

Pakistan on the chopping block in 2018?

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Epilogue: 10th Anniversary of Benazir Bhutto's Assassination

The long running 'strategy of tension' coming to fruition in Pakistan

“it is folly to be America's enemy, it can be fatal to be its friend.” --- Henry Kissinger

If you actually read this far, you are surely the curious type who'd also like to understand in much greater depth the mechanics of how the 'strategy of tension' interplays with propaganda warfare and psychological operations, the necessity of manufacturing the boogeyman of Bin Laden and Al-Qaeda, loose nukes et. al. in its latest variants, alongside the manufactured terror, the bomb blasts, the assassinations, the frequent dharnas, the rising debt burden, the looming economic collapse, the hard crisis upon hard crisis with the concomitant perception management that cunningly installs desired beliefs which make the public mind to accept preplanned policies as solutions to these crises, in Report on Mighty Wurlitzer (<https://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/05/note-on-mighty-wurlitzer.html>).

If you can perceptively understand that modus operandi, then no news media, no learned pundit who graces your television screen 24x7, no politician, no academic, no philosopher, no propagandist, no molvi, no ayatollah, no president and no prime minister can make your mind as easily as they do today as vassals and stooges of the Mighty Wurlitzer, to get you to react in the aggregate to manufactured crises as predicted by game theory, the cornerstone of modern mass behavior control.

Even after ten years of Benazir Bhutto's assassination, not just Pakistan's news media, but the world's news media, continues to play variations on the same tunes of the Mighty Wurlitzer.

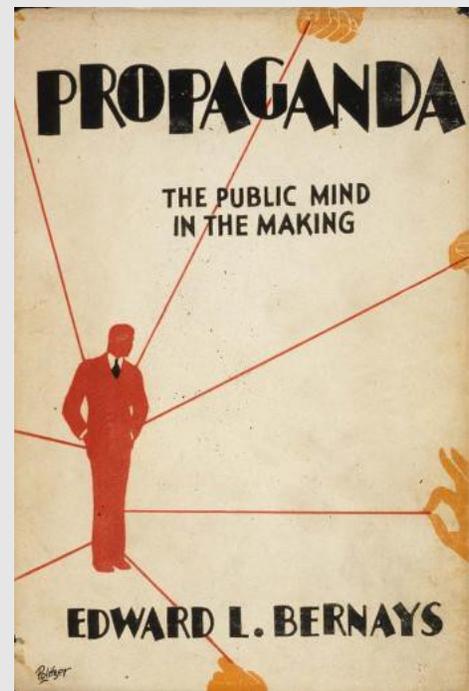
Under president Trump's administration, the United States of America appears to be taking all the antagonistic steps against both Iran and Pakistan to make the Wakeup call of 2007 even more pertinent as the world enters 2018. Unfortunately, neither nation can still make an effective self-defense (despite all their bravado that is more reminiscent of Sadaam Hussein before the first Tomahawk cruise missiles hit the ancient land of Mesopotamia). The establishment leaders, intellectuals, politicians and opinion-makers in both nations, alongside the rest of the world, still continue to "United We Stand" with the base fiction of "War on Terror" of the United States. Neither has the courage to publicly recognize and call this fiction for what it is, albeit, most wise people in both nations well understand the calculus of hegemony and primacy which underwrites it.

Well, as in love, timeliness in war can make the difference between win and lose. Perhaps it is already too late to *throw the tea overboard* for Pakistan! The nation has been completely destroyed from within over the past two decades of alternately raining American made military dictatorship and American made mercenary democracy upon it, before the first American missiles and American boots will ever land on its sacred soil to "save" it from the "terrorists".

But then, just as Patrick Henry tried to rile up the elites of the distant American colonies with his now famous clarion call to free them from the imperial jackboot stamped upon their face, perhaps the same holds true for all who are vigilant, active, brave, in any nation:

"Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave." --- Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775

As Muslims, our belief in God helping us when we help ourselves is much stronger – or so we like to



'The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country. We are governed, our minds are molded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of.'

tell each other. Our tragedy however, is that we are overrun with great belief without the courage of our convictions! And we also don't have Patrick Henrys to lead us into battle.

Sadly, instead, "her shaaq per ulloo bhaitha hai" (an owl is perched on every branch --- the nation is overrun with fools and useful idiots in all corridors of power, when they are not outright mercenaries that is).

Will the existential crisis facing Pakistan in 2018 and beyond, thanks only partly to being America's best friend all these years, the rest is surely our own misery, motivate a transformation away from that ugly *Zeitgeist* of always being a pliant vassal state of great powers *du jour*?

The foundational question for Pakistan from which all good and evil naturally follow is really this: will its leaders, its politicians, its intellectuals, and its establishment ever find the courage to stop being *house niggers* of the *massa*?

That revolution of the mind I see is slowly already in the making! It is being driven bottom up by the clergy class, being led primarily by the revolutionary Iran trained Shia Muslim clergy on the one hand who wish to emulate the Islamic revolution in Iran, and a new Sunni Barelvi revolutionary movement called "Labaik Ya Rasool-Allah" on the other which is being led by a most unusual cleric on wheelchair who wishes to bring back the glory days of thirteen centuries of Sunni Muslim rule. Both groups claim to want to enact the original teachings of the Prophet of Islam, as they each perceive it through their respective sectarian epistemology, and both have started very dynamic national movements to influence the masses. The Iran trained revolutionary Shia leadership however has refrained from entering the political theatre and instead chosen to concentrate on mass education and raising social awareness; to raise a new generation of Shia madrassa-trained Muslim men and women who shall become the backbone of the future Shia revolution in Pakistan to usher in Iranian style "nizam-e-vilayat" as a dominion of the global "valih-e-faqih". There are several other groups as well but not worth mentioning, including militant antediluvian groups turned "respectable", and dogmatic religious factions among both Shia and Sunni that have long been politically active and almost always self-servingly aligned with the status quo, whose rather lack lustre clergy profess the same ambitions but thus far have commanded little traction nationally; quite unlike the first two revolutionary movements whose rise to national prominence is a recent phenomenon. These new crop of revolutionary Shia and Barelvi religious leaders display an uncannily high level of learnedness of ancient texts of Islam, the Holy Qur'an, and intriguingly, also obscure verses in Persian language of "Sir" Allama Muhammad Iqbal (the national poet laureate and intellectual father of Pakistan), all of which they deploy liberally in their rhetoric for social transformation of Pakistan back to "real Islam", alongside claims of *throwing the tea overboard* the moment they come to

