

WHY BROADCAST TO THE ENEMY? - PART 1

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Let me begin this current series by clearly stating that as a lifelong God-fearing, Bible-believing Christian who's always strived to live by the peaceful precepts which were taught by Jesus Christ and the Apostles, I absolutely abhor all manner of violence, killing and war. This is a position which I have firmly embraced, taught and promoted for many decades now. Furthermore, my personal stance regarding this

subject is fully supported by the Scriptures, as is clearly demonstrated by Bible verses such as the following ones:

"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

"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

"My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war."

Psalms 120:6-7, 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

"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

So as you can plainly see, it is Satan the foul murderer and destroyer himself who inspires man to war against his neighbor for the most vile, selfish and lustful reasons. Perhaps it is a lust for more power, or to gain new territory, or perhaps to acquire new natural resources. Whatever the reasons, the bottom line is that it is usually based on some selfish lust, despite what a nation's government and propaganda machine may try to tell you. As we have seen in our own nation, corrupt governments will gaslight and pressure the civilian populace until they are finally willing to accept another war. They'll spin all kinds of devilish lies, and use fear and paranoia, or even accuse you of not being very patriotic if you do not support their latest war. I know that some of my readers know exactly what I am talking about, and who I am talking about.

But concerning us Christians, exactly what should be our own attitude towards violence and war? While I am sure that the answer is rather obvious to many of my readers, nevertheless, allow me to share some of my favorite Bible verses with you, which demonstrate what should be the Scriptural foundation for our beliefs and attitude towards war. I hope you enjoy reading them. Most of all, I hope that you live them in your own personal life as well:

"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

"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."

2 Corinthians 13:11, KJV

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

Psalms 20:7, KJV

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus [meaning the Apostle Peter] 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. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

Matthew 26:51-53, 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 MENS LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM. And they went to another village."

Luke 9:51-56, KJV

"When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."

Luke 22:49-51, 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

"(For THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL, but mighty

through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"
2 Corinthians 10:4, KJV

"No man that warreth [meaning spiritual warfare] entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."
2 Timothy 2:4, KJV

Sadly, the world at large does not live by this Scriptural standard. Thus, as we all know, humanity has endured war after war for millennia now in which countless millions -- and quite possibly billions -- of people have either died, been seriously maimed, or suffered other rather negative consequences in their lives. The truth of the matter is that no one really knows the actual number of war casualties due to incomplete historical records, as well as due to a number of other reasons.

But the fact remains that war and conflict in all of its forms is a horrible, ugly, tragic, wasteful thing. It is a shameful blight on the human race which destroys rather than a positive force which creates and builds. There is nothing good about war, unless, of course, you are an individual who happens to be profiting from it as some corrupt governments and military-industrial complexes do today. Need I mention any names or nations?

So as I already said, since the beginning of time, due to its violent, wicked, selfish, fallen nature, humanity has continuously waged war, and man fights against his fellow man for a variety of supposedly justifiable -- yet actually indefensible -- reasons. The Holy Bible informs us of the following concerning the violent, wicked heart of man:

"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."

Mark 7:20-23, KJV

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

James 4:1, KJV

Having now laid a firm Scriptural foundation regarding this issue, let us now turn to the main topic of discussion. What actually motivated me to write this current series was a piece I read in the July 30, 2026 edition of The Washington Times which bore the attention-grabbing headline of "House Seeks Report on Pentagon Arms Shortages". Written by regular contributor Bill Gertz, the article discusses how the U.S. military is running low on munitions -- both missiles and anti-missile interceptors -- due in part to the ongoing Iran War which has seriously depleted American weapon stockpiles.

For example, in the latest edition of "Threat Status", which is an email newsletter I receive from The Washington Times, in the section entitled "Tomahawk Use in Iran Breaks Record" it reveals the following alarming information:

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"The U.S. has fired more than 2,300 Tomahawks in combat since 1991, but roughly 1,000 of those were launched against critical Iranian targets in the early stages of the latest conflict with Iran. It marks the most Tomahawk cruise missiles fired in any military operation since the debut of the weapon.

'From an inventory perspective, of course it's been very significant. On the other hand, I would say munitions exist to be used,' said Mark Cancian, a retired Marine Corps colonel and senior adviser with the CSIS Defense and Security Department. 'The fact that they are being used is not in itself a problem. The problem is that the inventory

is now low enough that the Joint Staff and the chairman [of the Joint Chiefs] are very worried about what that might mean for a conflict with China and deterrence against China,' Mr. Cancian told The Washington Times.

The number used in different operations has steadily increased over the years, as the U.S. military went from using just 200 of the missiles in Operation Desert Storm to more than 800 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now, service officials are looking for defense contractors to manufacture thousands of ground-launched rockets per year over the next decade amid reports of dwindling stockpiles of critical munitions."

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As a result of this dangerous situation, the U.S. Congress has added a section to the pending fiscal 2027 defense policy bill -- aka the National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA -- which requires the Pentagon to submit a report to Congress every three months in which it declares the current status of U.S. munitions supplies. The concern is that the United States may not be able to sustain a viable deterrent against China in the Indo-Pacific theater if the current munitions shortage situation persists.

My friends, as I read The Washington Times report, I really had to shake my head in bewilderment. "Why so?" you may ask. Well, because reports such as the aforementioned one -- The Washington Times is obviously not the first news outlet to reveal this kind of sensitive information -- make absolutely no sense to me whatsoever. In fact, I would dare say that such news reports, no matter how well-meaning they may be, border on total absurdity and absolute stupidity. Why reveal a weak hand to the world?

Let me ask you a simple question. Why in the world would any American news agency -- mainstream or otherwise -- want to so publicly broadcast the US military's vulnerabilities to America's known enemies such as Russia, China, North Korea and Iran? Furthermore, why in the world would the American government itself and the US military even allow these news agencies to do this? Even more confounding to me personally is the fact that Congress itself, and certain US military figures, have been openly discussing this important issue for literally months now. This is NOT the first news report I have read regarding this sensitive issue.

Again, that they would do this just does not make any sense to me whatsoever. Logic dictates to me that if anything, a national government or military body would actually want to keep their perceived enemies guessing concerning the actual status of their defensive and offensive capabilities. Why? Because doing so would act as a very effective deterrent. In other words, if an enemy is not sure how hard you would be able to hit back and retaliate, they might not be quite as inclined to strike you in the first place. Right? Would you want to club your enemy if you suspected that he might have an even bigger club than you?

So the last thing that any smart government or military body would want to do is to reveal a weak hand to their enemies. That would be as crazy as a serious poker player revealing his hand to all of the other players. It is just not going to happen. The player will guard his hand the very best that he can. Right? Well, unless he intentionally wants to lose. Yet that is precisely what the US military, the US Congress, and certain major news organizations have now done by so openly broadcasting the fact that America is on the verge of running out of certain weapons. But to what end do they do this? Is it possibly just a sly ruse to try to throw America's enemies off-track? I honestly don't think so. The dwindling supply of munitions seems real enough going by everything I have read regarding this issue.

Now, concerning the mainstream media, obviously, some of my readers will probably be quick to respond that free speech and freedom of the press need to be respected, and that they are in fact inalienable rights which are guaranteed to all American citizens by the U.S. Constitution. However, at the same time, it is my personal opinion that there needs to be some kind of agreed upon rules which prohibit the discussion of certain sensitive topics in an open forum. In other words, I believe that free speech and freedom of the press need to be used in a responsible manner, and that U.S. news agencies should NOT just be able to blurt out whatever will increase their viewership and/or expand their profit margin. Right?

Having said that, I personally and firmly believe that the current, as well as the near-future levels of the military's weapons stockpiles should certainly be one such topic which remains off-limits to such discussions in the public square. President Donald Trump obviously agrees, because he has been rather furious regarding these rather sensitive leaks, if we

can even refer to them as leaks. Not only did Trump publicly deny any critical shortages and label the reports as being false, but he went further and condemned the disclosures as being treasonous. In addition, President Trump called for an investigation to hunt down the sources of the leaks. While I may not agree with some of Mr. Trump's policies, or even his general character, I do have to agree with him regarding this particular issue. A little over two weeks ago, on August 6, 2026, the president posted the following comment on his Truth Social network:

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"The U.S. has massive amounts of "munitions," especially of certain types. Additionally, large amounts are being manufactured and shipped to the U.S. as needed. Defense companies are building the largest number of plants and factories in our country's history. The "leakers" of these treasonous statements are being hunted down. Long term jail sentences will be sought! President DJT"

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My friends, I think that we need to very carefully consider this issue. After all, it does not take a defense expert to realize that in so many words, these types of rather public disclosures which are being made in news reports, as well as by other announcements which have been made by some members of the U.S. Congress, and even by certain American military figures, are telling America's enemies one of two things:

1. "Hey! Look! We Americans are running low on both offensive and defensive weapons. So, if we are attacking you right now, just hang on a little longer, because we will soon be forced to end our missile barrage."
2. "If you are planning on attacking us, or one of our many allies, now would be an excellent time to do it, because we are gradually running low on munitions due to our current ongoing conflict with Iran, and because we are also helping our other friends such as Ukraine, Taiwan, South Korea, etc."

