

Introduction to Fatima-Divine Mercy and Role of Poland-Russia in Crushing Liberalism

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This series is being written because of the immense importance of Fatima for the modern world.

THIS YEAR THE CHURCH IS CELEBRATING the centenary of the appearance of the Mother of God at Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Since that time Fatima has become the world's most prominent center of Marian devotion, a place that John Paul II referred to as the "Marian capitol of the world." Given the fact that the Our Lady of Fatima precisely foretold the outbreak of World War II, the rise of communism and the persecution of the Church, Her other prophecies concerning the conversion of Russia to be correlated with an "Era of Peace" are of especial relevance since, unlike the former that have already occurred, these prophesied events are in the process of occurring. Any impartial observer of global events can discern the Hand of God at work in the world as [Russia is being converted](#) and the **nations of the world are one by one in the process of rejecting global liberalism while many are reasserting their Christian patrimonies** ([Western Europe](#), [Eastern Europe](#), [Africa](#), [Poland](#), [France](#), [Asia](#), [Argentina](#), [Middle East](#)).

While New Era has been reporting on these changes since its inception, secular and liberal pundits have also begun to observe the many changes occurring world-wide. They are, however, **misinterpreting, and thus misrepresenting, them as a *political movements***, movements referred to as ["Populist"](#), when in fact these are primarily moral, cultural, spiritual and religious movements. Unlike other populist movements that have

focused on economic and social justice, equal rights for the little guy etc. **this new “populist movement” differs from the such movements because of its global scope and because it is characterized by moral and spiritual dimensions including the frothy rejection of liberalism** that, all taken together, indicate or hint at its religious nature. Although the movement has profound political ramifications, it is not political in essence. At its core, the populist movement [sweeping the globe](#) is related to Our Lady’s promises made at Fatima, promises pertaining to the “[Conversion of Russia](#)” and a corollary “[Era of Peace](#)”. This highly unusual global movement has a religious or theological etiology that intersects with politics, what New Era refers to as theopolitical or “[Theopolitics](#)”.

It behooves everyone, Catholic, Protestant and non-Christian to know the Fatima message due to the import of its contents, contents that are unfolding in front of our eyes on a daily basis. The current spiritual movement was foreseen by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. De Montfort is a highly significant saint for our times. His evangelical work is so exceptional, that another saint, Saint John Paul II exhorted the “apostles of today” to draw inspiration from his life and work

“Now that the need for a new evangelization has become imperative in most parts of the world, Fr de Montfort’s zeal for the Word of God, his solicitude for the very poor, his ability to make himself understood by the simplest folk and to stimulate their piety, his qualities for organizing, his initiatives to sustain fervour by founding spiritual movements and to involve the laity in the service of the poor, all that, with practical adaptations, can inspire the apostles of today” ([Letter on 50th anniversary of de Montfort’s canonization](#)).

De Montfort’s facund treatises on the Virgin Mary are so exceptional that John Paul II (in his [Encyclical Redemptoris](#)

[Mater](#)) recommended de Montfort's Marian spirituality to all the faithful:

"Marian spirituality, like its corresponding devotion, finds a very rich source in the historical experience of individuals and of the various Christian communities present among the different peoples and nations of the world. In this regard, I would like to recall, among the many witnesses and teachers of this spirituality, the figure of Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, who proposes consecration to Christ through the hands of Mary, as an effective means for Christians to live faithfully their baptismal commitments".

One of the main reasons for De Montfort's contemporary relevance is his perspicacious understanding of the role of the Virgin Mary in the "End Times", times which we are entering.

How do we know we are entering the end times? One complex and difficult way is the study of sacred scripture especially eschatological literature. A more simple approach is the fact that Jesus promised to be with His Church until the end of time:

"Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world" ([Matt 28:20](#))

And that the Holy Trinity would reveal to the Church all that was going to happen:

"I have yet many things to say to you: but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will teach you all truth. For he shall not speak of himself; but what things soever he shall hear, he shall speak; and the things that are to come, he shall shew you" ([John 16: 12-13](#)).

Then, years after His Ascension, Jesus appeared to Saint John

on the island of Patmos and He has continued to appear to His saints at special times throughout history.

*“And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks: And in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, **one like to the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.** And his head and his hairs were white, as white wool, and as snow, and his eyes were as a flame of fire, And his feet like unto fine brass, as in a burning furnace. And his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars. And from his mouth came out a sharp two edged sword: and his face was as the sun shineth in his power.”*

*“And when I had seen him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he **laid his right hand upon me**, saying: Fear not. I am the First and the Last, And alive, and was dead, and behold I am living for ever and ever, and have the keys of death and of hell. Write therefore the things which thou hast seen, and which are, and which must be done hereafter” ([Revelation 1: 12-19](#)).*

In the 20th century Jesus revealed Himself to a highly regarded Polish saint, Saint Faustina Kowalska, a poor Polish nun to whom Jesus appeared prior to World War II. Among other things, He confided to her His love for humanity, His desire to bless the world with an outpouring of Divine Mercy before His final coming as “Just Judge”. He also revealed His special love for the nation of Poland from which He said would come the “spark” that would prepare the world for His Second Coming in Glory.

Saint Faustina Divine Mercy Message and the End Times

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion is based on revelations given by Jesus Christ to Saint Faustina who recorded the revelations she received about the Mercy of God in a [voluminous diary, which contains the Message of Divine Mercy \(PDF\)](#), mercy that God intends for all humanity, especially for those most steeped in sin. Thanks to the love and work of Saint Faustina, Devotion to the Divine Mercy has spread throughout the world.

