

# False Flares

## Introduction

Perhaps you are used to the term 'False Flag' to identify military operations used to blame an enemy for a self-inflicted attack; there is a long history of such tactics. Less well known is the term 'False Flare' that has begun to be used for the propaganda operations, mostly atrocity stories, used to deflect the attention of the public from something else going on at the same time or to justify war. This is also a long established technique. Essentially, it is lying to your own population to deceive them into supporting an unpopular policy.

The use of atrocity stories is so ingrained into the public psyche that it is extremely difficult to remove the lies. This is especially true regarding the Jewish Holocaust myths. People get very upset and even violent if you try to establish plain historical facts or scientific evidence; they prefer the lies because the propaganda has been so strong and relentless.

I recently had a conversation with a very old and beloved friend regarding the Holocaust. He asked me questions and brought the subject up seeking my opinion. I gave him various cast iron facts that confronted his prejudiced view, held for decades. He had even visited Auschwitz and knew a Jewish person that told him Holocaust stories. I explained that I do not deny that Jews suffered and died, as did many other people, but I denied stories that contradicted known facts (such as six million Jews killed in WWII). His reaction was so severe that he said that if I continued he would sever friendship with me after being a friend for nearly fifty years. Thankfully, he changed the subject, but I can never mention the matter again. This is the severity of atrocity propaganda filtered into the consciousness by relentless drip feeding in education, the media, books, films, documentaries and so on. If there is blanket coverage by the establishment, lies take hold firmly.

My purpose in writing this paper is to educate you about this elite technique so that you can be prepared. You must judge all that you hear and only believe what can be proved.

Since I have covered the Jewish Holocaust elsewhere,<sup>1</sup> I will avoid any detailed discussion of that subject; however, I will give a series of examples to show how and why lies are pushed on to the general public. When a country is at war with another, propaganda lies are always told to motivate troops to fight and to get the country to support the war. We can see this at least as far back as the Napoleonic Wars when the global elite (then centred chiefly in bankers and cults) began their irrepressible rise to international control of all affairs.

Atrocity stories and other lies are regularly described as psychological warfare, or 'psy-ops' (psychological operations) since they are a form of aggressive intellectual abuse. It seems that patriotic propaganda always reverts to the use of shock, lies, fraud, forgeries and hoaxes. Every war must paint the enemy as a menacing, barbaric, violent, cruel, hateful aggressor intent on torture, massacres and genocide. It seeks to generate hatred. The wicked result of this is that such lies often lead the attacking army to commit its own real atrocities, as the Allies certainly did in WWII.

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<sup>1</sup> Such as 'The Lies of History'.

## Reasons for atrocity stories

- To justify a war, especially a pre-emptive strike, or military action.
- To stimulate patriotism and support for the government.
- To lay the ground for a new policy or strategy; especially foreign policy.
- To divert attention from something that would damage the government, such as a cruel strategy or an inconvenient press story.
- To support a cause that will make a lot of money.
- To deflect guilt on to someone else.

## Types of propaganda

Wikipedia<sup>2</sup> identifies three types of propaganda:

### **Black propaganda**

This is false information purporting to be from a source on one side of a conflict, but is actually from the opposing side. I identify this as ‘false flares’. This material is covert in nature; i.e. its purpose and source is hidden from view.

The purpose of black propaganda is to influence a population by deception to push them in a certain direction. Centres of the military using this tactic are usually named something like ‘Covert Psychological Operations’ or something similar. It is an intellectually abusive aspect of warfare used against one’s own people.

You could also call this ‘disinformation’.

### **Grey propaganda**

This is where the source of the material is not identified; amorphous stories and rumours.

### **White propaganda**

This is where the source is identified and where the material is more accurate, though perhaps slanted or distorted to give a favourable impression.

## The First Gulf War - a pattern for all False Flares

### **The dead premature babies**

In the run up to the First Gulf War (Operation Desert Shield) in 1990-1, there was wide coverage of atrocity stories to generate hate for Iraqis, former allies of America. It was stated that they had carried out atrocities in Kuwait and these made front-page news across the world.

One of these was the claim that over 300 premature babies had died after Iraqi soldiers had taken them from their incubators, thrown them on the floor, and then stole the equipment.

The Red Crescent was the first to report this story. Supposed ‘eye-witnesses’ appeared distressed on TV confirming the story, especially a young Kuwaiti woman called Nayirah,<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> I do not trust Wikipedia either, but sometimes it gives helpful assessments. I offer this for what it is worth.

<sup>3</sup> She testified to a congressional committee in October 1990.

while President GHW Bush<sup>4</sup> milked the story for homeland support, which was said to be, '*Beyond doubt*'. An American PR firm was hired by the Kuwaiti government to heavily promote the story.

After the war began, an ABC journalist discovered that the so-called atrocity never happened.<sup>5</sup> Premature babies had died, but not because of Iraqis; the nursing staff deserted them and the hospital locked the incubators away in storage rooms. The hospital chief, Dr Mohammed Matar, admitted that the story was false and used for propaganda purposes; while the publicised eye-witness was the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador to the US who had not even been in Kuwait at the relevant time.

This fake story establishes the key constituents of false flares:

- A made up shocking story to support a political purpose.
- Confirmation by 'reputable' people.
- Confirmation by government sources; often stating it was '*without doubt*'.
- Widespread publicity confirming that the story is accurate.
- Eyewitnesses, often distressed and crying, who give emotional impetus to the story. Sometimes professional actors are used to sell the story on mainstream news. [Some false flags and false flares have used the same actors.]
- Action taken supported by the story.
- Investigative journalism eventually revealing that the story is a lie.

### **Gas chambers for Jews**

Furthermore, at the height of the Gulf War, the Jewish Press reported that Saddam Hussein had ordered the construction of gas-chambers to exterminate all Jews,<sup>6</sup> as well as a death camp in occupied Kuwait where civilians were being killed. Eyewitnesses confirmed that this was true. Despite this, the claims were later proved to be completely false.

## **Historic examples before the modern era**

### **The Crusades**

Pope Urban II [d. 1099] justified a war against Muslims by claiming that they had ravaged churches, circumcised men and raped women, often carrying out unspeakable tortures before killing people.