Now obviously, this is sending the wrong message to America's enemies, and one statement is really just as stupid, foolish and irresponsible as the other. In fact, I find it very hard to believe that any U.S. news agency -- much less a member of the U.S. Congress, or some official in the U.S. military --

would be careless enough, and foolish enough to do this. Yet here we are again, and as I mentioned earlier, not for the first time. What is wrong with these people? I don't imagine that any of them would be very good at playing a serious game of poker. Please excuse my sarcasm.

Now, imagine, for example, that you are Xi Jinping, who is the current leader of Communist China. Everyone knows that Jinping has well-publicized intentions of taking over Taiwan, possibly as soon as next year, 2027. Being as I live on the island of Guam, which is a part of the Second Island Chain, and thus a direct target of both China and North Korea, I do keep abreast of this particular issue. Do you think that the news coming out of the United States right now concerning a serious munitions shortage is going to deter Xi Jinping from making his grab for Taiwan? Or will it do the exact opposite and encourage, motivate and embolden Jinping to try to take Taiwan even sooner while the USA is not fully able to come to Taiwan's defense?

I obviously can't provide a clear answer to this question, but it does not require much thought to conclude what may be on Xi Jinping's mind right now. To add injury to insult, as I believe I have also mentioned before, to my dismay, certain figures within the U.S. military establishment have already voiced their opinion that China's PLAN -- People's Liberation Army and Navy -- ALREADY supersedes the U.S. military machine in both size, might and capability, despite the chest-beating that sometimes occurs in the American mainstream media. Stated another way, these military leaders ALREADY acknowledge that the USA is no match for China when it comes to warfare on the open seas. Think about that for a moment, my friends! They've openly stated this and made a public confession of military weakness!

So the fact remains that in the Indo-Pacific region where I live, the USA is now playing a game of military catch-up with Communist China, and from everything I've read, it will still take literally years to fully prepare Guam for any potential onslaught from China, should it occur. But the real questions are the following. Is it now already too late? Will Jinping be able to take over Taiwan without the United States being able to do anything about it? And will Japan, South Korea and the Philippines simply whimper out, and ultimately refuse to come to Taiwan's defense? These are all important questions which beg for answers, and soon, because time appears to be running out for the people of Taiwan, and they undoubtedly

know it.

Or consider Russian President Vladimir Putin and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine War, which has taken a rather serious toll on both countries in the form of lives lost, the destruction of infrastructure, the amount of weapons expended, the negative effect on their national economies, etc. There is no doubt that Vladimir Putin is in dire straits, as is evident by the fact that he has required the assistance of troops from North Korea. Again, if you have been following the news, then you will know that Russia and North Korea have been cozying up to each other in recent months. How long it will last remains to be seen. It all depends on how long North Korea continues to be an advantage to Russia, and vice versa.

While President Putin has not declared a new, mass, mandatory mobilization for the war in Ukraine as he did in September of 2022 when he ordered a partial mobilization of about 300,000 reservists with prior military experience, this time around, Putin is relying on a continuous system of regular, expanded annual conscription and high-paid contract volunteers. Stated more clearly, the Kremlin has drastically tightened Russia's draft laws and lengthened conscription procedures so that all young men of age 18 to 30 are required to fulfill a mandatory 12-month period of military service. Not only is conscription now a continuous, year-round process, but it is also backed by digital enlistment notices to catch any potential draft dodgers.

Concerning war casualties, according to independent reports from various organizations such as the Center for Strategic & International Studies, Russia has suffered significantly more total losses than Ukraine. In fact, the CSIS estimates that Russian casualties now total about 1.3 to 1.4 million souls, of which 400,000 to 500,000 are confirmed fatalities. Such an extremely high casualty rate stems from Moscow's known heavy reliance on high-casualty frontal assaults against Ukrainian forces in order to achieve what have been publicly described as marginal territorial gains at best. In other words, for Vladimir Putin, it appears that his soldiers are expendable cannon fodder and not much more.

Regarding Ukraine, while it is believed that the country has suffered significantly fewer war casualties than Russia -- I will share more on this in a moment -- the manpower situation in Ukraine is a lot more acute than in Russia due to the fact that Ukraine's active fighting force is believed to be about

32% smaller than Russia's active fighting force. Just the mere fact that Vladimir Putin possesses a significantly larger pool of available manpower which he can throw at the current war, obviously puts Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Ukraine at an immediate disadvantage.

More specifically, it is currently believed that the active military personnel count in Russia stands at approximately 1.32 million soldiers. In contrast, Ukraine's active military personnel count hovers around 900,000 fighting men. So stated another way, Russia's army deploys about 1.46 active soldiers for every 1.0 active soldier who is deployed in Ukraine.

But as we have already discussed, due to Russia's willingness to throw a lot of soldiers into frontal assaults which result in only small gains, and the fact that Ukraine has mastered the strategic use of drones in the ongoing war, Russia has taken quite a beating insofar as war casualties are concerned. I should also point out that it is common knowledge amongst those people who engage in such statistical studies, that the actual number of war casualties thus far sustained by Ukraine is a closely-guarded national secret. However, there are some Western intelligence sources and other independent estimates which believe that Ukrainian losses hover around 425,000 to 500,000 total casualties. This includes both people killed and wounded.

But again, the problem for Ukraine is that Putin's Russia has a much larger pool of men to draw from, should it ever become necessary for Putin to do so. However, Vladimir Putin is being rather cautious regarding this issue, because the last thing that he wants to do is cause a political backlash at home, and much less, strong protest amongst the Russian citizenry which would divide the nation, as we have already seen occurring in the United States with regard to the war in Iran. It is a well-known fact that whenever a war goes poorly for a nation, or goes on for way too long, both the national leader and the party in power suffer as a result of it, particularly at the polls.

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Continuing our discussion from part one, as I just explained to you, it is a well-known fact that whenever a war goes very poorly for a country, or goes on for far too long, both the national leader as well as the party that is in power suffer as a result of it. This fact is particularly true when it

comes to national elections where not only the leadership of the top individual in power comes into serious question, but likewise the leadership of all of those people who may be in power below him as well, who have both closely followed and supported that leader's political agenda.

This is in fact why President Trump has been trying so hard to find a way out of the Iran War. It appears that bombing Iran to smithereens has not worked, and the leaders of Iran have refused to yield. The IRGC in fact remains as defiant as ever, despite what may possibly be going on just beneath the surface. So now President Trump has decided to resort more to the well-known tactic of using the economic hammer as a way to pound the Iranians into submission. But could it also be because the United States is running out of weapons? However, has economic pressure alone really even worked with Russia? You all know the answer. Economically bruised or not, Russia continues waging war against Ukraine, and has found ways to mitigate the economic fallout, or at least so it appears.

While Putin has clung to power despite the difficulties of the current war, in the United States, the story is rather different. It is no secret that the Iran War has become a major ticking time bomb for the President, and particularly for the Republican Party as the November mid-term elections quickly approach. With each passing week and month that the war continues, the level of danger rises, and there will be repercussions at the polls, unless the war comes to a quick end. In fact, it may already be too late, and it is possible that the political damage has already been done, despite the Republicans still trying to put on a brave face. Of course, then again, it seems that many Americans have rather short memory spans, so who knows what the mid-terms outcome will be.

However, there is a very huge difference between what can be done to an unpopular leader in the United States, and what can be done to him in the Russian Federation. While American presidents come and go every four to eight years due to the mandates of the U.S. Constitution, as I point out in other Bill's Bible Basics articles, if there's one very clear fact regarding Vladimir Putin, it is that he is rather resilient. In fact, through outright unscrupulous, questionable and no doubt brutal means, he's maintained a position of power and absolute authority within Russia for literally decades now.

For those of my readers who may be too young to know, there

was actually a time when the Russian president was not quite as powerful as Putin is at this current time. During the era of the Soviet Union, the supreme policy-making body of the Communist Party -- known as the Politburo -- did possess the power to remove a leader from office if there was sufficient reason to do so. How often that may have actually occurred I really don't know, because I simply haven't taken the time to look more deeply into this matter. However, with the fall and dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, the Politburo no longer exists.