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Devotion to Divine Mercy has gained the highest approbation of the Catholic Church. It has been placed on the universal liturgical calendar of the Church as the **Feast of Divine Mercy** celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, also the day on which Pope John Paul II, the “Pope of Mercy” breathed his last breath as the Vicar of Christ and “Apostle of Mercy.”

JESUS SPOKE TO SAINT FAUSTINA ABOUT HIS SPECIAL LOVE FOR POLAND

“I bear a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming” (Diary, 1732).

The **spark of fire** that would come forth from Poland began with the pontificate of Saint John Paul II and is spreading around the globe. [Poland is the first nation in the 21st century to actually declare Jesus Christ as its king](#) and the [Mother of God as its Queen](#), acts that were carried out by the nation’s president, prime minister, parliament and princes of the Church including the Primate of Poland.

*In the presence of President Andrej Duda, Prime Minister, Beata Szydło, and other ranking state officials the bishops prayed: “We entrust to you the Polish people and Polish leaders. Let them exercise their power fairly and **in accordance with Your laws.**”*

“Rule us, Christ! Reign in our homeland and reign in every nation – for the greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity and the salvation of mankind.”

The Polish Parliament (Sejm) announced its conviction that the Mother of God has a place of “special importance” for the nation, so special that they, the Polish Parliament itself, have officially declared 2017 as a jubilee year in honor of Mary whose coronation they have formally recognized as Queen of Poland.

“The Polish Sejm, convinced of the special importance of Marian devotion for our homeland – not only in the religious aspect, but also social, cultural and patriotic – establishes 2017 (as) the Year of the 300th anniversary of the Coronation of the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa,”

The world press is only now beginning to take notice of the special tenor of the events happening in Poland and related events happening around the globe. *The liberal establishment is being shaken to its foundations* as Poland is being joined by Hungary, Slovakia, the Philippines, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Malaysia, France, Austria, Moldova, Bulgaria and Russia *et al.* A general global uprising of Euro-skeptic Christian political parties and social movements is rapidly gaining momentum throughout the continent as well as in Asia and Africa. Increasing numbers are rising to challenge secular liberalism and reasserting their Christian or native patrimonies.

Russia is being converted as promised at Fatima, but Poland has stepped forward igniting the flame of love promised by Jesus. From Poland is coming forth the spark of spiritual renewal, of life giving and cleansing mercy, that flows from the Heart of Christ the King.

Jesus told Saint Faustina that **Poland would be the**

instrumental “spark” that would prepare the world for His “final coming”. Images of that spark that is igniting a fire across Europe and beyond can be viewed in the video below (be sure to activate English subtitles by pressing “CC”).

We are living in the “Hour of Mercy”, the time preparatory to Christ’s final coming, a time foreseen by St. Louis Marie de Montfort, a time, in his words, when

“...great men filled with the Holy Spirit and imbued with the spirit of Mary” who will destroy sin and establish the kingdom of Jesus Christ.”

“They are the “great souls filled with . . . zeal” ([True Devotion 48](#)), “superior to all creatures by their great zeal” ([True Devotion 54](#)). The action of the “true apostles of the end times” ([True Devotion 58](#)) consists of spreading “the fire of divine love” everywhere; they are themselves “a flaming fire” ([True Devotion 56](#)). In the battle against evil and the enemies of God, these great saints “will become, in Mary’s powerful hands, like sharp arrows,” and they will leave “an odor of death” among the worldly ([True Devotion 56](#)). Their work will not be limited to reforming the Church, but will include extending it to “the idolators and Muslims” ([True Devotion 59](#)).

De Montfort wrote of the Second Coming of Christ to “reign over all the earth and to judge the living and the dead”. Prior to His coming, he foresaw “great men filled with the Holy Spirit and imbued with the spirit of Mary”, men whom he said will “destroy sin and establish the kingdom of Jesus Christ.” Poland has already taken the first steps in bringing

this eschatological vision of De Montfort to fruition. As of November 1, 2016, Jesus Christ is the King of Poland

“These great souls filled with grace and zeal will be chosen to oppose the enemies of God who are raging on all sides. They will be exceptionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin. Illumined by her light, strengthened by her spirit, supported by her arms, sheltered under her protection, they will fight with one hand and build with the other.”

De Montfort concludes:

“Towards the end of the world ... Almighty God and His holy Mother are to raise up saints who will surpass in holiness most other saints as much as the cedars of Lebanon tower above little shrubs...Mary scarcely appeared in the first coming of Christ. ... But in the second coming of Jesus Christ, Mary must be known and openly revealed by the Holy Spirit so that Jesus may be known, loved and served through her.”

All the above provide strong reason to believe that the world is entering (or has already entered) into a graced moment of sacred history, a time that Jesus, Himself, said was preparatory to His final coming, a time that has been confirmed by the highest authority in the Church, a time in which the Virgin Mary's Fatima prophecies pertaining to the conversion of Russia and a corollary Era of Peace are being fulfilled. Since there is strong reason to believe what Our Lady foretold at Fatima is upon us (during this 100th anniversary year of Her 1917 appearances), it is through this “Fatima Lens” that we can correctly discern what is happening around the globe – the so-called global populist phenomenon is a prodigious phenomenon related to Fatima and the coming Christian renewal during an Era of Peace prior to the final onslaught by the anti-Christ at the end of the world.

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reader with the Fatima Message beginning with the **three visits by the archangel Michael in 1916**, followed by **six visits of Our Lady in 1917** and other visits to Sister Lucia at **Tuy and Pontevedra, Spain and Rianjo**. The series will also include an article on the **Three Secrets of Fatima** and another about the **Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart**. This later article will conclude the series; it is also the most contentious issue in Fatima circles. There are many strong Catholic traditionalists who argue that the consecration requested by Our Lady has not been fulfilled because She specifically asked for the [consecration of "Russia"](#), but John Paul II, who made the consecration in 1984, did not mention Russia.