### **The Irish Rebellion of 1641**

The press fabricated stories, often coupled with lurid engravings, alleging atrocities carried out by Roman Catholics against Protestants. As usual this included tortures, rapes and killings. Pregnant women were stated to have been ripped open and babies held aloft on spears.

### **The American Revolution**

Benjamin Franklin wrote and circulated a fake story to a Boston newspaper about Indian atrocities and maltreatment of American prisoners.

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<sup>4</sup> Georgew Herbert Walker Bush (Bush Snr), president from 1989-1993.

<sup>5</sup> This was exposed in a CBC-TV programme called, 'To sell a war', December 1992.

<sup>6</sup> The Jewish Press newspaper, 'Iraqis have gas chambers for all Jews', 15 February 1991.

### **New York politics**

In Ithaca, New York, in 1844 the Chronicle published a story by a tourist called Baron von Roorback that James K Polk (standing for re-election as a Democrat) branded his slaves before selling them at auction. This was found to be false and the story was called 'The Roorback Forgery'.

### **The Indian Mutiny of 1857**

The British press carried stories about the rapes of European women by Sepoys,<sup>7</sup> which were later proved to be false (however massacres, such as at Cawnpore, did occur).

### **The Spanish-American War (April 1898-August 1898)**

The US press published stories of atrocities to boost circulation and further the government's purposes. Some were true; many were exaggerated.

The sinking of USS Maine in January 1898 led to the Spanish-American War, which was deliberately sunk to provoke war in order to gain territories from the Spanish Empire. The press went to town with this enabling public support for an illegal war.

## **The First World War**

Atrocity propaganda really took off with the invention of the mass media and widespread newspaper reports on international events. A good example is the lies spread by the Allies and the Germans during the First World War.

### **German propaganda**

German citizens were told that French and Belgian hospitals were gouging out the eyes of captured German soldiers.

### **British propaganda**

It is accepted that British propaganda was used more extensively than any other nation.

The British population was told that that babies in Belgium were thrown up and caught on German bayonets; that Belgian children had their arms or hands cut off and that Germans were making soap from human bodies or turning bodies into glycerine for weapons or food for pigs.<sup>8</sup> Some stories affirmed that Germans were eating babies. Nuns were said to have had their breasts cut off and Red Cross nurses shot.

This propaganda machine was led by the ministry run by Charles Masterman. After the war, investigations in Britain and France proved that the stories were false. This was despite a 1915 government report chaired by Viscount Bryce which 'proved' many of the claims. This report was used to help get the USA into the war but when historians sought to examine the files of the Committee on Alleged German Outrages, the files had disappeared. Surviving correspondence threw great doubt upon the credibility of the report.

A specific example is that about 30 German soldiers entered a man's house in Sempst and bound him up. His 13-year old daughter was then gang-raped and afterwards bayoneted. They then bayoneted his 9-year old boy and shot his wife.

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<sup>7</sup> An Indian soldier serving under British or other European orders.

<sup>8</sup> See The Times, 17 April 1917.

A famous example was that a Canadian soldier had been crucified with bayonets. Many Canadians claimed to have witnessed this, yet their stories contradicted each other. Eventually the Canadian High Command investigated the matter and concluded that it was false.

One example of a fake story is the famous letter to a family by a son imprisoned in a German POW camp. The letter says that he is well and fed sufficiently but adds that the stamp on the letter may be of interest to 'Alfie', the youngest son. Since there was no 'Alfie' the parents tore off the stamp to find a message saying, '*They have torn out my tongue*'. However, prisoner's letters carried no stamps!

### **Gassing**

After gas attacks began on the front line, the British Press reported that Austrian and Bulgarian troops had murdered thousands of Serbians with poison gas.<sup>9</sup> In another example, 3,000 women, children and elderly men were supposedly gassed in a Belgrade church. Government documents were even used, along with the usual eyewitnesses, to support these claims, which are now known to be false.

## **The Second World War**

The British government was very active in this war spreading anti-German and anti-Japanese propaganda through the Political Warfare Executive and the Ministry of Information.

One example is a letter sent from the Ministry of Information to high-level civil servants and the media by H Hewett, Assistant Secretary. This letter admits the atrocities historically committed by the Bolsheviks under Stalin and presciently prophesied what would happen when Russia overran Germany from the east. Nevertheless, as an ally of the west, the only thing that could be proposed, as denials would no longer work, was to distract the public from understanding what was going on. Hewett says,

Experience has shown that the best distraction is atrocity propaganda directed against the enemy. Unfortunately the public is no longer so susceptible as in the days of the 'Corpse factory' and 'the mutilated Belgian babies' and the 'Crucified Canadians'. Your co-operation is therefore earnestly sought to distract public attention from the doings of the Red Army by your wholehearted support of various charges against the Germans and the Japanese which have and which will be put into circulation by the Ministry.

This proves that when doing historical research, one has to dig deeper than government sponsored briefs and state-sponsored published reports.

There were multiple stories circulated about German and Japanese cruelty (some of it deserved) but people were far less open to accept government stories after the known falsifications used in WWI (as Hewett admits). Films (such as 'Hitler's Children', 'Women in Bondage' and 'Enemy of Women') were distributed portraying all Germans as uncivilised abusers of women and the innocent. While described as, '*everything in the film is true*', the truth was that the facts were distorted and exaggerated. Of course all Britons accept that Allied troops were whiter than white, when in fact many atrocities were committed, some of which went to court and some US soldiers were even executed.

The British Political Warfare Executive ran many false flares. One was a fake radio station called Gustav Siegfried Eins, which purported to be a German station that accused Hitler

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<sup>9</sup> E.g. The Daily Telegraph, March 1916.

of being too soft. It focused on alleged corruption and sexual improprieties of Nazi Party members. Another was the station Soldatensender Calais, which pretended to be a radio station for the German military. Radio Deutschland was another designed to undermine German morale. Other radio stations operated in Italian and other European languages and were mostly based in Bletchley Park and Woburn Abbey.

A false flare was that there had been a German invasion attempt at Shingle Street, Suffolk, which had been repulsed with many German casualties. Papers declassified in 1993 show that this was a false flare. The widespread publicity of this event in America during the war had the purpose of aiding American co-operation and securing lend lease resources.