The end result is that in modern Russia today, there simply does not exist any institutional body which possesses the power to vote a sitting Russian president out of office. As I have done before, let me just mention here that while I have used the word "president" in conjunction with Vladimir Putin, I do not do so out of any degree of respect for the man. It's been my personal view for years now, that there exist quite a few national leaders in the world today who, due to this very sickening modern era of political correctness, the mainstream media prefers to refer to as "president". However, they are NOT duly-elected presidents in the truest sense of the word. They are in fact thugs, authoritarian or autocratic leaders -- another politically correct term -- and outright dictators. But we don't wish to offend anyone by using such words, do we? Again, excuse my sarcasm.

So while a lot of news agencies and national leaders like to refer to Vladimir Putin as "president", the fact remains that he is in absolute control of Russia's state apparatus. Vlad Putin's grip includes maintaining tight control over Russia's security agencies and associated bodies including the Federal Security Service, the Foreign Intelligence Service, the Main Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, the Federal Protective Service, the National Guard of Russia, and finally, the Main Directorate of Special Programs of the President.

These various agencies, institutions and military bodies are led by powerful political figures who are known in Russian as "siloviki". Loosely translated, this word means "men of force" or "strongmen". Similar to Vladimir Putin himself who is also a former KGB agent, these men transitioned from the Russian military, from Russian state security agencies, and also from Russian law enforcement. As a result, they are professionally trained in the areas of coercion, defense, and public order, and they now occupy the top positions in the Russian civilian

government. In short, they form the very core of Putin's inner circle and serve as his closest advisors, while they also hold positions as governors, ministers, and as the heads of Russia's state-owned corporations, including in the energy, defense, and finance sectors.

Following the literal breakup of the Soviet Union decades ago, the influence of these so-called Russian "strongmen" expanded dramatically when Vladimir Putin rose to power during the late 1990s. Thus, while they may have their differences of opinion from time to time, they are all in bed together, and they are a very close-knit group who actually depend on each other for their very survival. That being the case, the idea of trying to remove Putin from power for any reason whatsoever remains off the table, because any attempt to do so would more than likely lead to a power struggle which would threaten their own personal safety, and possibly destroy their personal wealth in the process.

And so, because they each occupy such powerful positions in Russia's government and institutions, and thus have a vested interest -- or personal stake -- in keeping Vladimir Putin in power, the idea of anyone attempting to make an institutional or legal move to remove Putin from power is pretty much an impossible feat from the start. Thus, while Article 93 of the Russian Constitution does allow for presidential impeachment, it requires a complex process involving multiple high courts and supermajorities in the Russian Parliament which, as we've seen, are all dominated by Putin loyalists, which makes any impeachment attempt basically an exercise in futility.

Before moving on, let me make another important and rather interesting point. Please understand that Russian Siloviki -- or "strongmen" -- and Russian oligarchs are not the same exact thing. They in fact represent two different groups of very powerful people in Russia who will often work together, or who fight for power. However, their roles and origins are not identical, as I will now briefly explain to you. We have already discussed the Siloviki. As we have seen, their main goal is to acquire state power, national control, and to achieve political dominance.

In contrast, the word "oligarch" finds its origin in two Greek roots: "oligoi" -- meaning "few" -- and "arkhein" -- meaning "to rule". Thus, put together, they refer to rulers of a small group. The Greek philosopher and scientist Aristotle used the word to describe a government run by a small group. In modern

Russia, oligarchs are ultra-wealthy businessmen who during the 1990s made massive fortunes by buying various privatized state industries. So while the Siloviki are primarily interested in acquiring political power and control, the Oligarchs' primary interest lies in wanting to make money, in protecting their private assets, and in increasing their personal wealth.

While the Oligarchs can influence politics, they can only do so if the Kremlin allows them to. So to reiterate, the main difference between the two groups is that the Siloviki derive power from the state and from guns, whereas the Oligarchs get their power through money and business. Lastly, it's likewise important to point out that the Oligarchs are required to obey the political leaders. If an Oligarch should fight the state, the Siloviki will often arrest them, or just take their wealth from them. In short, Putin's Russia maintains rather strict control over the Oligarchs, and the Oligarchs are required to serve the goals of the state.

In short, my friends, because the Siloviki have such a strong stranglehold on Russian politics, Vladimir Putin is basically a dictator for life. Realistically-speaking, it appears that the ONLY possible way to remove Putin from power, would be if the current ugly war in Ukraine turns so badly against Russia -- is Russia there already? -- that it would result in the Russian military -- probably with some degree of insider help -- engaging in a decisive coup d'état against Putin. But even that may not necessarily be successful. Allow me to briefly explain to you why I say this.

Some of my readers may recall that a number of years ago -- back in June 2023 -- mercenary leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, who was not an actual Russian general, and who headed the Wagner Group, engaged in a very brief armed mutiny. After seizing control of Russia's Southern Military District headquarters in Rostov-on-Don, Prigozhin's Wagner Group fighters advanced northward towards Moscow in a so-called "march of justice", which was directed at Russia's military leadership. However, the revolt was halted when Prigozhin made a deal with Putin. As a part of the deal which had been brokered by Belarusian leader, Alexander Lukashenko, all criminal mutiny charges against Prigozhin were dropped, and several thousand of his Wagner Group mercenaries were relocated to field camps and training bases which had been set up for them in Belarus.

However, by then, it was already too late for Mr. Prigozhin, because he had made a rather foolish and fatal mistake when

he chose to challenge Vladimir Putin, and to criticize and oppose Russia's established military structure. And so, on August 23, 2023, precisely two months after the mutiny had occurred, Mr. Prigozhin died when his private jet crashed in Russia's Tver region under rather suspicious circumstances. All passengers on board the jet were killed, including top Wagner Group commanders. No surprise there, right?

Regarding Prigozhin's Wagner Group fighters, following his death, the operational independence of the Wagner Group was effectively ended, and many fighters left Belarus in order to return to Russia. But other fighters became involved in Russia's operations in Africa, where they were systematically brought under the direct control of the Russian Ministry of Defense, and thus subsequently absorbed into regular state forces.

Quite frankly, Prigozhin should have known that he would not be left off the hook so easily. Maybe he did know. Perhaps he realized that the day of Vladimir Putin's retribution was in fact fast approaching. As I have stated for many years now, given his background with the KGB, Putin is one sly, ruthless and brutal man. He is very unforgiving, and he remembers all of the people who have wronged him or challenged him in some way. Thus, he will eventually mete out payback in one form or another. His revenge may revolve around poison, assassinations and shootings, suspicious falls, atypical accidents or similar questionable incidents. Is it any wonder that even his inner circle apparently fears him, and won't dare to make a single move against him, even though he has led them in a four-year war which seems to have no end in sight?

So, with those last remarks, I have now given you a clear idea of what the situation is really like in Russia under Vladimir Putin. But what about removing an unpopular or unfit leader in the United States? Well, aside from the power of the vote, in America, in very extreme cases, we have Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution which grants Congress the power to remove a sitting President from office -- even against his will -- if he's deemed to be unfit to continue serving in that capacity. In short, if a President is unable to discharge his powers and duties, Congress can take action against him. But please note that this is viewed as an extreme action, and it is thus usually intended to be used when a President suffers from severe physical or mental incapacity.

However, please understand that removing a sitting President

by way of Section 4 is not quite as easy as it may sound. The first step is the declaration, whereby the Vice President and a majority of the principal officers of the Cabinet send a written declaration to the Speaker of the House, and to the President pro tempore of the Senate, in which they state that the President is unfit to continue serving the nation. At this point, the Vice President immediately takes over power as the Acting President of the country.

However, the President himself is not without recourse. He can in fact send a counter-declaration in which he states that no such inability to serve exists. Normally, this will allow him to resume power. However, it does not end there. Thus, if the Vice President and a majority of the Cabinet disagree with the President's claim, then they have four days in which to send a second written declaration in which they reaffirm their view that the President cannot properly discharge his duties. Now if this occurs, then the U.S. Congress must assemble within a period of forty-eight hours in order to further discuss the issue. This discussion period can last up to twenty-one days, during which time they must take a vote. Now if a two-thirds majority in both the House and the Senate determines that the President is truly unable to serve, then the Vice President remains as the Acting President. Otherwise, the President has the right to resume office.

So as you can plainly see, just as occurs in Russia, removing a sitting American President is not such an easy process. As you may recall, this kind of talk regarding using Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to remove a President from office has been mentioned a number of times during both the Biden and Trump administrations. However, you should also know that the simple truth of the matter is that since George Washington became the very first President of the United States, Section 4 has never been invoked, not even a single time, and no sitting President has ever been removed from office by it. So what does that tell you? Such talk makes for good news coverage, but that is about all it does.