Specifically, instead of "Russia", John Paul II consecrated ["individuals and nations"](#) and the ["world" but not Russia](#).

"In a special way we entrust and consecrate to you those individuals and nations which particularly need to be entrusted and consecrated."

"In entrusting to you, oh Mother, the world, all individuals and peoples, we also entrust to you this very consecration of the world, placing it in your motherly Heart."

Because he did not mention "Russia" specifically, many have *wrongly* concluded that the consecration is invalid – even though affirmed by every pope since John Paul II and by Sister Lucia herself.

New Era will demonstrate the erroneous nature of this false contention. Using the formal Fatima literature accepted by both parties (those who accept and those who reject the validity of John Paul II's 1984 consecration) it will be demonstrated that **Pope John Paul II's 1984 Act of Consecration accurately fulfill's Our Lady's requests** and that the far-

right Fatima detractors are not only disobedient but also in gross error.

In fact, *for the first time* it will be shown from the Fatima documents themselves that it was the “world” not “Russia” that should have been consecrated. In other words, John Paul II after studying the literature brought to him in Gemelli Hospital (where he was treated and recovering from assassin’s wounds) acted correctly: The “world” not just “Russia” needed to be consecrated. The pope was not derelict in his papal duties; he was not hemmed in by diplomatic agreements (*ostpolitik*), nor did he suffer from fear of Communist retaliation as maintained by many ultra-traditionalists. John Paul II acting in his role as Supreme Pontiff understood the Fatima Message and its cultural and historical contexts, the contexts in which it was given in 1917 and in which the Church was living in 1984. **After conducting an exhaustive and prayerful study of the documents, graced by wounds he united to the blood of Christ, he purposefully worded the consecration the way it was delivered because it was the correct prayer formula as requested by both Our Lord and Our Lady as will be shown.**

UNDERSCORING THE IMPORTANCE OF FATIMA FOR THE MODERN WORLD

Beginning with Pope Pius XII, every modern pope has either pointed out the importance of Fatima, visited Fatima, or consecrated “humanity”, the “world”, or “Russia” to Our Lady of Fatima. Modern papal consecrations include:

- **Pope Pius XII October 31, 1942** consecrated all of humanity over Vatican radio in Portuguese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- **Pope Pius XII December 28, 1942** repeated the consecration at St. Peter’s
- **Then on July 7, 1952**, the same pope consecrated all the people in Russian lands to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

- **Pope Paul VI November 21, 1964** renewed in the presence of the Fathers of the Vatican Council (but without their participation) the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart.
- **Pope John Paul II May 13, 1982** on a trip to Fatima to thank Virgin for miraculous recovery, consecrated the world to the Mother of all Peoples.
- **Then on March 25, 1984, Pope John Paul II** conducted a worldwide collegial consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St. Peter's Square before statue of Our Lady of Fatima flown in from Fatima.

Later Sister Lucia, the last survivor of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared in 1917, confirmed the validity of the March 25 consecration made by Pope John Paul II

WHERE IS FATIMA AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Fatima is situated in the foothills of the *Serra de Aire* Mountains about one hundred miles north of Lisbon, Portugal. It has become a worldwide pilgrimage destination and international shrine visited by every modern pope as a place of human spiritual and social renewal. Saint John Paul II referred to Fatima as the, "Marian capitol of the world." Fatima was once a little known Portuguese village, until a series of three angelic apparitions prepared the way for a visitation by Blessed Virgin Mary to three small children thereafter drawing more than four million visitors annually to the site. Fatima is of such contemporary importance that **one of the first actions taken by newly elected Pope Francis was to consecrate his entire pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima.** This was followed by World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, which he also consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima. **Then, on Oct. 13, 2013 he consecrated the entire world to Our Lady of Fatima** followed by conversations with Vladimir Putin relevant to Christianity in the modern world and the role of Russia in

defending Christians in the Middle East as will be detailed in this series of articles on Fatima.

The first apparition of Our Lady took place on May 13, 1917, just prior to the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. On this date the Mother of Jesus appeared at Fatima to three shepherd children, Lucia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. She came to turn the nations embroiled in world war back to God and to make an appeal for world peace.

Thereafter, she visited the children on the 13th of every month for six consecutive months making a number of prophecies now popularly known as the "Three Secrets of Fatima." According to the official Catholic interpretation, the three secrets involve Hell, World War I and World War II, and the attempted assassination by gunshot of Pope John Paul II. The apparitions culminated with the unprecedented "*Miracle of the Sun*," which she performed before a gathering of some 70,000 pilgrims and skeptics (including atheists and Free Masons) on October 13, 1917 as she had said she would so that "all might believe".

The Virgin Mary told the children that Holy Mother Russia, the bastion of Orthodox Christianity, would become a communist nation and that it would lead a world-wide persecution of the church and that various nations would be annihilated.

She also told the children that in the end Russia would be converted if and when the pope in union with all the bishops of the world consecrated Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

After much stalling, intrigue and diplomacy, as mentioned above, Pope John Paul II finally made the requested consecration on March 25, 1984. He was moved to do this for several reasons, chief among them **the would-be assassin's bullets that struck him landed on May 13, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima**, which he was celebrating in Rome. In his own words,

"It was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death" (Pope John Paul II, Meditation from the Policlinico Gemelli to the Italian Bishops, 13 May 1994).

