should NEVER think like a child of the world, or even view anything through the eyes of the world. You should only view things through the lens of the Scriptures in order to have the right perspective. That is to say, the Lord's righteous perspective. As we have clearly seen God's perspective, and God's mandate, and what both Jesus and the Apostles taught, is that we should always strive to live peaceably with all men, as much as lies within us, because the meek shall one day inherit the Earth, after the warmongers have all been destroyed.

It is because we should always view everything through the lens of the Scriptures, that as often as it is possible, I will likewise always point you directly to verses in the Bible to support the things which I both personally believe and teach by way of my Bill's Bible Basics articles. I hope that they are a constant and huge blessing in your life.

Before concluding this series, I'd like to share something

special with you. Yesterday afternoon while working on this same series, I received an inspiration to stop and compose a brand new poem which began popping into my head. Its theme is in fact the same as this series. So that is exactly what I did. Since then, I have also converted it into a new song as well. Please be advised that this poem is intentionally very dark in nature. It had to be, in order to truly convey the horrific nature of human warfare, and in particular, the vile nature of nuclear warfare, which I referred to earlier in this series as the sword of nuclear fire.

GONE IN SECONDS!

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Oh friend, you've just got to love MAD, I'm not talkin' 'bout the old magazine, I mean "Mutually Assured Destruction", Where there is no one left to be seen.

Oh yeah, everyone gone in mere seconds, As a bright cloud rises in the skies, All those pols kept talkin' 'bout peace, But it was all just their deceptive lies.

They all had smiles etched on their faces, As they kept speaking to the other side, But in their hearts they prepared for war, Yeah, those jerks just deceived and lied.

Sure, "Peace, peace!" they kept on saying, There's no need for us to have any fears, Yet everything is now so amazingly bright, And then that great heat wave hits my ears.

I didn't even have seconds to really think, Nor was there any time to register the pain, As strange gray flakes fall from the skies, I've become a part of the radioactive rain.

Billions of other folks are all just like me, One minute we were here and then we were not, While the elites hide down in their bunkers, I truly hope that in Hell they will all rot. None of those who died ever asked for this, We simply wanted to live our lives in peace, But constant greed and hunger for more power, Meant that humanity's wars would never cease.

Then finally the fools pushed the darn button, Everyone everywhere must've seen a huge flash, Now we gently and slowly settle to the ground, We are just a nondescriptive part of the ash.

If you would like to listen to the two song versions of this same poem, please proceed to the following URL in any web browser of your choice:

https://www.billkochman.com/Poetry/gone-in-seconds.html

If you would like to read additional related poems about war and peace, you may also proceed to the following URL as well:

https://www.billkochman.com/Poetry/index.html#Peace-vs-War

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were either mentioned in this article, or which contain topics which are related to this article. All of these articles are likewise located on the Bill's Bible Basics web server. To read these articles, simply click or tap on any link you see below.

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