Returning to our main topic of discussion, from everything I have shared with you thus far, if there is one thing we can learn about extended warfare, it is the fact that the longer a war is fought, the more two major problems begin to rise to the fore: a shortage of manpower to continue fighting a war, and a shortage of offensive and defensive ammunition as well. We have now seen this occur with both the Iran War, and with the Russia-Ukraine War. This is why it is so foolish, in my

view, for certain American leaders and news organizations to be plainly broadcasting America's depleting war resources to the world, and specifically to China, to Russia, to Iran, and to others who I will mention momentarily.

But the main point I wish to make regarding the war between Russia and Ukraine is the following. If right now you were Vladimir Putin, and you were aware of the American munitions shortage, what would your natural reaction be? Would you be very concerned with the United States continuing to provide Ukraine with weapons of war on a large scale? Probably not. To the contrary, you would probably be thinking, "Well, if the United States is starting to run out of weapons, then it can't very well continue to supply them to any of its allies. So all I have to do is hang on a while longer, keep sending my soldiers to the Ukrainian meat grinder, and wait for the American supply of weapons to Ukraine to stop."

While Ukraine has mastered the production and deployment of attack drones which have wreaked havoc on a number of Russian military and industrial sites, Volodymyr Zelenskyy has made it rather clear on multiple occasions that his country still requires outside help in order to drive back and fully defeat Russia. While American intelligence is a help, it is simply not enough. Furthermore, as is their usual stance, European leaders have been very slow to come to Ukraine's assistance, because they fear Russian reprisal on their own soil. Thus, they talk and talk and give lip service, but as far as real military aid, it is my understanding that it has been very minimal. The last I recall reading sometime ago, there are a few NATO countries that have sent a small number of tanks to Ukraine. Even more recently, Poland likewise boasted that it could defeat Russia if the current situation were to further deteriorate. More than that, I am not sure at this current time.

Let us next discuss the IRGC -- or the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps -- of Iran whose primary function since 1979 has always been to protect the very radical clerical leadership -- that is to say, the ayatollahs and mullahs -- of Iran. Of course, with much of Iran's political, military and clerical leadership wiped out due to quite heavy, persistent American and Israeli air strikes, it is believed that the IRGC now controls the direction of the current war. However, there appear to be some divisions amongst the current leadership within Iran as well. Yet despite this fact, and considering what may very well be going through Xi Jinping's mind right

now, and through Vladimir Putin's mind right now, does it not seem likely that the IRGC may be entertaining similar ideas as well?

In other words, the Iranians may be thinking to themselves, "Well, those Americans will probably soon be running out of both offensive and defensive weapons. So all we have to do is hunker down and endure a little bit longer, and we will come out victorious in the end. We will still be in control of our country. We will still have our stockpile of enriched uranium. And we will still control the flow of oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz." Regarding the latter point, I honestly do not know who to believe. The Iranians claim that they control the Strait of Hormuz, while US President Donald Trump insists that the United States controls the strait. I am reminded of two verses which are found in the Bible. I am NOT saying that these two verses apply to the situation in Iran. However, the main thoughts behind the verses are very similar:

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and THEY SHALL SPEAK LIES AT ONE TABLE; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed."

Daniel 11:27, KJV

"And when ye shall hear of wars and RUMOURS OF WARS, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet"

Mark 13:7, KJV

Of course, knowing President Trump, I suspect that in the long run, the United States and the Trump administration will probably declare a fake, half-baked victory, even though its primary objectives have not really been achieved, despite the billions of dollars which have been spent on the war. However, it is likely that many Americans will accept the government's version of the story, because they want the Iran war to end, and they really want gasoline prices to come down as soon as possible. On top of that, the midterms are approaching, and the current Iran war is undoubtedly weighing quite heavily on President Trump and on the Republican Party. The war will -- and may already -- cost them important votes in the upcoming November elections, which may result in them losing control of both the House and the Senate. Time will tell.

And so, it seems likely that the United States will exit yet another costly war -- both in lives lost and money -- without

really having achieved President Trump's often stated goal of making absolutely sure that the Islamic nation of Iran never acquires nuclear weapons. Yes, while it is indeed true that Iran has been seriously weakened due to American and Israeli bombardments since earlier this year, nevertheless, as of now, it still possesses its enriched uranium, and it can eventually rebuild its nuclear facilities. As I recently mentioned to one of my friends, the nation of Iran -- formerly known as Persia -- has existed for literally thousands of years, in fact since Biblical times. So, it is doubtful that it will be completely snuffed out by American and Israeli military might. It will eventually bounce back.

As if the Iranians are not enough of a headache for the Trump administration, then, of course, we have the Houthis in Yemen who have been attacking ships in the Red Sea for months now. I don't think a lot of Americans fully understand exactly how much of Yemen the Houthis actually control. To set the record straight, please consider the following information which I extracted from a quick Google search. Currently, the Houthis control the following areas:

- * The capital city of Sana'a.
- * Most of Yemen's northern and western provinces.
- * Yemen's entire Red Sea coast.
- * The strategic Red Sea port city of Mocha, a.k.a. Mokha.
- * Islands in the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, including the critical island of Mayyun, a.k.a Perim.

In other words, just as a serious oil choke point exists in the Strait of Hormuz, the Houthis have created a similar oil choke point in the Red Sea. Thus, this is one of the primary reasons why oil prices recently rose above \$100 per barrel again. And so, despite American and Israeli military might, radical Islamists still retain a lot of power over Western society, regardless of what the Western press may try to tell you. Of course, this also includes President Trump trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the American people as well.

My friends, regardless of which side of the political fence you are on, it should not really be necessary for me to tell you that Donald Trump has a well-established propensity for exaggerating the facts, distorting the truth, intentionally

deceiving the American people, and outright lying whenever it may suit his political, financial or personal purposes. We have seen him do this time and time again, have we not? I don't care how much you love or admire Mr. Trump. His track record is rather clear.

This applies to the situation in the Middle East as well, and more specifically, to America's war in Iran, as it relates to the current oil situation. For the record, President Trump has repeatedly and clearly claimed that the United States is entirely independent of Middle Eastern oil, and does not need shipping lanes such as the Strait of Hormuz, due to America's own vast energy production, and its national oil reserves. But is this really the truth, or is Trump just spinning another one of his yarns in order to avoid panic as well as to protect his own political party from a negative outcome?

Well, the general consensus of the experts who should know, is that President Trump's claims are rather misleading. Why so? Quite simply because oil is sold on a worldwide market, and domestic oil and gasoline prices are dictated in large part by that very same market. As a result, when wars occur in the Middle East, and particularly when blockages happen -- such as in the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea -- global oil prices automatically rise, which in turn will directly affect the price of gasoline and other petroleum byproducts. The end result is that U.S. drivers pay more at the gas pump. It is as simple as that. That is precisely why we have seen so many price fluctuations since the USA-Israel-Iran War first began this past February 2026.

Of course, this rise in gasoline prices does not only affect the citizens of the United States. This rise in fact affects everyone around the world without exception. As proof of this, consider the fact that only a few hours after writing these lines, I discovered the following troublesome headline in the latest edition of the New York Times email news bundle:

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Rising Fuel Prices Set Off Anger and Protests Around the World

"From Indonesia to Guatemala to Syria, shortages and price increases are leading to protests and blackouts."

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I wasn't able to read the entire article because I no longer subscribe to the New York Times. I used to subscribe to it so that I could acquire a balanced worldview between liberal news and more conservative news. However, an increase in the outrageous NYT subscription rate some time ago forced me to cancel it. However, it is no big loss, because I already have a good understanding of the NYT's position regarding a lot of issues.

Aside from an abrupt rise in gasoline prices and in a number of other petroleum-based products when trouble brews in the Middle East, as we Guamanians know full well, when the price of oil goes up, it also directly affects our power bills as well. This is obviously because power plants burn oil, and the island of Guam depends entirely on imported oil in order to meet our power consumption needs. Even though our island is located in the tropics not far from the Equator, solar power only provides a rather small fraction of our island's electricity needs. To say the least, due to the high cost of gasoline and our high monthly power bills, many Guamanians find themselves facing a very difficult financial situation. Sometimes it comes down to ignoring paying for one thing, in order to cover another.