While recovering in Rome's Gemelli Hospital he had the Fatima texts removed from the Vatican Archives and personally presented to him. **Lying in the hospital, prayerfully studying the Fatima dossier, he recognized himself as the pope "dressed in white"** spoken about in the "third secret", the pope whom Our Lady referred to when she told the children that the "holy father" would have much to suffer, implicitly at the hands of the communists.



Pope John Paul II Recognized Himself as the Pope Dressed in White in the Third Secret of Fatima

Subsequently, he had the bullet removed from his body sent to Fatima to be placed in the crown of the Virgin statue. Then, on March 25, 1984, he proceeded to consecrate the world to Our Lady of Fatima in union with the bishops. Following that collegial act he then also decided to publicly reveal the much guarded “Third Secret of Fatima” for the first time since it was given to the children in 1917.



Pope John Paul II Consecrating the World to Our Lady of Fatima

Following the 1984 papal consecration, as promised, communism was toppled, the Solidarity movement gained momentum in Poland, the Berlin wall came down and one after another the nations behind the “Iron Curtain” were given political and then religious freedom – Russia was being converted as Our Lady of Fatima had promised.

The granting of religious freedom in Russia was followed by an increasing number of significant events including the removal of the communist flag from over the Kremlin for the last time on *Christmas day, December 25, 1991* thereby symbolizing the end of atheistic communism and foreshadowing the return of Russia as a world power to its ancient Christian patrimony—the rebirth of Christianity on Christmas day.

A new spring-time was occurring in the North. Russia had reemerged as a sovereign nation granting religious freedom to Christians and other world religions. and then Vladimir Putin committed Russia to the protection of Christians throughout the Middle East. On June 1, 2010, President Dmitry Medvedev signed a new law commemorating July 28 as a national holiday thereby officially recognizing the founding of Russia as a Christian nation with the baptism of Prince Vladimir in Kiev in 988. Speaking at the annual celebration commemorating the “Baptism of the Russ,” he said:

“The continual work of the Russian Orthodox Church will affect the revival of Christianity in our nation. Thanks to the Orthodox faith, Russian culture through the years, has acquired Biblical values on which the system of moral ideals for our nation is built” (US Department of State, 2010).

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NOTE

The following articles will focus on the essential communications that took place on each of these dates. Description of the apparitions are borrowed from Sister Lucia's Memoirs: *"Fatima in Lucia's Own Words"* (2007), Fatima, Portugal.

Purveyors of "Fake News" about to be Confounded by Their Own New Laws

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LAST WEEK FOUR OF THE NATION'S LEADING INTELLIGENCE chiefs (James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; John Brennan, CIA Director; James Comey, FBI Director and Admiral Mike Rogers, NSA Director) presented classified documents to President Obama and President-elect Trump. The documents contain a two page synopsis of specific allegations appended to a 35 page report alleging Russian interference in the presidential election. The FBI is still investigating the authenticity of the information, much of which remains unconfirmed.

This synopsis, although not an official part of the report, supposedly contains evidence that the Kremlin nefariously exchanged information with the Trump team to damage Clinton's campaign. Since the uncorroborated report was cited by CNN Mr.Trump refused to field a question from Jim Acosta a reporter representing CNN whom he accused of being a purveyor of "Fake News".

Technically speaking it was an outlet known as BuzzFeed, *not* CNN, that leaked the news including false allegations that Russian operatives possess compromising financial and personal information about the President-Elect. The Russians are supposed to have gathered damaging information that could be used to control or compromise the president in the future, such as an alleged agreement between Donald Trump and a group of prostitutes whom he supposedly propositioned to urinate on a bed slept ("Golden Showers") in by President and Michelle Obama the night before at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Moscow. Trump has continually denied the allegations referring to them as "fake news" and a "total political witchhunt." It was [CNN](#) that first published the news, but it did not include the specific allegations since they could not be verified for accuracy. [BuzzFeed](#), whom Trump referred to as a "failing pile of garbage", however, had no problem published the specious allegations, with the caveat that they were *not* yet substantiated."

While this might seem to be a major story, a story that many are getting confused trying to unravel, a closely related story, **a story having to do with empowering the United States government to handle fake news allegedly originating from new social media outlets, a story with far greater ramifications, slipped by virtually unnoticed over the Christmas Holiday** when people had their minds set on the holiday season.

Interestingly, [Senator John McCain](#) (who admits to having been the person behind real fake news, fake news about Trump and Russia, which he passed to the FBI) recently sponsored a bill entitled the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** designed to protect the main-stream media by outlawing so-called fake news presumed to be coming from "alternative social media". McCain admitted passing documents to James Comey (FBI Director), documents that allegedly show that Russian intelligence agents possess compromising data about the President-elect.

The fact that Vladimir Putin's spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, denied that [Russia](#) has collected any compromising intel on Mr. Trump and referred to the allegation as a "complete fabrication and utter nonsense", did not stop John McCain from escalating the matter in an attempt to ruin fellow Republican presidential candidate Trump. In McCain's own words:

"Late last year, I received sensitive information that has since been made public. Upon examination of the contents, and unable to make a judgement about their accuracy, I delivered the information to the Director of the FBI."

[According to the Guardian:](#)

"McCain was reluctant to get involved, according to a colleague, for fear the issue would be dismissed as a personal grudge against Trump. He pushed instead for the creation of a special Senate committee to look into connections between campaign staff and Moscow, but the proposal was blocked by the Republican leadership."

"[McCain told the NBC programme](#) Meet the Press on Sunday: "I would like to see a select committee. Apparently that is not in agreement by our leadership. So we will move forward with the armed services committee and I'm sure foreign relations and intelligence committee will as well."