The propaganda lies promoted by the British government were so rampant that I have had to write a book devoted to this false history.<sup>10</sup> Just one example is that Hitler started the campaign to bomb civilian areas, leading to the Blitz. This is a lie; Britain began the bombing of civilian areas in Germany beginning with killing 20 children in a playground and many other civilians.<sup>11</sup> In July 1940 Churchill ordered the RAF to bomb further civilian areas. Seven times bombs were dropped on civilians but still Hitler did not retaliate in kind. German bombers were under strict orders to limit their attacks to military and industrial targets. Hitler warned the Allies that any more bombing of civilian areas would provoke a German attack on similar targets. Time after time Hitler wrote to Churchill asking for this policy to cease. When Churchill refused, only then did Hitler initiate the Blitz. When did you ever hear this on the History Channel?

## The Jewish Holocaust

I said I will not discuss this in detail, but since it is relevant and prominent I will give a few simple facts to highlight the use of propaganda in the biggest false flare of all time.

- Between 1928-1941 there was a decrease in the number of Jews all over the world, with a decrease from 10 to 9.4 million in Europe; yet after the war there was an increase of Jews in Europe. There were not six million Jews in all of Germany in 1939 and very many emigrated from Germany in the thirties. The population of Jews in Germany actually increased between 1941 and 1948 as census data shows, by about 467,000. World Almanacs<sup>12</sup> show that the number of Jews in Europe remained flat during the war; however, Encyclopaedia Britannica Book of the Year shows that there was an increase of 600,000 worldwide, or 4%. There is no way that six million could have been killed in Germany and Poland. The statistics are: 1933, 9.49 million Jews in Europe; in 1941 there were 9.4 million; by 1946 there were 9.4 million.<sup>13</sup> How could nearly half the world's population of Jews have been exterminated by 1945 and yet census data show an increase shortly after the war ended?
- The Red Cross constantly inspected German concentration camps, which were not extermination camps but labour centres, which Hitler desperately needed to make munitions and supplies. Treatment in these camps was decent. People were well fed, well housed and even entertained. There were orchestras, soccer leagues, children's activities, weddings and Bar Mitzvahs. Pregnant women had maternity wards and the camp at Auschwitz even had a swimming pool and general store. Numerous inmates (Jewish and Gentile) have testified that treatment was good and they saw no gas

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<sup>10</sup> 'The Lies of History'.

<sup>11</sup> The first civilian bombing was ordered by Churchill on the medieval, non-strategic town of Freiburg on 10 May 1940. 60 bombs were dropped killing 50 civilians including 20 children in the Hilda playground.

<sup>12</sup> The World Almanac and Book of Facts, New York World Telegram.

<sup>13</sup> World Almanac & Book of Facts; 1934, 1942 and 1947.

chambers. Conditions deteriorated in the last year of the war as typhus epidemics spread and supplies diminished due to destruction of the infrastructure by Allied bombers. Even so, when they were liberated, many inmates were healthy. There are photographs of healthy Jewish mothers with well-fed newborn babies from liberated Dachau. Photographs of a Jewish concert, the Auschwitz swimming pool and soccer game scorecards and action are available. The Red Cross had constant supervision of all the concentration camps and reported the total deaths of all prisoners in all camps as 271,301 – mainly from Typhus. This report has only recently been published having been kept sealed since WWII. The Red Cross never complained about German co-operation regarding camp inspections. Contrariwise, Eisenhower killed one and a half million Germans in concentration camps with no housing after the war ended through malnutrition, starvation and exposure. No one ever mentions this.

- Many camp inmate witnesses have denied the extermination camps. For example, Maria van Herwaarden was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau in December 1942. Despite being told that she would be gassed on arrival, she went to the shower room only to find water. She remained in the camp until January 1945 and never saw any evidence of gassings, though she saw many suicides and deaths by disease. Conversely there are examples of internees believing rumours of gassings in camps where gassings are not claimed to have taken place by Holocaust scholars.
- Some historical documents state that 6 million German people died, but large numbers of history professors affirm that up to 15 million German people died, mostly civilians. The rape of Germany by the invading Russian troops from the east is one of the worst massacres and war crimes in all history; yet no one talks about this at all. In fact, the sources regarding Jewish deaths vary enormously, from 8 million (1945, French Research Dept for Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal), to 5 million (Le Monde, 20 April 1978), to 4 million (1946, Int. Military tribunal at Nuremberg document 008-USSR), to 3 million (1946, Int. Military tribunal at Nuremberg document 3868-PS), to 2 million (Die Welt, 27 January 1995), to 1.4 million (Le Monde, 1 September 1989), to 1 million (Inst. For Contemporary History, 21 December 1994), to 470,000 (Jean Claude Pressac, 'The Auschwitz Crematorium'), to 300,000 (Allied censored post-war German Newsreels, Wochenschau 137) to an INCREASE of 584,549 during the war (in world Almanacs, 20 January 2002).
- The large Auschwitz chimney, which many stories claimed was used for burning Jewish bodies en masse, was built by the Russians in 1947. There are photographs showing the nearby buildings without this chimney during the war.
- The amazingly detailed British photo-reconnaissance of the camps never showed constant smoke from crematoria, piles of human bodies or mass graves. In fact, the burning of the claimed large numbers of corpses is a physical impossibility even with modern technology, let alone what was available then.
- It is now admitted that the horrific stories promulgated after the war (notably at Nuremberg) of soap made from Jewish corpses,<sup>14</sup> lampshades of human skin,<sup>15</sup> extermination of Jewish prisoners at Treblinka by steam,<sup>16</sup> extermination of Jews at Auschwitz by electricity and in blast furnaces, or in quicklime near Belzec, are all false. The evidence produced was fraudulent and the eyewitnesses proved to be liars.
- Churchill's '*Second World War*' (4,448 pages), Eisenhower's '*Crusade in Europe*' (559 pages) and de Gaulle's three-volume '*Memoirs de Guerre*' (2,054 pages), all published

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<sup>14</sup> This story was destroyed in 1990 by historians following Yehuda Bauer. Revisionists had long denied this.

<sup>15</sup> The samples provided were goat's skin.

<sup>16</sup> Official Nuremberg document PS-3311.

between 1948-1959, contain no mention whatsoever of Nazi gas chambers, a genocide of Jews, or six million Jews killed.