As some of my readers may know, it is very expensive to live on Guam, although to be fair, it is not quite as expensive as living in Hawaii where data from some sources such as My Life Elsewhere indicate that living in Honolulu, Hawaii is roughly 23% to 28% more expensive overall than living on Guam. But as I said, living on Guam does not come cheap. Because we are an island in the Western Pacific Ocean, we depend rather heavily on imports for just about everything, from food, to clothing, and to many things in between. But to provide you with a good example of how fluctuating oil prices affect my life here on Guam, please consider my most recent power bills:

May	2026:	\$166.83
Jun.	2026:	\$200.22
Jul.	2026:	\$210.87
Aug.	2026:	\$216.50
Sep.	2026:	\$232.74

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WHY BROADCAST TO THE ENEMY? - PART 3

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Dire Economic Situation On Guam, Guam's Reliance On Middle Eastern Oil, GPA Guam Power Grid And Our High Electric Bills, Public Utilities Commission And Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause, Impossible Situation For Guam Power Users, Typical "Pass the Buck" Game On Guam, My PDN Feedback And Power Poem, Mr. Trump's Oil Deceptions And False Narrative, Why Domestic Gasoline Prices Rise Despite Plenteous US Oil Reserves, Urea And Other Items Negatively Affected By Middle East Blockages Probable Mindset Of The Houthis, A Big Difference Between A Rocket And A Missile, The Military Production Cycle And Why American Politicians And Military Leaders Are So Concerned, A Loser's Game: The Difficulty Of Simultaneously Sustaining Multiple Theaters Of War, Anti-Semitism And The Controversy Surrounding American Support For The Nation-State Of Israel

Continuing our discussion from part two, and my description of the current economic situation which exists here on Guam, if you view the previous power bill list as being outrageous, consider the fact that as I recently told one of my friends, a number of months ago, my power bill was actually hitting as much as \$425 per month when I was using two air cons to keep my small apartment cool. However, eventually, I was no longer able to afford keeping two air cons running. So, not only did I stop using the portable unit, but I sold it about a month ago.

Sadly, we regular folks are never able to win in a financial sense here on Guam. As I briefly mentioned to you at the end of part two, because we are an island that is located out in the middle of the Western Pacific Ocean, we really depend on imports for everything. To make matters worse, we don't have any kind of local industries other than tourism, and as I've

mentioned before, even that has been on a serious decline for over five years now with no clear signs of any recovery in sight. In truth, at this current time, it is primarily the presence of the U.S. military here, as well as handouts from the U.S. federal government which really sustain our economy.

As I have already explained to you, our power bills are based in large part on the price of oil. In Guam's case, about 37% of refined petroleum and fuel products come through Singapore, with the remainder coming from other Asia-linked supply chains including Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Malaysia. However, much of the underlying crude oil which feeds these Asian hubs ultimately traces back to the Middle East, and passes through checkpoints such as the Strait of Hormuz. Behold the problem!

The bottom line is that Guam is at the mercy of these various suppliers. Our local companies and government agencies either accept what the suppliers offer us at the price they offer us, or else we just don't get their products. In the case of the Guam Power Authority, this past April, one barrel of oil cost \$98.00. In a news article posted a few days ago in our local newspaper, the Pacific Daily News, GPA stated that it expects to pay about \$201.69 per barrel for the September shipment of fuel oil for its power generators. The October shipment may be even higher than that, depending on what happens in the Middle East.

Are you starting to see the problem? The Guam Power Authority is already many millions of dollars in debt. The only way that it can relieve some of that debt -- and yet still not be able to fully repay its debts to its suppliers -- is by raising the price of electricity to its customers. Here on Guam, the Public Utilities Commission is our rate-setting authority. Guam Power Authority can make petitions, requests or recommendations, but it is only the PUC which makes the final determination, based on the current price of imported oil and other factors.

Every month on our power bill, there is a line for the LEAC. This stands for "Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause", which is basically a fuel recovery surcharge which GPA charges all of its customers in order to help cover the cost of fuel that is used to generate electricity. By law, GPA is not supposed to earn a profit from the LEAC. The sole purpose of the fuel recovery surcharge is strictly to cover the fluctuating costs of importing oil to run the island's generators. Whether or not this is what really happens, I cannot say. But what I can tell you is the following. On every single power bill I have

ever received, the LEAC has always been substantially higher than the actual amount of power that I'm using. In short, the LEAC forms the bulk of our power bill, and we're charged more for GPA's oil expenses, than we are for the actual amount of electricity that we use each month!

But here is where the real financial crunch comes. Every few months, the Public Utilities Commissions conducts a review in order to determine whether or not the LEAC requires any kind of adjustment. Well, a few days ago, the PUC conducted their latest review. We on Guam pretty much already knew what the results of that PUC meeting would probably be, because the Pacific Daily News had published a number of articles over a period of several days which offered us some rather strong hints. So, following is a PDN article from September 20, 2026 which confirms what we already expected. Our average monthly power bill will be going up another \$88 per month, despite the fact that it was raised \$58 per month only three months ago:

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Average Power Bill Rising \$88 Soon, 3 Months After \$58 Jump

Pacific Daily News

September 20, 2026

An average residential power bill will go up by about \$88 after Oct. 1, just three months after a rate hike that bumped the average bill up by about \$58.

This latest hike will send the average household power bill to over \$400 per month. That means the average residential ratepayer, who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month, will soon pay about 56% more for power than they did at the start of 2026.

The Public Utilities Commission on Thursday night voted to increase to the Guam Power Authority's fuel surcharge, called the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause, LEAC.

GPA earlier this week requested to hold off on any rate hike, even as soaring fuel costs driven by the Iran have pushed fuel expenses beyond revenues from power customers.

But the dramatic cost increase pushed utilities

commissioners to address the rate on their own, with no rate increase request from the power authority.

Starting Oct. 1, the LEAC charge will go from about 19.4 cents per kWh of energy to 28.4 cents.

That means an \$88.56 average residential ratepayer's bill, resulting in their bill going from \$318.67 to \$407.23.

Prior to July, that same average customer paid just \$260.37 per month.

The higher rate starts Oct. 1 and will stay in place through Jan. 31, 2027.

Even with the rate hike, GPA will still be around \$18 million short for its October fuel shipment payment, according to power authority Chief Financial Officer John Kim.

Fuel Costs Rising

If GPA makes no change to rates, the authority will be in the hole, or under-recovered, on fuel costs by \$88 million come by Jan. 31, according to Chief Administrative Law Judge Fred Horecky.

A barrel of fuel oil needed to run GPA's generators is far more costly than it was before the Iran war choked global oil supplies.

GPA in January was projecting a barrel of fuel oil to cost about \$94 through the middle of the year, PUC records show.

Horecky shared Thursday that the average price of a barrel of fuel oil was over \$200 per barrel.

"It's far worse than we would have ever anticipated," Horecky said.

Leaving power rates as they are and allowing GPA to get \$88 million in the hole on fuel costs by next January, would be "unacceptable," Horecky reported.

GPA would be further in the hole on fuel costs than it ever has been and would take years to recover from, according to Horecky.

The power authority's under-recovery is already at a record high, \$48 million in the hole as of the close of August, according to GPA CFO Kim. The past record was \$47 million, when GPA held off rate hikes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It could put GPA and ratepayers in dangerous situation, leaving the authority unable to pay for fuel and requiring load shedding. It could also threaten an even bigger rate hike becoming necessary next year.

"If the conflict with Iran expands or worsens in the upcoming months, there could be further increases in fuel prices which might spiral the under-recovery balance out of control," Horecky reported.

Besides the fuel cost, an issue at the Ukudu power plant that left the plant's steam turbine offline for about two months cost GPA \$28 million on fuel.

Credit Line

While GPA is going after a \$70 million line of credit to help offset fuel costs, there is no guarantee when that credit line will become available, if at all, and how much credit GPA can secure, according to Horecky.

In the meantime, GPA has no available funding to help cover fuel costs, if rates don't go up.

Power authority General Manager John Benavente earlier this week stated that GPA will know by Friday whether it can secure that line of credit.

The Consolidated Commission on Utilities, GPA's management board, was set to meet at 5:30 p.m. Friday to discuss the matter and the fuel surcharge.

Could Be Worse

The new 28.4-cent per kWh fuel surcharge rate that takes effect Oct. 1 won't fully recover all of GPA's fuel expenses.

It will still leave GPA in the hole on fuel costs by an estimated \$50 million, come Jan. 31, Horecky reported to the PUC.

Recovering all of GPA's fuel expenses would require the fuel surcharge to more than double, going from the current 19.4 cents to 40.4 cents per kilowatt hour.

That would result in the average customer's power bill rising by over \$209, sending it to \$528.13 per month.