So Senator **John McCain** passes fake news on a candidate running for President of the United States and then turns around and sponsors a bill intended to stop the spread of fake news of which he himself is a purveyor. In a show of non-partisanship, President Obama signed the bill into law on Friday December 23 during the rush of the holiday season, the day before Christmas Eve

[Obama stated that:](#)

*Today, I have signed into law S. 2943, the "**National Defense***

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017.” This Act authorizes fiscal year 2017 appropriations principally for the Department of Defense and for Department of Energy **national security programs**, provides vital benefits for military personnel and their families, and includes authorities to facilitate ongoing operations around the globe. It continues many critical authorizations necessary to ensure that we are able to sustain our momentum in countering the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and to reassure our European allies, as well as **many new authorizations that, among other things, provide the Departments of Defense and Energy more flexibility in countering cyber-attacks and our adversaries’ use of unmanned aerial vehicles.”**

By far, the most significant news has to do with alarming provisions buried deeply within the NDAA. Buried deeply inside the new bill are provisions from the “*Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act*” of 2016 (CDPA), which provides **remedies for the government to censor the press in the name of veracity vis a vis fake news**. The 2016 CDPA was introduced by Congressmen Ted Lieu and Adam Kinzinger as [House Bill H.R. 5181](#), which is intended to limit “foreign disinformation and manipulation” and

“To collect and store examples in print, online, and social media, disinformation, misinformation, and propaganda directed at the United States and its allies and partners.

From the House the bill passed to the Senate where it was supported by **Senators Robert Portman** (Rep – OH) and **Chris Murphy** (Dem – CT) who argued that Washington vis a vis the Kremlin spends a relatively small amount on its foreign news agency, the *Voice of America* while the Kremlin provides prodigious funding for its news agency, Russia Today (RT). Portmain advocates a single government agency to integrate and synchronize “whole strategies to counter foreign

propaganda and disinformation.”

Thus, prior to the passage of the NDAA in December of 2017, before the discrediting of CNN by Trump mentioned above, **the Secretary of State was being asked by to coordinate national efforts to “establish a Center for Information Analysis and Response” and to “develop” and “disseminate” “fact-based narratives” to counter propaganda otherwise now known as “fake news.”**

According to the bill’s sponsor in the Senate, Chris Murphy, the:

“Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act – legislation designed to help American allies counter foreign government propaganda... has been signed into law as part of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).”

The CDPA was inserted inside the December 2017 NDAA and has become law, a law that erodes freedom of the press in America presaging what Trump refers to as “witch hunts” followed by censorship, fines and possibly imprisonment for writing news stories that do *not* correspond with the liberal script. **The NDAA provides funds for a grant program for think tanks, NGOs and other personnel engaged in counter-propaganda operations.** While supporters of the bill consider it an outrage that Russia would dare publish its version of world news, they see no problem with their doing the same. Not to be out done by RT, the bill provides for a more robust foreign propaganda machine enhanced by on-going assistance to foreign allies to help them defend themselves against harmful false news coming out of places like Poland, Hungary, Russia and Slovakia *et al*.

Strangely, the NDAA is a law intended to help counter false news while its sponsor John McCain is a purveyor of false news. Apparently news is true if it supports the liberal economic, military or moral agenda and false if opposed. False news such as the type sponsored by Senator McCain supports the

agenda. News containing false allegations about “golden showers” and Russian war-mongering is considered worthy of belief, when in fact it is McCain who is acting like a war monger beating the NATO and US war drums to mount a crusade against Russia.

While berating Russia as a military behemoth waiting to strangle the world, the fact is that **US military spending is higher than that of all the countries of the world combined – including Russia**. NATO alone spends ten times more on military than the entire Russian Federation – so who is the war-monger?

Putin recently challenged the West to publish a map of all of its bases around the world and compare them to Russian bases – such a map would more clearly show who the war-monger really is:

[“I invite you to publish the world map in your newspaper and to mark all the US military bases on it. You will see the difference” \(Vladimir Putin\)](#)

Putin continued:

“American submarines are on permanent alert off the Norwegian coast; they are equipped with missiles that can reach Moscow in 17 minutes. But we dismantled all of our bases in Cuba a long time ago, even the non-strategic ones. And you would call us aggressive?”