Six million Jews did not die in German extermination camps in the war; even early Jewish sources admit this.<sup>17</sup> This is enough data for this paper; we will move on.

## Various lies

### **The Zinoviev Letter**

This was a fake 1924 letter published in the Daily Mail. It claimed to be a letter from the Comintern president Grigory Zinoviev to the Communist Party of Britain urging it to mobilise Labour Party members for intense agitation in the country and create dissent in the armed forces. The letter was instrumental in securing a Conservative victory in the 1924 General Election but was a forgery.

### **WWII Pacific War**

The Tanaka memorial was a false document purporting to be a Japanese plan for world conquest, beginning with the invasion of China.

### **Vietnam War**

The Vietnam War began with an outright lie promoted by America regarding the Gulf of Tonkin incident (aka 'the USS Maddox Incident').<sup>18</sup> President Lyndon B Johnson made millions of dollars from his association with the military industrial complex and had no motivation to end the war.

### **The Penkovsky Papers**

This was a false flare conducted by the CIA in the 1960s. These papers were alleged to have been written by a Soviet GRU defector called Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, but were actually produced by the CIA to diminish the Soviet Union's credibility in the Cold War.

### **The FBI**

The FBI has been caught issuing multiple false flares; such as against US Communists, the Black Panther Party, opponents of the Vietnam War, labour leaders and Native American Indians. One counter intelligence programme used in these was titled 'COINTELPRO'. A 1968 FBI leaked memo stated: *'Consider the use of cartoons, photographs and anonymous letters which will have the effect of ridiculing the New Left'*.

### **Soviet-Afghan War**

A 1985 UN report affirmed that the KGB had deliberately designed land mines to look like toys and used them against Afghan children during the Soviet War in Afghanistan. In fact, the PFM-1 mine had been directly copied from the American BLU-43 Dragontooth mine. The Mine Action Co-ordination Centre reported that the press story was false.

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<sup>17</sup> Such as the Jewish Encyclopaedia of 1952.

<sup>18</sup> In fact it was two alleged incidents in 1964 between three North Vietnamese small torpedo boats and a large American aircraft carrier and a destroyer. The US blamed North Vietnam but the incidents were false. These served as a reason for President Lyndon B Johnson to deploy troops and commence open warfare against North Vietnam. In 1995 the former general of the Vietnam People's affirmed to the US Sec. of Defence (McNamara) that the attack had been imaginary. In 2005 a National Security Agency declassified report showed that the Maddox had engaged (fired first) at the North Vietnamese on 2 August 1964 but that the second incident on 4 August had no North Vietnamese vessels present. Consider this: millions died and were injured (mostly civilians); whole ecological systems devastated and trillions of dollars wasted because of a lie by a president who made millions of dollars from the war.

### **Balkan Conflict**

In November 1991 a Serbian photojournalist claimed to have seen the bodies of 41 children killed by Croatian soldiers, which was widely reported in the press. Later the journalist admitted that the story was false. Serbian rebels reacted to this story by executing Croatian fighters captured in the vicinity before the lie was exposed.

### **Gaddafi's son**

In November 1995 The Sunday Telegraph published an article by its chief foreign correspondent alleging Saif al-Islam was connected to a currency counterfeiting operation. The source was said to be a British banking official. In fact the story came from MI6 who had been supplying Con Coughlin for years with propaganda materials. This shows how little you can trust newspapers.

### **Murder of Gaddafi and rape of Libya**

Libyan media reported atrocities committed by Gaddafi loyalists who conducted '*Viagra-fuelled rapes*'. Amnesty International investigated and found that there was no evidence for this.

### **Australia**

During the 2007 federal election process leaflets were spread by the so-called 'Islamic Australia Federation', which thanked the Australian Labour Party for supporting Jihadi terrorism. It turned out that this was faked by a group of Sydney Liberal Party members.<sup>19</sup>

### **Plastic bags**

Sometimes lies don't involve war and are turned into public policy. For example, the demonising of plastic carrier bags.

This false story originally arose to distract the public from damaging political stories that were going on at the time. Front-page headlines declared that plastic bags killed turtles and other marine animals and a call began for their prohibition. The idea that turtles are stupid enough to eat a plastic bag and choke is ridiculous.

In fact the story was twisted from an article about plastic debris in the oceans, mainly old fishing nets, that were killing fish and larger marine animals by trapping them till they suffocated.

In fact plastic bags are an ecological success story. They are made from naphtha, which is a by-product of the oil industry. If this was not made into something useful it would have to be burned off at additional cost and significant extra CO<sub>2</sub> emissions; hardly a green policy. The plastic degrades very quickly into fine particles and does not damage landfills like most household products do.

Years later this crusade was successful and now we are taxed to use them. A blatant lie was turned into a tax on poor people. Worse still, foolish liberals who buy cotton 'bags for life' are actually damaging the world's ecology since cotton is not a limitless sustainable product.

A political lie turned people from using a sound ecological product into doing something unsound. You can't make this stuff up!

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<sup>19</sup> The New Zealand Herald, 22 November 2007, 23 November 2007.

## Political ‘Dirty Tricks’

There are so many of these that whole books could be written on the barefaced lies spread by one candidate against his opponent. This is not reserved to Third World countries but is very prevalent in western politics. I will give but one example.

In the 1972 presidential election process, Richard Nixon’s political colleague, Donald H Segretti, released a faked letter. It claimed that Senator Henry ‘Scoop’ Jackson had sired an illegitimate child by a 17-year old girl. The lie was written on Senator Edmund Muskie’s letterhead (Muskie was running against Jackson for the Democratic Party nomination). Muski, the previous favourite to beat Nixon, lost the nomination to George McGovern and Nixon won the presidential election.

The forgery was discovered during the Watergate Scandal investigation and Segretti went to prison in 1974 for confessing to three counts of distributing illegal campaign literature. Segretti also distributed lies about Muskie in the ‘Canuck letter’ though this was libel not propaganda. In fact Nixon’s staff conducted multiple dirty tricks against his strongest opponents.