power.

However, there appears to be no indication of any awakening from the *plague of occidentosis* (Westoxification) among the so called liberal class, the educated class, the professional class, the business class, the praetorian guard class which includes feudals of all shades, and the rank and file class. Among the latter class, the vast majority of the indigent public in both urban and rural areas, largely because of deprivation, lack of opportunity, daily struggle for subsistence existence, and occupying marginalized stratas of society, appear to be increasingly attracted to the new revolutionary clergy class as the ones possessing the panacea for ending the servitude and misery forced upon them by the ruling class.

How long will the *metanoia* take to trickle up to the actual ruling class who run the country?

This ruling class of ours, nay, the ruling class in virtually all Muslim dominant nations (with the exception of Iran), willingly carry the *white man's burden* as the obedient *Uncle and Aunty Thomases*, are amply rewarded for their servitude with permission to loot and plunder the public exchequer in line with the overarching objectives of the *massa*, will simply have to be replaced forcibly.... and that cannot happen without an actual physical organic revolution in Pakistan. Of this, there are no signs whatsoever as of this writing in 2018. Indeed, there can be no 19th and 20th century style revolutions in Pakistan, not even like revolutionary Iran, because Pakistan is not a homogeneous nation. The seeds of division are too deep and too broad spectrum, and the public mind is too indolent. The rising new Sunni Barelvi leadership wearing the revolutionary mantle, different from the revolutionary Shia leadership, is attempting to rather Pollyannaishly, peaceably replace the ruling class with themselves through the ballot box of 2018. If this new revolutionary clergy class comes to significant parliamentary power, at least they promise to strive to *dump the tea overboard*. However, what will happen to the already fractious Pakistani society under their dogmatic sectarian stewardship is anybody's guess. Thus far, they have defined themselves mainly in terms of their foreign and domestic enemies, including corruption of the Pakistani elites and other Muslim sects they do not approve of. They have not mentioned at all how they plan to address the very real domestic challenges facing Pakistan's population after they have wiped out all their enemies from the face of the planet.

Neither the Shia nor the Sunni revolutionary thinking on display in Pakistan by their respective clergy class appear to have any solutions for living in modernity except to bring back antiquity. Perhaps they haven't had the time to develop their post-antiquity ideology, think of manifestos and constitutions for a country like Pakistan with its deep divisions and fracture lines, by which their plan for Pakistan can be adjudicated beyond their pious claims against their enemies.

The vacuum in integrity and honesty in the corridors of power has opened the leadership doors wide open for alternatives to step in, including the clergy class. Since Pakistani clergy class has never tasted unfettered political power or national responsibility, nor experienced developmental and population challenges at a national scale, nor do they brook any familiarity with the actual mechanics of modern statecraft and its relation to international institutions and global politics, their competency to run a modern nation-state beyond their recitation of ancient Prophetic wisdoms and Caliphatic history of conquests, would only be determined on the job. If the Iranian clergy can learn on the job to run a theological state and continue to survive American sanctions and American-sponsored wars, the Pakistani clergy surely may have rational claims to a modern precedent, except that Pakistan is not Iran, and Pakistanis are not Persian! But Pakistan is also a nuclear state. There will always be greater urgency to confront Pakistan and de-nuke it if any revolutionary clergy class of Pakistan, Shia and Sunni, ever comes to power. In its calculus of primacy and hegemony, the *white man's burden* simply cannot tolerate any Muslim nation possessing real nuclear weapons (as opposed to tolerating the illusion of possession). The *massa class* well understands all that they have destroyed and stolen of the Muslims in the centuries past and cannot risk losing Western hegemony and its vassal states to a revival of "revolutionary Islam" with teeth. This means that when military-style injection of its forces is not being staged, even more strangulating sanctions and psychological warfare can be expected than weathered by revolutionary Iran before it was forced to give up (or roll back) its nuclear program under the 2015 JCPOA agreement with world powers for the promise of economic relief.

Where Pakistanis have survived American-sponsored military dictatorships, American-sponsored political graftmanships, American-sponsored inept leadership, and American-sponsored enlightened moderation, the *divine state* will surely survive the clerics as well, American-sponsored and not.

There is evidently a deep secret to the very existence of Pakistan --- and anyone given to even a modicum of metaphysical reflection can easily believe that this secret hasn't been revealed (or uncovered) as yet.

I support anyone and any system that can a) deliver the nation from servitude; and b) give justice and fairness to its public. The rest we can do ourselves. We are a hard working industrious people, we don't need foreign hand-outs, and we don't need big-brother hand-holding. Let us live in dignity and self-respect among nations, give us fairness and justice domestically, stop the elite from looting the exchequer and living their privilege at the expense of the public, and we shall show the world what it means to *throw tea overboard* once again.

And that, as the cynic would say, is the greatest of all platitudes!

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