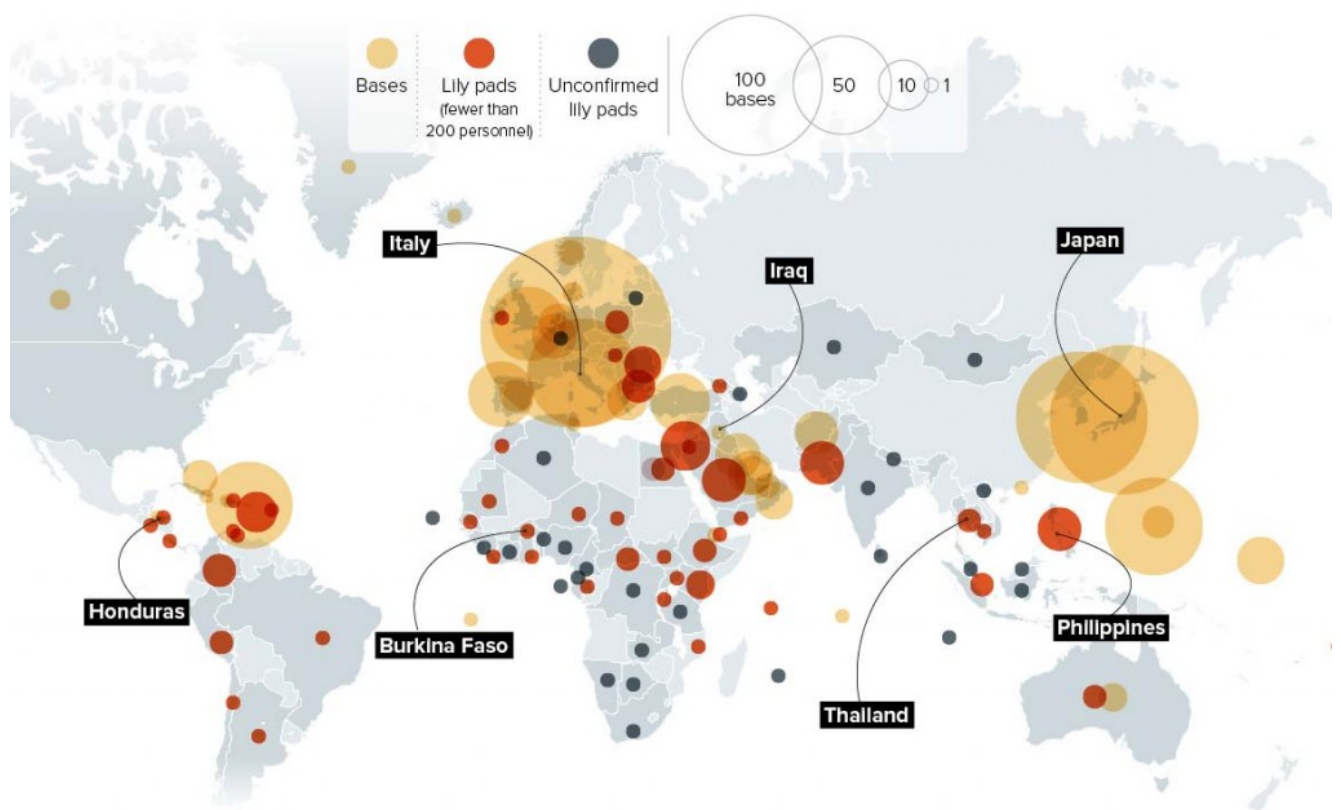
“You yourself have mentioned NATO’s expansion to the east. As for us, we are not expanding anywhere; it is NATO infrastructure, including military infrastructure, that is moving towards our borders. Is this a manifestation of our aggression?”

“Everything we do is just a response to the threats emerging

against us. Besides, what we do is limited in scope and scale, which are, however, sufficient to ensure Russia's security. Or did someone expect Russia to disarm unilaterally?"

MAPS OF US BASES AROUND THE WORLD

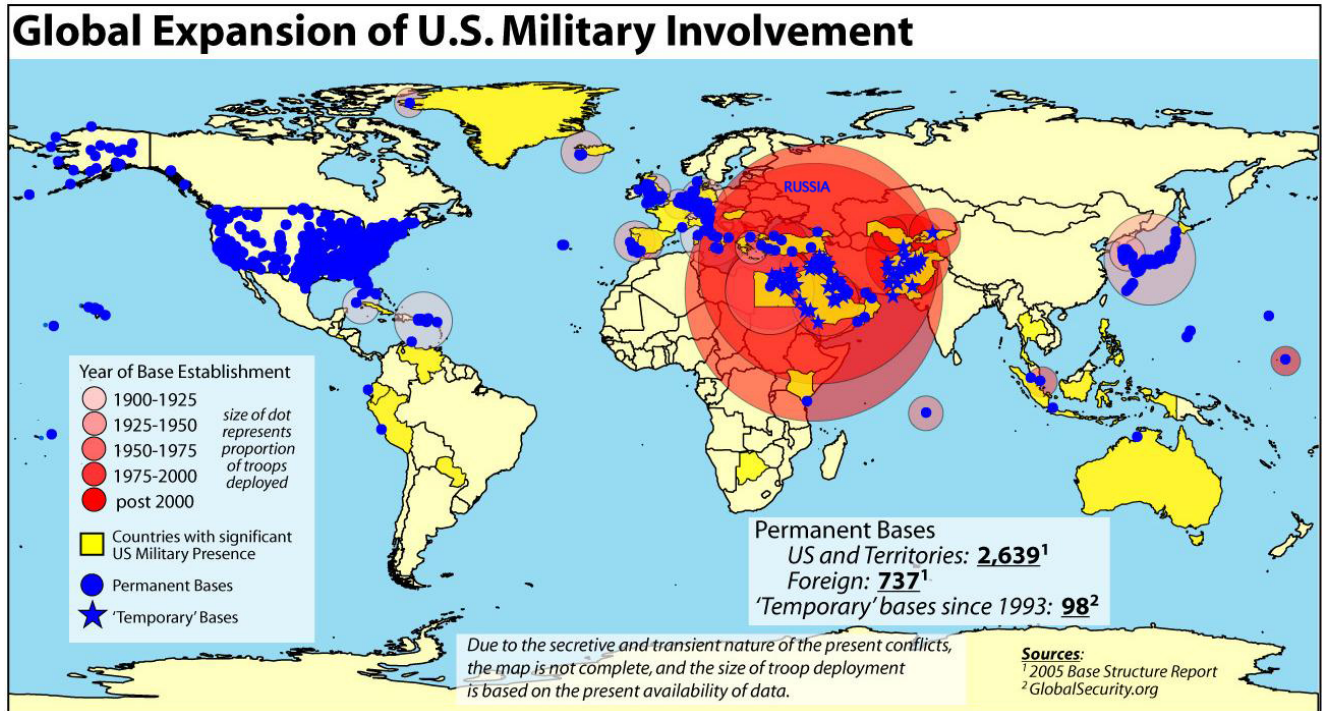
Looking at the maps below, it seems that Mr. Putin has a valid point, a point that neo-liberal and neo-con war mongers want to ignore:



Graphic by 5W Infographics

Please excuse the following jocular (sarcasm), but this is how ridiculous it has become: If we need further proof of Russia's aggression we need only consider how bold the Russians are: How dare they move their country so close to our military bases. It is not the Russians who are demonizing the West, we do a good job of that all by ourselves; it is the West that is demonizing Russia. It seems that [Russia and the West have switched roles](#). Hopefully, under President Elect Trump, the United States and Russia will be reconciled and

cooperate to bring an end to terrorism and advance world peace.