## The Iraq War

### In general

Multiple reports in America gave the impression that Saddam Hussein was linked to the 9/11 tragedy and supported Al-Qaeda. The majority of Americans ended up believing this but the reverse was the case. Saddam had been a former ally of the US and had previously been pictured shaking Donald Rumsfeld’s hand. He hated what is identified as Al-Qaeda (which didn’t really exist at that time) and had no time for religious extremists. He wanted a stable religiously tolerant society where women could be elected as MPs and Christian communities had lived in peace for centuries (both these things have now gone as a result of the west).

### The Dodgy Dossier

This was a briefing document for Tony Blair; officially called, *‘Iraq – Its Infrastructure of Concealment, Deception and Intimidation’* (or ‘The Iraq Dossier’). It was produced in 2003 and published on 3 February 2003 by Alastair Campbell (Director of Communications). This was the main evidence produced to drive the UK into war. It succeeded the earlier ‘September Dossier’;<sup>20</sup> which had also been styled as ‘the Dodgy Dossier’ due to its false claims.

Channel 4 News reporter Julian Rush discovered that the Iraq Dossier had largely been plagiarised from unattributed sources, including an article by an Iraqi student, including whole sections verbatim with typos. These were exaggerated by Campbell to add to the tone of the threat.

Both Tony Blair and Colin Powell praised the accuracy of the document. No minister had checked the document first (subsequently criticised by the Foreign Affairs Select Committee) instead unelected Campbell ran the whole thing with civil service support. The committee stated that the dossier undermined the government’s credibility; but by then it was all too late for the hundreds of thousands of casualties.

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<sup>20</sup> ‘Iraq’s Weapons of Mass Destruction: the Assessment of the British Government’. 24 September 2002. This sought to support the notion that Iraq had WMD and an ongoing nuclear weapons programme. None of which were true, as proved by the UN Iraq Survey Group.

Many UK intelligence service officers strongly opposed these dossiers but were silenced by their chiefs.<sup>21</sup> When respected UN weapons inspector David Kelly rejected their claims he was killed.<sup>22</sup> Here is just a snippet of the sequence of events.

- The Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC, chaired by John Scarlett) produces claims (published later in the September dossier) that are not supported by the Defence Intelligence Section [DIS] or even by corroborative agents on the ground. After complaints by Brian Jones (the top DIS analyst), Scarlett keeps the DIS out of the loop in the final stages. Alastair Campbell has final say in the presentation of the dossier.
- Blair's foreword to the dossier contains statements that have no substantial basis in intelligence raw material. Famously, the *45 minutes to deploy WMD that affect British interests* claim had no basis in fact. Intelligence operatives were horrified.
- Top intelligence experts in the field complain in writing that the exaggerated claims made by Blair have no evidential basis, but are ignored.
- *The Butler Report* (July 2004) confirmed that the intelligence given to the JIC and Downing Street was hyped up and all the caveats removed (by whom?) to give a stronger impression of imminent danger. MPs (on all sides) confirmed that if the real position was known, Parliament would not have voted for war.
- Butler also reveals [Par. 405] that crucial evidence was withheld from two enquiries about the government's case for war. In July 2003 MI6 withdrew three of the five sources used for the key claims in the Sept. dossier (about active and 'ongoing' WMD within 45 minutes) as they were so untrustworthy. The remaining two reliable agents did not support the notion of ongoing WMD production. The 'sub-source' finally denied ever supplying the main source (intelligence agent) with this evidence.
- The Hutton Enquiry and the Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) Enquiry began after this date (July 03). Gvt. witnesses (inc. Tony Blair, Geoff Hoon, John Scarlett, and Sir Richard Dearlove, the outgoing head of MI6) all stood by the claims in the dossier and the enquiries were never told of this withdrawal of key evidence. However, each time evidence was withdrawn, MI6 informed the JIC and Scarlett personally. At the very least, Scarlett and Dearlove must have known the truth that there were no active WMD programmes in Iraq when the dossier was published. The JIC then had the responsibility of informing No. 10. Downing Street refused to comment when this was discovered.

Essentially, all the evidence provided by the British government to take Britain into a war was false, every scrap of it. There was no reason for our troops to die in an illegal war, pre-determined by the Foreign Policy strategy of Zionist American Neo-Cons going back several years before 9/11.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> On 15 September Tony Cragg (retired deputy chief of defence intelligence) admitted to the Hutton Enquiry that there were memos from two members of the DIS objecting to parts of the dossier being 'over-egged'.

<sup>22</sup> Claims he committed suicide are a joke. He was found under a tree and the government claimed he slashed his wrists, but no blood was found on the ground by the first responder paramedics, whose testimony was then shut out. The inquest into his death was suspended by Blair's good friend Lord Falconer. The 2003 Hutton Enquiry into his death was a complete whitewash.

<sup>23</sup> See, 'The Project for A New American Century', a Neocon think tank founded in 1997 to influence US foreign policy. It promoted American imperialism, especially in the Middle East. The founding statement of principles was signed by many people in GW Bush's administration, including Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and Paul Wolfowitz. It ceased to function in 2006. PNAC principles included regime change in Iraq, Syria, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan, Somalia and Libya. You can see General Wesley Clark (former Commander of NATO) talk about his shock at learning this [Democracy Now, interview, 2007.]. PNAC formalises, as US policy, earlier principles of the 1980s Jewish Yinon Plan which advocated the destabilisation of Iraq, Lebanon and Syria followed by regime change and then partition of the states to give

### **Fall-Out from the Dossier: Weapons of Mass Destruction**

The most famous lie regarding this pre-emptive strike was the threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction that could damage British interests in 45 minutes. This was claimed by Tony Blair writing in the foreword to the Iraq Dossier, *'The document discloses that his military planning allows for some of the WMD to be ready within 45 minutes of an order to use them'*. The newspaper, The Sun, then carried the headline, *'Brits 45 mins from doom'*. While the Daily Star stated, *'Mad Saddam ready to attack: 45 minutes from a chemical war'*. The gullible public supported the war on the basis of an impending real threat to Britain when Iraq had nothing whatsoever that could reach the UK. Even British interests in Malta could not be targeted.