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As I mentioned to Google's Gemini chatbot earlier today, what we actually see happening here is the typical Guamanian "pass the buck" blame game. As all longtime residents here already know, GovGuam and GovGuam agency leaders never like to take responsibility for anything. Their failures are always due to someone else. As you can imagine, people on Guam are already very dissatisfied with the economic situation. We plainly see the government corruption and nepotism. We obviously all feel the financial pain. Thus, while GPA knows that they really do need the extra money, they do not want to appear as the bad guy. Thus, they use the PUC -- Public Utilities Commission -- as their scapegoat. "It is THEIR idea! It is NOT our fault!". The truth of the matter is that they are probably in cahoots with each other, and they continually play a back and forth psychological game of manipulation with the people of Guam.

At any rate, just as I do on the social networks, occasionally I will add my personal comments to articles which appear in the Pacific Daily News. This is precisely what I did recently. In fact, I even composed a new poem to fit the occasion. How nice of me! Please excuse my sarcasm. Here is precisely what I wrote in our local newspaper's comments section:

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"Why do you continuously play this psychological back and forth game with us? Between your recent email newsletters, and now a news article in the PDN, anyone who is a longtime resident of Guam understands exactly what this all means.

It is Guam's favorite pastime, and the typical "pass the buck" game, which we have all seen so many times before. We know it, and they know it.

It is evident to me that all they are trying to do is soften us up and psychologically prepare us for yet another GPA rate hike in the near future, and then they will each point

the finger and say "It's not my fault!".

They tell us to conserve, conserve, conserve, which many of us strive to do. Personally, I now only use one air con in my home, whereas I used to rely on two units to cool down my home. My water heater is also usually turned off, and my lights are always off as well, unless I am in a room. Even then, I still keep the light off if possible. So I do my part to conserve.

However, what is the point if they are still going to jack up my power bill anyway? I strive to live frugally so that I can save a little money in the bank. But then sure enough, GPA comes along and sucks up my savings anyway.

Face it. We Guamanians just can't win, because the cards are always stacked against us. For many months we were told that the new Ukudu power plant would mitigate our financial pain by lowering our power bills. That was obviously just another empty promise.

POWER BILL BLUES

by Bill Kochman

09-16-2026

I tried so hard to get ahead,
Put some money in the bank,
Then my power bill arrived,
And man, it just really stank!

Turn off your water heater,
Sparingly use your lights,
Reduce your air con usage,
And yet that bill still bites.

Seems no matter what I do,
And tho I conserve everyday,
Regardless, sooner or later,
A higher bill I've got to pay.

So many empty promises,
We've heard them all before,
While they get a pay raise,
We all simply end up poor.

It's just one endless circle,
Of frustration and despair,
One really has to wonder,
Do they even really care?

They say they're in the red,
I don't doubt that they are,
But also try to remember,
Our money only goes so far.

Solar, wind & ocean thermal,
Need to pick up the slack,
Because the high oil prices,
Are gonna break our back.

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Ironically, I tried to send the very same message to the email address that was included in the GPA email newsletter. To my surprise, I was sent back the following error message by the mail server. Maybe it was just a temporary glitch. Who knows, but I didn't try to send my email message again:

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"Your message wasn't delivered to newsletter@gpagwa.info because the domain gpagwa.info couldn't be found. Check for typos or unnecessary spaces and try again."

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While the previous paragraphs may be of little interest to my readers who live outside of Guam, at the very least, I hope that what I have shared here will serve as a microcosm of what is currently happening all around the world due to the current war in the Middle East. It affects many of us, some more than others.

Returning to President Trump and his public deceptions, for example, this past March 2026, following an Iranian missile attack, the President falsely stated that the United States is "totally independent of the Middle East." Furthermore, he also asserted that "we don't need their oil. We don't need anything they have". Then, the very next month -- April 2026 -- during a national address regarding the Iran War, Trump again falsely declared that the United States imports almost no oil through the Strait of Hormuz, and that the nation no

longer relies upon oil that is being transported through the strait. Building one lie upon another, Donald Trump argued that American oil and gas production surpasses even that of Saudi Arabia and Russia, thus supposedly making the United States immune to any kind of domestic energy shocks.

More recently, earlier this same month -- September 2026 -- President Trump likewise argued that the American military presence in the Strait of Hormuz was "doing it much more for others than for itself." Donald Trump again reiterated the point that America's domestic stability translates into the fact that the United States does not depend on oil passing through the Strait of Hormuz in order to sustain its basic survival.

However, my friends, what is the real truth of this matter? Should we simply blindly accept the President's claims? In my view, at the very least, President Trump is speaking only half-truths. He is only telling half of the story in order to purposely manipulate the American public's worldview. He is in fact gaslighting the American public, and creating a false narrative, as all politicians tend to do. After all, any trip to the gas station should easily convince you that we should most certainly not take the President's word for it. The simple facts of the matter are the following:

First of all, as I mentioned to you earlier, there is the issue of global market pricing. In other words, even if the United States drills enough oil domestically, the fact still remains that oil prices are set globally. As a result, an oil shortage in the Middle East actually raises oil and gasoline prices everywhere, including in the United States. There is simply no way around this fact. The second point we need to consider is the fact that much of the crude oil that's found and extracted within the United States cannot be easily, or cheaply, refined into domestic gasoline. It in fact requires specific foreign blends, or else technical adjustments. So again, no matter how you look at it, the United States still remains dependent on foreign oil, despite what the President claims. If such were truly not the case, U.S. gasoline prices would not be continuously fluctuating up and down like some jackrabbit.

On a final note regarding this particular issue, let me also mention that true economic independence involves more than just crude oil. In other words, disruptions in Middle Eastern shipping lanes -- such as in the Strait of Hormuz and the Red

Sea -- also impact global costs for such items as fertilizer, food, and helium. My friends, think about it. Without enough fertilizer, a country simply cannot produce enough food to feed its own people. Sadly, this truth has already begun to seriously affect many areas of the world, because the global fertilizer market is indeed being impacted. Furthermore, at this current time as we approach the end of September 2026, at a minimum, the following regions and countries are being negatively affected by the strain on the global fertilizer markets:

1. South Asia: India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.
2. Latin America: Brazil.
3. East and Southeast Asia: South Korea and Thailand.
4. Sub-Saharan Africa.
5. The United States: Please note that while the USA is a major producer of urea -- a synthetic, high-concentration nitrogen fertilizer -- nevertheless, it still partly relies on urea imports which transit the Strait of Hormuz, leaving domestic agriculture exposed to high prices for fertilizer.

Returning to our discussion concerning the Houthis in Yemen, I suspect that they are probably of the same mindset as the Iranians. In other words, they too will probably just hunker down and simply wait until the American military runs so low on munitions that it will no longer be able to sustain the current barrage of missiles and rockets against the Houthis. Furthermore, if you have been paying close attention to the news, then you will probably already know that the Houthis have become even bolder, and have now even begun to attack Saudi Arabia. So, the situation in the Middle East is NOT looking too good, and unless the United States and the state of Israel decide to do something really extreme -- possibly a nuclear attack against Iran? -- the USA-Israel-Iran War may continue for quite some time to come. Let's all hope to God that it does not come to that.

By the way, for those of my readers who may not be aware of it, while we may often use the words "missile" and "rocket" interchangeably in our daily discussions, there is in fact a technical difference between the two.

The primary difference is that a missile, such as an ICBM

-- or Intercontinental Ballistic Missile -- has an onboard guidance system to steer and adjust its path mid-flight. In other words, a missile relies on sensors, external fins, or an internal computer to track and home in on a moving or a stationary target. In contrast, a traditional rocket works very differently. It's unguided, and it must follow a fixed trajectory which is determined at launch time.

On a related note, if you have been paying attention to the American news media, including to some of the military news outlets -- I receive some military newsletters via email -- then you will probably know that depending on what kind of offensive or defensive weapon it is, it does NOT take merely hours, days or even weeks to build certain types of military hardware. While a faster replacement cycle does occur with "cheaper" hardware such as drones, for example, that is NOT the case with much more complex hardware such as aircraft carriers, submarines, fighter jets, etc. It really requires literally months or even several years to bring production to completion for just a single unit. This important fact has been clearly stated in the mainstream media by different people who understand such matters.

So as I first mentioned to you in part one of this series, this is precisely why there is currently a lot of concern amongst America's political and military leadership. They all realize that they can't possibly simultaneously maintain or sustain multiple theaters of war around the world. They cannot adequately support Ukraine in its war against Russia, while engaging in a prolonged war against Iran and all of its Middle Eastern allies -- such as the Houthis, Hezbollah, Hamas, radical factions in Iraq and Syria -- while trying to hold back Chinese expansionism in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly when it is a clear, established fact that China already has a larger and more powerful navy than the United States. It is simply impossible. Something has to give, and there is always a weak link somewhere. The American military needs to rob Peter in order to pay Paul. Now do you actually understand?