Anyone with eyes can see who is threatening whom. Russia is virtually surrounded except for the frigid North Pole and even there the US has nuclear submarines than can target and hit Moscow in 17 minutes.



WHY THE HATRED OF RUSSIA

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Purveyors of Main Stream “Fake News” about to be Confounded by Their Own Laws

LAST WEEK FOUR OF THE NATION’S LEADING INTELLIGENCE chiefs (James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; John Brennan, CIA Director; James Comey, FBI Director and Admiral Mike Rogers, NSA Director) presented classified documents to President Obama and President-elect Trump. The documents contain a two page synopsis of specific allegations appended to a 35 page report alleging Russian interference in the presidential election. The FBI is still investigating the authenticity of the information, much of which remains unconfirmed.

This synopsis, although not an official part of the report, supposedly contains evidence that the Kremlin nefariously exchanged information with the Trump team to damage Clinton’s campaign. Since the uncorroborated report was cited by CNN Mr.Trump refused to field a question from Jim Acosta a reporter representing CNN whom he accused of being a purveyor of “Fake News”.

<https://youtu.be/PZI0Q3LQZmo>

Technically speaking it was an outlet known as BuzzFeed, *not* CNN, that leaked the news including false allegations that Russian operatives possess compromising financial and personal information about the President-Elect. The Russians are supposed to have gathered damaging information that could be used to control or compromise the president in the future, such as an alleged agreement between Donald Trump and a group of prostitutes whom he supposedly propositioned to urinate on

a bed slept ("Golden Showers") in by President and Michelle Obama the night before at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Moscow. Trump has continually denied the allegations referring to them as "fake news" and a "total political witchhunt." It was [CNN](#) that first published the news, but it did not include the specific allegations since they could not be verified for accuracy. [BuzzFeed](#), whom Trump referred to as a "failing pile of garbage", however, had no problem published the specious allegations, with the caveat that they were *not* yet substantiated."

While this might seem to be a major story, a story that many are getting confused trying to unravel, a closely related story, **a story having to do with empowering the United States government to handle fake news allegedly originating from new social media outlets, a story with far greater ramifications, slipped by virtually unnoticed over the Christmas Holiday** when people had their minds set on the holiday season.

Interestingly, [Senator John McCain](#) (who admits to having been the person behind real fake news, fake news about Trump and Russia, which he passed to the FBI) recently sponsored a bill entitled the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** designed to protect the main-stream media by outlawing so-called fake news presumed to be coming from "alternative social media". McCain admitted passing documents to James Comey (FBI Director), documents that allegedly show that Russian intelligence agents possess compromising data about the President-elect.

The fact that Vladimir Putin's spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, denied that [Russia](#) has collected any compromising intel on Mr. Trump and referred to the allegation as a "complete fabrication and utter nonsense", did not stop John McCain from escalating the matter in an attempt to ruin fellow Republican presidential candidate Trump. In McCain's own words:

“Late last year, I received sensitive information that has since been made public. Upon examination of the contents, and unable to make a judgement about their accuracy, I delivered the information to the Director of the FBI.”

[According to the Guardian:](#)

“McCain was reluctant to get involved, according to a colleague, for fear the issue would be dismissed as a personal grudge against Trump. He pushed instead for the creation of a special Senate committee to look into connections between campaign staff and Moscow, but the proposal was blocked by the Republican leadership.”

“[McCain told the NBC programme](#) Meet the Press on Sunday: “I would like to see a select committee. Apparently that is not in agreement by our leadership. So we will move forward with the armed services committee and I’m sure foreign relations and intelligence committee will as well.”

So Senator **John McCain** passes fake news on a candidate running for President of the United States and then turns around and sponsors a bill intended to stop the spread of fake news of which he himself is a purveyor. In a show of non-partisanship, President Obama signed the bill into law on Friday December 23 during the rush of the holiday season, the day before Christmas Eve

[Obama stated that:](#)

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facilitate ongoing operations around the globe. It continues many critical authorizations necessary to ensure that we are able to sustain our momentum in countering the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and to reassure our European allies, as well as many new authorizations that, among other things, provide the Departments of Defense and Energy more flexibility in countering cyber-attacks and our adversaries' use of unmanned aerial vehicles."

By far, the most significant news has to do with alarming provisions buried deeply within the NDAA. Buried deeply inside the new bill are provisions from the "*Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act*" of 2016 (CDPA), which provides **remedies for the government to censor the press in the name of veracity vis a vis fake news**. The 2016 CDPA was introduced by Congressmen Ted Lieu and Adam Kinzinger as [House Bill H.R. 5181](#), which is intended to limit "foreign disinformation and manipulation" and

"To collect and store examples in print, online, and social media, disinformation, misinformation, and propaganda directed at the United States and its allies and partners.

From the House the bill passed to the Senate where it was supported by **Senators Robert Portman** (Rep – OH) and **Chris Murphy** (Dem – CT) who argued that Washington *vis a vis* the Kremlin spends a relatively small amount on its foreign news agency, the *Voice of America* while the Kremlin provides prodigious funding for its news agency, Russia Today (RT). Portmain advocates a single government agency to integrate and synchronize "whole strategies to counter foreign propaganda and disinformation."