Every sane person at the time knew that this was a lie because the UN weapons inspectors had said so long before the war.<sup>24</sup> John Scarlett stated that the public should be deliberately misled. Writing to Blair's foreign affairs advisor, he mentioned, *'the benefit of obscuring the fact that in terms of WMD Iraq is not that exceptional'*.<sup>25</sup>

Not only that, after the war was over it was revealed that the Cabinet of Tony Blair knew that even if there were WMD of some sort they were limited to battlefield munitions, as the then Defence Secretary (Geoff Hoon) affirmed later, as well as MI6 head Richard Dearlove.<sup>26</sup> Indeed, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook resigned for this reason. I myself wrote a paper before the invasion began affirming that there were no WMD. The subsequent enquiries have now shown that Blair lied about this to Parliament and the country to whip up support for a war he had already committed Britain to in a deal with George W Bush some time before.

### **Fall out from September Dossier: Niger uranium**

Blair embarrassed Bush by supplying information that Saddam was seeking to buy uranium from Niger (outlined in the Sept. Dossier). Bush included this in his State of the Union speech (against CIA advice) on 28.1.03, only to later have to withdraw it.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) obtained the relevant documents from the US, and within hours easily recognised that they were forged and announced this on 7 March 2003, 10 days before the start of the war. CIA sources confirmed that they had advised Britain to omit the Niger allegations in its September 2002 dossier. The use of the Niger Connection in the September dossier was, at the least, a massive failure if not barefaced mendacity. It was a crude fraudulent document, which was easily exposed as a sham. Blair continued to assert this even after the fraud had been exposed.

On 8 July 2003 Blair told a committee of MPs<sup>27</sup> that his evidence for Iraq's attempts to secure uranium from Niger did not come from forged documents but from, *'separate intelligence'* (never explained). That month Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told the Foreign Affairs Select Committee that the statement in the dossier rested on separate evidence which was still under review and this had not yet been shared with the CIA. Yet Straw further disclosed that the intelligence information was shared with the IAEA by a foreign

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Israel an advantage and annexation to form 'Greater Israel' from the Euphrates to the Nile with a large buffer state.

<sup>24</sup> See reports by Scott Ritter and Hans Blix. From 1998 onwards Scott Ritter, head of UN weapons inspectors, stated that Iraq's WMD capabilities had been crushed and there was no ongoing programme. He was removed from office for telling the truth. Hans Blix, his successor, also confirmed this in several reports, such as the 'Clusters Report'.

<sup>25</sup> The Observer, 26 June 2011, memo from John Scarlett, released by a Freedom of Information request.

<sup>26</sup> 15 September 2003, Dearlove to Hutton Enquiry.

<sup>27</sup> The House of Commons Liaison Committee.

government before the report of the 7 March 2003. Months after the IAEA proved that the documents were forgeries, Blair's government was still insisting they were true.

### **Aluminium tubes**

CIA operatives falsified data to suggest that aluminium tubes sought by Iraq were to be used for developing a nuclear weapon. These were tubes purchased by Iraq, from a Chinese firm operating in Australia, that were intercepted in Jordan in 2001. In September 2002 they were cited by the US as proof that Iraq was producing a nuclear weapon.

Many people questioned this even before the Iraq invasion but it was after the war when the Iraq Survey Group determined that they were to be used for conventional rockets. There was no evidence for a program to develop an aluminium rotor uranium centrifuge.

### **Shredding**

In the run up to the war the western press issued stories that Saddam Hussein used a wood-chipper or plastic shredder to shred his political opponents. In 2004 it was declared that there was no evidence for this whatsoever.

## **Post War Iraq: recent evidence of fake propaganda**

It has recently been exposed that the Pentagon paid hundreds of millions of dollars making videos for terrorists, as many had long suspected.

Russia Today<sup>28</sup> has revealed that the Pentagon paid a PR firm \$540m between 2007 and 2011 to make fake terrorist videos to scare the west and to promote a secret propaganda campaign for terrorists. This has been exposed by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism.

The PR firm involved is called Bell Pottinger, whose clients include the Saudi government and Augusto Pinochet's foundation. The firm reported to the CIA, the National Security Council and the Pentagon in order to boost the intimidation of Al-Qaeda. Both the White House and General David Petraeus signed the specific content off. The PR firm also worked to the Joint Psychological Operations task force.

It should be noted that US law prohibits the government from using propaganda on its population. This is why an outside firm was utilised to create the images.

This operation began soon after the US invasion of Iraq as a psy-op initially based at Camp Victory. Crews were sent to film bombings with low-level quality video then the PR firm edited the images to make it look like news footage. The firm also created fake Al-Qaeda propaganda videos, which were then planted by the military in homes they raided.

The Pentagon also paid \$120 million to the firm to use social media to discredit journalists.

### **The Jessica Lynch fiasco**

One aspect of these false flares is the much-publicised story of Jessica Lynch, who was ambushed by Iraqi forces on 23 March 2003 and subsequently rescued by 'Rambo-style' Special Forces on 1 April 2003. This was a complete fake. It turns out her injuries were the result of a traffic accident, not gunshots, stab wounds and torture.

She was given exceptional treatment in an Iraqi hospital when doctors asked the Americans to come and get her. American forces landed at the hospital, which had no enemy soldiers present, and attacked with blanks, breaking down doors and launching

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<sup>28</sup> RT, 'Pentagon paid PR firm \$540m to make fake terrorist videos', 2 Oct 2016.

smoke grenades as if making a movie. A military cameraman shot footage of the masquerade.<sup>29</sup> In the process the hospital was badly damaged.<sup>30</sup>

In fact when doctors had tried to deliver Jessica to the Americans two days before, the Americans opened fire on the ambulance, which was forced to flee.

The video footage was presented within hours. The US spokesman in Doha, General Vincent Brooks, said that, '*brave souls put their lives on the line to make this happen*'. The comments of the doctors and nurses were stifled. In fact the producer of this drama was Jerry Bruckheimer, producer of major Hollywood films and TV dramas. He pitched the idea for this story and designed it. Jessica Lynch stated that she had no memory of what occurred.

### **Pat Tillman**

The tragedy of Pat Tillman, an American sports star who volunteered and was shot, was also a major propaganda story. In fact he was killed by his own troops with three bullet holes in his forehead from an M-16 ten yards away. This was not 'friendly fire' this was murder. Tillman had become disillusioned when he saw that the Iraq War was not about freedom at all but military imperialism.<sup>31</sup>

### **Other items**

Patriotic displays by pro sports teams supporting military tributes were actually paid for by the military (Dept. of Defence) at a total cost of \$53 million.<sup>32</sup>

It is said that all this propaganda began when the US government realised that the genuine journalism that revealed what was actually happening in the Vietnam War was so detrimental to the White House policy (in fact it helped end the war) that the military had to control the reporting of conflicts to their advantage in future.