Ironically, despite all of these dire warnings regarding U.S. munitions shortages which we have heard and read in recent months, nevertheless, the United States is still willing and able to provide its good old "pal" and supposed "ally" Israel with piles of bombs so that it can continue to obliterate the Hamas rebels in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, the anti-Israel factions in Syria, and of course, the Iranians. Consider the

following news excerpt which likewise recently appeared in an edition of the New York Times:

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"Trump Approves \$2.8 Billion Arms Sale to Israel, Including 40,000 One-Ton Bombs

The package would be among the largest deliveries of U.S. munitions to Israel."

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As you may know, this has become a very big and controversial issue with many American citizens. Not only has a new wave of anti-Semitism swept across the nation in recent years, but a lot of people have begun to form the opinion that Uncle Sam cares more about the fate of the Israelis, than it does about the actual well-being of its own citizens. There always seems to be money for the Israelis, while Americans at home suffer financially, and in other ways. This is obviously not right, and it certainly is not putting America first! Personally, as I have stated before, I will say again. In my opinion, the Israelis -- beginning with despicable Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu -- have the American government by its throat. Through AIPAC -- American Israel Public Affairs Committee -- and other powerful lobby groups, the Israelis dictate in large part what happens in American politics. Of course, that includes military decisions as well.

This very same Israel-first mentality reflects back on Guam as well. In other words, while we Guamanians -- who are all American citizens -- are targeted by both Chinese and North Korean missiles, and while we even go without bomb shelters -- please refer to my BBB article "World at War: What About Guam?" at the end of this same series -- somehow, the U.S. government still manages to supply its allies -- beginning with the state of Israel -- with plenty of weapons. Uncle Sam cannot even adequately protect its own citizens on Guam or in the American homeland, and yet it has enough for its foreign friends. Go figure. I will be discussing the Golden Dome missile defense shield in the final part of this series.

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

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WHY BROADCAST TO THE ENEMY? - PART 4

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North Koreans And Donald Trump's Strange Relationship With Kim Jong-un, North Korea Now Possesses Fifty-Seven Nuclear Weapons, The US Scales Back Military Cooperation With South Korea Due To Their Hesitancy To Support American War Effort In Iran, Kim Jong-un Has No Motivation To Give Up His Nukes, Yakov Novichenko Bridge: Deepening Ties Between North Korea And Russia, America And Israel Versus BRICS And North Korea, American Defense And Golden Dome, Pentagon Inspector General Report: Real Cost Of America's War Against Iran, A War Bear Trap: American Presidents Never Seem To Learn, Is Munitions Shortages A US Military Ploy And Ruse?, Are They So Stupid?, Humor And Sarcasm, Closing Remarks, BBB Suggested Reading

Continuing our discussion from part three, last of all, let us also briefly discuss Kim Jong-un -- who is referred to as the Supreme Leader -- and the North Koreans. As you may know, during his first term in office a number of years ago, Donald Trump made a major attempt to convince Kim Jong-un to give up his nuclear ambitions, by offering to make North Korea a very prosperous nation, compared to the dark, dismal, repressive state in which it finds itself today. Many of you will recall how Trump famously crossed the DMZ -- or Demilitarized Zone -- into North Korea on June 30, 2019. It in fact made Trump the first sitting U.S. President to ever set foot on North Korean soil. It was quite a feather in the president's cap.

For some very strange reason which I personally fail to really comprehend, from that time until now, Mr. Trump has continued to view Jong-un in a positive light, even though North Korea now possesses more nuclear weapons than it had during Trump's first term in office. I know this to be true, because a while ago while I was reading the "Threat Status" newsletter from

The Washington Times, I came across another section with the heading "Trump Administration Confirms Nuke Count in Lead-Up to Meeting With North Korean Leader", which if it is to be believed, confirms that North Korea is now in possession of fifty-seven nuclear weapons. Fifty-seven! Trump knows this, and yet for some odd reason, he STILL views Kim Jong-un as a nice guy. Trump's attitude seems to be, "Oh sure, he's got 57 nukes, but he is not using them on anybody." Yes, I'm shaking my head. Consider the following "Threat Status" excerpt:

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"Mr. Trump confirmed reports of North Korea's 57 nuclear weapons on Wednesday while discussing his relationship with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. Mr. Trump said he has a good relationship with Mr. Kim, blaming prior administrations for the stockpile.

Days after he ordered the Pentagon to scale back joint military exercises with South Korea, Mr. Trump said Wednesday he would meet Mr. Kim before the end of the year.

The multinational exercises with South Korea were meant to run through Aug. 27 and will now end on Friday, six days early. The move stoked discussion in South Korea of how the potential summit with Mr. Kim could impact the U.S.-South Korea relationship."

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So it comes as no surprise that last month -- August 2026 -- President Trump declared on his platform, Truth Social, that it is time to draw down U.S. military drills in South Korea, due to the fact that the leaders of South Korea have refused to demonstrate their support for America's war against Iran. Simultaneously -- and obviously to the surprise of a lot of observers -- President Trump also noted that Kim Jong-un has been behaving himself. Following is a direct quote from his Truth Social post:

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"Based on my very good relationship with Kim Jong Un, of North Korea, I am not happy with the fact that the United States has, long ago, agreed to participate in Joint Military Exercises with South Korea. These exercises are not only costly, with much of these costs paid for by the United

States of America (as usual!), but send a signal that is totally inappropriate and hostile, to a Country that, as long as Donald J. Trump has been President, has been unthreatening and respectful. Therefore, and based on the fact that it is too late to cancel, I have instructed Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth, to substantially reduce the Joint Military Exercises! While somewhat unrelated (?), I recently asked the President of South Korea if they would like to join us in the Denuclearization of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and they said, "No thanks!" Thank you for your attention to this matter. President DONALD J. TRUMP"

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Now, given that kind of cozy talk emanating from the mouth of the American president, and the fact that America's stockpile of offensive and defensive weapons is at an all-time low, do any of you really think that dictator Kim Jong-un is inclined or motivated to stop producing nuclear weapons? Do you think Trump's sweet talk will convince Kim Jong-un to terminate his support of Vladimir Putin's war against Ukraine? Do I really need to offer my own response to these two questions? Let me remind you again that at this very moment, both North Korea and China have missiles pointed at my island home of Guam in the Western Pacific Ocean. Something is seriously wrong with this picture.

Equally worrisome is the deepening ties between North Korea and Russia. As I mentioned above, and likewise discuss in a few other Bill's Bible Basics articles, Kim Jong-un has given his full support to Putin's war against Ukraine. In fact, in the latest sign of mutual cooperation between North Korea and Russia, just over two weeks ago on September 7, 2026, Russia and North Korea opened their first dedicated road bridge across the Tumen River. Following is some information which was provided by Google's Gemini chatbot:

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Key Facts About the Bridge

Name: Officially named the Yakov Novichenko Bridge after a Soviet Red Army officer credited with saving North Korean founder Kim Il-sung's life in 1946.

Location: Spans the Tumen River, connecting Khasan in Russia to Tumangang (Rason) in North Korea, situated just about 415

meters east of the existing Korea-Russia Friendship railway bridge.

Size: Approximately 1 kilometer (1,005.7 meters) long with two lanes spanning a 7-meter-wide road deck.

Capacity: Designed to process up to 300 vehicles per day.

Timeline: Agreed upon during Vladimir Putin's visit to Pyongyang in June 2024, construction began in April 2025, and it officially opened on September 7, 2026.

Strategic and Economic Impact

First Road Link: Previously, the only way across the border by land was via the rail bridge or makeshift wooden planks laid across it.

Deepening Ties: As detailed by the BBC, the opening ceremony featured remote addresses from Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin and North Korean Premier Pak Thae Song.

Transport and Trade: The Yakov Novichenko Bridge is intended to boost cargo transport, tourism, and bilateral economic cooperation while bypassing global maritime shipping restrictions.

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So while the United States continues to defend and come to the aid of its supposed "friend" and ally Israel, even going so far as to be willing to be Israel's war proxy, let us not lose focus of the fact that at the same time, Russia, China, North Korea and Iran continue to form closer ties both in a military sense, as well as economically. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if at some point in the future, North Korea is recognized as another member of the BRICS organization, the goal of which is to create a multi-polar world where the USA is no longer the only dominant superpower.