There is no reason to think that the Syrian conflict is any different. It has long been affirmed that the videos sponsored by IS, such as beheadings, have been extremely professional, using Hollywood type techniques such as crane shots. Many suspect that the Pentagon is also behind these. The point is to scare the population and gather support for otherwise unsupportable military strategies.

### **Interim conclusion**

The use of flagrant false propaganda after an event through Hollywood movies is bad enough (and there have been multitudes of these), using lying propaganda to enable illegal activities and state-sponsored terrorism to be propagated is wicked in the extreme.

## **The EU Referendum**

False flares went into overdrive in this campaign. The Remain camp (the establishment) were arrogant and overconfident that people would follow the government lead and the warnings by many supposedly august experts and international bodies, such as the IMF, the ECB, the World Bank, the IFS, the OECD, influential corporation heads, elite banks and prominent world leaders. They failed.

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<sup>29</sup> The Guardian, 'The truth about Jessica', John Kampfner, 15 May 2003. Toronto Star, 'The eral saving Pte. Lynch', Mitch Potter, 5 May 2003.

<sup>30</sup> BBC news footage, no date.

<sup>31</sup> Alternet, 'The truth about Pat Tillman...', 3 August 2007.

<sup>32</sup> SB Nation, 'The military paid pro sports teams ....', Dave Hogg, 4 Nov 2015.

This was a failure to understand the current grass roots feeling that is: anti-establishment, anti-professional politics, anti elite leaders of all sorts, and willing to take a risk. [The elite controlling Hillary Clinton have made a similar mistake in the American Presidential election campaign. Trump did not gain ground because he is good, but because he represents change and a break from the political establishment.]

The exaggerations and lies that flew left, right and centre in what was called 'Project Fear' were unprecedented; yet they still failed to sway the electorate. The fact that Cameron had no Brexit Plan B proves his hubris; he thought he was going to win.

These scare-stories included:

- There would be a recession immediately after a Brexit vote (Cameron, Osborne and many others, including Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England and 71% of City economists).
- An emergency budget would be required immediately after a Brexit vote necessitating even more cuts and raised taxes, perhaps even threatening pensions (Osborne, Sajid Javid).
- Austerity measures would have to continue for an extra two years (Osborne).
- '*The end of the western political civilisation as we know it*' (Donald Tusk).<sup>33</sup>
- House prices would tumble by 10-18% (Osborne and many others).
- Mortgage rates would rise (Osborne and many others).
- An increase of half a million unemployed (Osborne, Javid, Office for National Statistics).
- A 3.6% cut in annual economic growth.
- The Stock Exchange would collapse.
- No one would invest in Britain.<sup>34</sup>
- The weekly shopping bill would become much more expensive; some said an increase of £4,300 a year (Osborne).
- Hundreds of thousands of jobs would be lost; 100,000 lost in manufacturing alone.
- There would be a wage drop of £38 a week.
- An increase of £230 on the average family holiday.
- The loss of women's rights.
- We would lose low-cost air travel to Europe and routes would be cut (Nick Clegg).
- NATO would be seriously damaged (Lieutenant General Frederick Hodges).
- The UK would be at the back of the queue in any US trade deal (President Obama).<sup>35</sup>
- It would strengthen Vladimir Putin and upset world security (US Senator John McCain).
- '*The only country that wants us to leave is Russia*,' (Philip Hammond, then Foreign Secretary).
- France would expel our immigration officers from Calais.

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<sup>33</sup> Donald Tusk, '*As a historian I fear Brexit could be the beginning of the destruction of not only the EU but also Western political civilisation in its entirety*'. Interview in German newspaper Bild, reported by the BBC News, 'Donald Tusk: Brexit could destroy Western political civilisation', 13 June 2016.

<sup>34</sup> Since Brexit there has already been massive investment (e.g. Wells Fargo); including from corporations that previously warned against Brexit (e.g. GSK, AstaZeneca).

<sup>35</sup> In fact it appears that a UK-US deal will happen long before an EU-US one. Meanwhile 26 countries are lining up to sign agreements with us.

- Germany's Finance Minister warned before Brexit that, '*out means out*' and the UK would be treated like a non-European country. After Brexit he admitted that George Osborne asked him to use those words and he now speaks warmly of a special relationship with Britain.

What the arrogant establishment failed to realise is that things have changed. Most people no longer trust the mainstream media and many don't even look at it. Support for it in America is now at 6% and newspaper groups and news networks are collapsing everywhere. Even the circulation of the Daily Telegraph in the UK is down to about 300,000. On top of this more and more people are aware of the insidious and evil nature of many elite bodies, such as all the top banks, the IMF, the ECB, and the mainstream economists that support them, governments, NGOs, security services and so on.

When all these establishment bodies gathered together to issue dire warnings and scaremongering regarding a Brexit vote, many added that up and thought, '*if these people want us to remain, then I will vote leave*'.

People also remembered similar scare stories in the past which proved untrue, such as those around the time of the decision to be in the Euro or not, or the warnings issued to Norway when it walked away from the EU, which never materialised. Some also remembered the promises of prosperity when we joined the EU in the early 70s, when in fact the weekly shopping bill rose by £18 a week (a huge amount then<sup>36</sup>), a million farmer's jobs vanished and our fishing industry was decimated.

## **The enemy's strategy**

The Bible explains that the chief strategy of Satan, in his long war against God, is to use deception to deceive the nations. Jesus himself emphasised that Satan is a liar from the beginning and the father of lies. Thus we should expect that spiritual warfare will involve the heavy use of lies and deception by the enemy.<sup>37</sup>

This matter of deception is continually ignored or understated by Christians over and over again. In fact, many Christians have been deceived by church leaders to ignore deception altogether and focus upon some fabricated enemy strategy (which in itself is a deception), such as demonisation requiring deliverance, strategic level spiritual warfare, spiritual mapping and other nonsense. The result of these distractions is that Christians fall for the greater deception of the enemy's strategy. The worst thing that Christians can do is to abandon rational study of the Bible, doctrine, sound theological statements, church history and sober consideration of what is currently going on in the world; yet that is the direction of many modern (especially Charismatic) churches.