Before concluding this series, there are a few other topics which I would like to cover. As we have seen, the U.S.A. has reached a very dangerous point in that the American military has become so stretched out and so thin due to being engaged in so many different situations around the world, and having so many military bases around the world which it is forced to defend, that quite frankly, it has made the country more

vulnerable to outside attack from enemy nations. Now, some of my readers may confidently mention the U.S.'s soon-coming Golden Dome missile defense system.

However, there are two things which we all need to understand, both of which I have also mentioned before. First is the fact that no defensive dome is or ever will be 100% impermeable. If you don't believe it, just ask Israel how they fared when Iran was lobbing missiles at them. The second point is that such a defensive dome is NOT an overnight wonder. It takes literally years to plan, construct and complete such complex military projects. How will the United States protect itself while the dome is being built, should some rogue nation decide to fire its missiles at America? Even some American military leaders candidly admit that currently, the United States doesn't have adequate protection from such a threat. We on Guam face the very same issue. Do you see my point?

Next, let us momentarily return to our discussion concerning America and Israel's ongoing war against the IRGC in Iran. While the American mainstream media is quick to report how much damage U.S. military forces have inflicted on Iranian targets since Operation Epic Fury began on February 28 of this same year, it has been less forthcoming with regard to how much Iran has reciprocated by inflicting damage on U.S. military bases and aircraft in the Middle East as well.

In the September 16, 2026 edition of "Threat Status" -- you can receive it via email -- The Washington Times includes a section with the headline "IG Report: Iran Has Hit Hundreds of Buildings, Dozens of Aircraft and Drained U.S. Munitions". It includes a summary of the full The Washington Times news article and states the following:

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"Iranian missile and drone attacks on U.S. outposts in the Middle East have damaged or destroyed hundreds of buildings and dozens of American combat aircraft since the start of the war against Tehran, according to a mandatory report from the Pentagon's inspector general delivered to Congress this week.

The Defense Department watchdog estimated that Operation Epic Fury -- the official name of the war that began in late February -- has cost \$33.4 billion as of June 29. Of that amount, \$22.3 billion went to procuring critical munitions,

such as missile interceptors, as stockpiles have been steadily depleted by the conflict. Another \$3.7 billion has gone to replace lost U.S. military equipment.

Those numbers have likely soared even higher since. For example, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said it shot down an advanced MQ-9 Reaper drone over the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday. The IG report detailed other U.S. military aircraft that have been destroyed or heavily damaged in the conflict, including F-15E and F-35 fighters, KC-135 refueling aircraft, combat helicopters such as the AH-64 and the MH-60, and drones such as the MQ-4C Triton."

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Assuming you have a The Washington Times subscription, you can read the full article at the following URL. Please note that the newspaper does allow a small number of its articles to be read for free before they will block you if you don't have a TWT subscription:

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2026/sep/15/iran-hit-hundreds-buildings-dozens-aircraft-mideast-war-drains-us/>

Upon reading the full news article, what I discovered is that over 50,000 U.S. service members were deployed to the region in order to engage in Operation Epic Fury. That is almost as many American soldiers who died during the Vietnam War, so clearly, this is my means a small operation. According to the aforementioned mandatory Pentagon inspector general's report which was delivered to the American Congress, and made public barely a week ago, despite being severely incapacitated, the Iranian IRGC has still been able to destroy as many as thirty MQ-9 Reaper drones throughout the conflict. According to the Pentagon's actual 44-page Inspector General report -- which I briefly scanned through -- as of now, at least fifty-seven aircraft have been damaged or destroyed in all.

My dear friends, that amounts to billions of dollars down the tubes! Just think how much that money could have been used to help struggling American citizens instead. What a total waste of financial resources! But folks, that is what war is really all about: destruction and waste, with very little to show for it in the end! Right?

Furthermore, according to that same Pentagon IG report, we're told that destruction occurred at U.S. military bases located

in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Oman and Jordan. While President Donald Trump, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and other military figures have continued to insist that Iranian military forces have been significantly diminished and neutralized, oddly enough, those Iranians have nevertheless still been able to inflict rather serious damage on American military bases in the region.

I honestly don't know how true it is, and I don't wish to be a conveyor of false rumors, but I have also read some online information which claims that many -- if not most -- of the American bases in those nations have been utterly destroyed. Whether or not this particular claim is merely a war rumor which is intentionally designed and meant to confuse and deceive, I cannot say with any degree of certainty. However, if we consider that the IG report names eight Middle Eastern countries where U.S. military bases are located, and states that hundreds of buildings and other structures were either destroyed or at least partially damaged, that does seem like a lot of destruction to me. So perhaps the rumor is true. If that is the case -- again, I honestly do not know -- could that explain why the USA is relying on aircraft carriers to take out Iranian targets?

If you are interested in reading the full 44-page Pentagon inspector general's report, you can currently download it in PDF format at the following URL:

https://media.defense.gov/2026/Sep/09/2003993626/-1/-1/1/OEF_Q3_JUN2026_FINAL_508%20SECURE.PDF

Before concluding this series, allow me share a final personal observation which some of my older readers have probably also come to recognize. That is the fact that for decades now, most American presidents just never seem to learn their lesson when it comes to fighting wars in foreign lands, particularly when it concerns the Far East, Asia, and the Middle East. Such wars are similar to a hidden bear trap which they simply are unable to escape. These men hatch these rather foolish and dangerous plans -- along with their war hawks -- which in their pride they all erroneously assume will eventually result in some type of big military, economic or political advantage for the United States. They assume that it will be a quick and easy in and out. However, then what ultimately happens?

We all know, or at least we should know. They end up getting trapped in said places for literally years, and often times

eventually leave in disgrace, after thousands or millions of people have died on both sides, a country's economy has been destroyed, their government has been wiped out, their national infrastructure has been obliterated, and there is very little to show for it in the end. We've seen this very same scenario repeat itself in Vietnam and Southeast Asia, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, etc. And yet U.S. administration after administration never seems to learn its lesson. They take the gamble and they roll the war dice anyway.

Of course, Donald Trump is just the latest American president to play this dangerous game and learn this bitter lesson, as he desperately tries to pull out of Iran before the American midterms arrive a number of weeks from now. Will the current USA-Israel-Iran War end in the very same fashion, after the U.S.'s munitions supplies have been depleted? All I can say is, time will surely tell. But in the meantime, how many more lives will be lost, and how many more billions of US dollars will be wasted?

Now I am going to get a bit silly and conspiratorial for those of you who can handle it. I tell myself, "Well, I must simply be missing something here. Maybe this talk of U.S. munitions shortages is all a ruse. Perhaps it is a planned, intentional deception which has been concocted by and perpetrated by the American government, by the U.S. military and the collective mainstream media. Maybe these reports about the United States being so low on munitions is just a ploy to confuse America's enemies, to throw them off-guard, and to give them a false sense of security." Going by some online comments I've read, there are some people who truly believe this to be the case, while President Trump and his cohorts rather adamantly deny that such weapons shortages even exist.

Seriously folks. I don't know what else to think. The American news media, and all of these other individuals can't really be so stupid as to reveal America's vulnerabilities to the world, can they? What do you think? If you personally found yourself in some kind of vulnerable and dangerous situation, would you broadcast such information to the world, particularly to your enemies? It wouldn't make much sense, right? If anything, you would strive to hide your cards, just like a gambler who is sitting at the table. Thanks Kenny Rogers!

Oh wait! I know! It must be the ETs who are manipulating this entire situation. Perhaps they are secretly saying to all of the warring parties of Earth, "Look, you all need to draw down

now, because if you fail to do so, you will end up destroying yourselves and your entire planet through a nuclear holocaust, just as we did to our home world long ago. Now we are forced to wander Outer Space looking for a suitable new home." This is actually what some people really believe. Wow! Maybe those extraterrestrials are similar to the crew of the Battlestar Galactica who were likewise forced to search for a new home after the Cylons destroyed the Twelve Colonies. If you happen to be a Battlestar Galactica fan, then you will know what I am talking about. Again, excuse my sarcasm.

While I have concluded this series with a bit of my customary sarcasm and humor, please make no mistake. What I have shared with you in this series is a very serious issue which needs to be addressed, and I hope that you see it that way as well. Lastly, let me again emphasize that while we have discussed matters of war and violence in this series, please understand that personally, I am strongly opposed to both, as I have been for many decades now. Likewise, as a born-again child of God who belongs to the Kingdom of God, and who pledges his loyalty only to God's Kingdom, I do NOT take a political side in any terrestrial war. While I obviously talk about some of them in my articles, I do NOT support any of them, and I remain firmly convinced that all war -- regardless of the motivation behind it -- is evil, horrible, ugly and destructive. Let me be very clear regarding this point.

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you have found it informative, 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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Communism: The Raging Bear Out of Control!

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Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth, on Guam
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