Satan's goal is to take full control of the world through human proxies dominated by demons. This is very clear in Biblical teaching. These proxies are those in power in the world; namely, rulers, governments, the UN, the EU, global corporations, international bankers and anyone with multinational power. Thus expect all these people to lie and use deception to formulate policy and press releases.

It is therefore very common that people in world power are:

- Controlled by demons to follow a satanic strategy.

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<sup>36</sup> The weekly wage of low skilled workers was around £20-30 then. I was living (with a family) on a student grant of £8 a week!

<sup>37</sup> See my booklet, 'Deception: The Deadly Virus'.

- Going to use deception to paint a false picture of their strategy.
- Going to lie to you.
- Intent on gaining global power to enslave humanity and destroy Christianity.

Very often the satanic lie is hidden under the guise of an altruistic policy, an affirmation of liberty or elevating human rights. This is the key factor of deception – affirm a policy of one thing when in fact the reality is the opposite.

Therefore be suspicious when leaders claim to be following Christian principles, or have an altruistic plan, or intend to bring peace and security. If they have world influence they are going to be controlled by the enemy and will deceive you.

Thus Barack Obama pledged to bring peace, security and harmony and to improve the lot of ethnic minorities in the US. In fact he has been the worst warmongering president ever,<sup>38</sup> and after two terms has left America in its most fragmented, disillusioned, angry, divided state of all time. Black people have never been so suppressed since the ending of slavery.<sup>39</sup> His altruistic words (which led to a Nobel Peace Prize) were an utter sham. Do not judge rulers by what they say but by what they do; judge their fruits. False Flares are, therefore, a common tool for all rulers.

## Conclusion

We could continue to list false stories used for propaganda for page after page, but we must desist. The fact is that your government lies to you and particularly so regarding war and generating support for unpopular policies, or to demean a group, movement or individual. I repeat; your government, in all its forms, lies to you all the time, using deception, obfuscation, slander, propaganda, misrepresentation and false flares. Do not be deceived.

Currently Donald Trump is suffering unprecedented media false flares while a proven criminal, Hillary Clinton, is given full support. The elite's media support for Clinton continued even during her unprecedented investigation by the FBI<sup>40</sup> and being called a fraud by a judge. This is to say nothing about the leaking of thousands of damning emails proving that she was a traitor in public office, taking money for political favours through the Clinton Foundation which was called, '*the biggest charity fraud in history*' by another US judge.<sup>41</sup> Only 5% of this foundation's billions has ended up in charitable works. Her former history includes allegations of connections to drug trafficking, mob murders, covering up paedophilia and sex offences, and facilitating rapists of minors. Her political career is filled

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<sup>38</sup> I have explained this elsewhere; he initiated more wars and military operations, including multiple murder by drones, than any other president. In fact, note that Democratic presidents have started far more wars than Republican ones.

<sup>39</sup> Apart from the multiple deaths by cop shooting and street oppression by the law, see all the relevant economic and social statistics showing the massive levels of black unemployment, poverty, lack of education and lack of medical care.

<sup>40</sup> For her treason in using an external, private, unsecured email server to conduct 'pay for play' bribes to make money from her office as Secretary of State. Millions paid into the Clinton Foundation would enable placements, secure business contracts or gain lobbying access. Top Secret documents went to her server at home and several computer devices; these were hacked by foreign interests (some have been leaked). General Petraeus was jailed for far less. 33,000 documents were destroyed in an attempt to cover this up (also illegal). The FBI gathered enough evidence to secure a conviction but then, amazingly, let her off; this is another scandal.

<sup>41</sup> For example, of the money raised for the Haiti earthquake (billions) only 10% went to Haiti. Several years later hospitals that were to be built are still building sites. Most of the money went into the Clinton's pockets or was used to give favours to supporters and pay business partners.

with hard evidence of barefaced lying and blowing with the wind on policy to suit her advancement. Yet the media is filled with attacks on Trump for something he said 20 years ago for which he has apologised or other minor misdemeanours. [I do not favour Trump but merely point out the media spin to support the elite candidate. In fact Americans have a ridiculous choice between an unpleasant egotist and a confirmed criminal traitor.]

You must not trust your government, especially in calls for a war or a foreign intervention. Currently Britain is supporting airstrikes in Syria and other places where we have no business whatsoever, but the media has believed false flares to get us there. False flags are being used to continue support (such as an air strike on a hospital in Aleppo being blamed on Russia when it has been proved to have been performed by two US A-10 Tankbusters).

In fact we are at the very edge of World War Three, closer than ever before since the Bay of Pigs incident. Putin has warned Russians to prepare for nuclear war and has built underground bunkers for the whole population of Moscow and is building others. This war has been long predicted and is the means to be used to divert populations from the impending collapse of the banking system, as often before;<sup>42</sup> but that is another story. Don't believe what you hear from politicians and the news; check behind the story.

Far too many supposed Christians have previously supported wars based on total lies, especially the Iraq War. I repeatedly got into arguments and debates with Christians about this at the time and lost many friends as a result. They never apologised and returned when I was proved right. What does this say about the spiritual life of those 'believers' that supported illegal wars?

Take care what you believe; the world lies in the evil one<sup>43</sup> and it is full of deceit.<sup>44</sup> Do not imagine that governments are righteous; they are not.

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<sup>42</sup> FIAT currencies always end in massive debt and hyperinflation leading to currency collapse, usually in a cycle lasting an average of 27 years. We are long overdue since the change to the Petro-dollar in the early 1970s. The debt exposure of central banks is now enormous. Deutsche Bank, for example, has a debt exposure greater than the GDP of Germany, or even the whole EU, and is on the verge of collapse now. The impending economic collapse will be far greater in scope than the 2008 crash since no systemic change was introduced then to fix the underlying problems, which have only got worse. In fact, it will dwarf the 1929 depression. Be prepared.

<sup>43</sup> 1 Jn 5:19, '*We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one*'.

<sup>44</sup> 2 Thess 2:9-10, '*The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved*'.