Thus, prior to the passage of the NDAA in December of 2017, before the discrediting of CNN by Trump mentioned above, **the Secretary of State was being asked by to coordinate national efforts to "establish a Center for Information Analysis and**

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“Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act – legislation designed to help American allies counter foreign government propaganda... has been signed into law as part of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).”

The CDPA was inserted inside the December 2017 NDAA and has become law, a law that erodes freedom of the press in America presaging what Trump refers to as “witch hunts” followed by censorship, fines and possibly imprisonment for writing news stories that do *not* correspond with the liberal script. **The NDAA provides funds for a grant program for think tanks, NGOs and other personnel engaged in counter-propaganda operations.** While supporters of the bill consider it an outrage that Russia would dare publish its version of world news, they see no problem with their doing the same. Not to be out done by RT, the bill provides for a more robust foreign propaganda machine enhanced by on-going assistance to foreign allies to help them defend themselves against harmful false news coming out of places like Poland, Hungary, Russia and Slovakia *et al*.

Strangely, the NDAA is a law intended to help counter false news while its sponsor John McCain is a purveyor of false news. Apparently news is true if it supports the liberal economic, military or moral agenda and false if opposed. False news such as the type sponsored by Senator McCain supports the agenda. News containing false allegations about “golden showers” and Russian war-mongering is considered worthy of belief, when in fact it is McCain who is acting like a war monger beating the NATO and US war drums to mount a crusade against Russia.

While berating Russia as a military behemoth waiting to strangle the world, the fact is that **US military spending is higher than that of all the countries of the world combined – including Russia**. NATO alone spends ten times more on military than the entire Russian Federation – so who is the war-monger?

Putin recently challenged the West to publish a map of all of its bases around the world and compare them to Russian bases – such a map would more clearly show who the war-monger really is:

[“I invite you to publish the world map in your newspaper and to mark all the US military bases on it. You will see the difference” \(Vladimir Putin\)](#)

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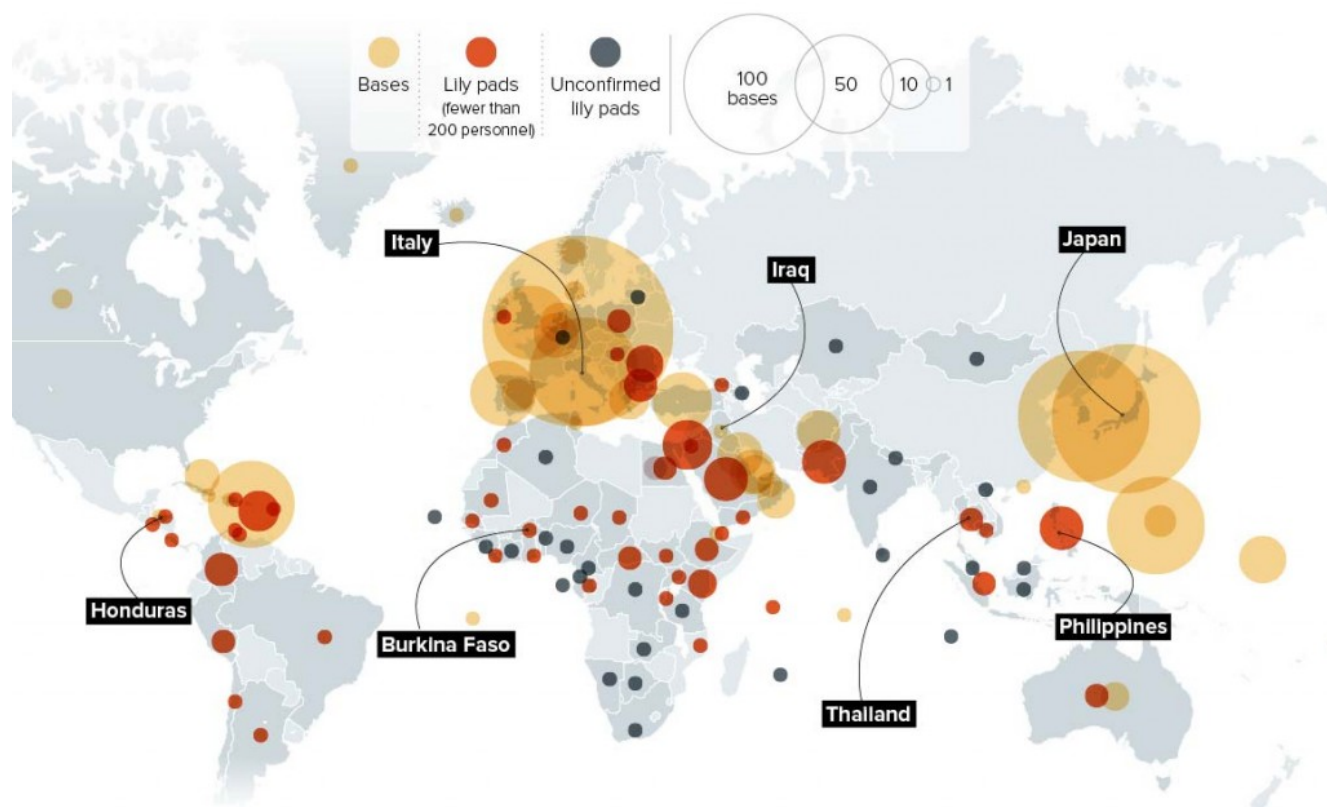
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“You yourself have mentioned NATO’s expansion to the east. As for us, we are not expanding anywhere; it is NATO infrastructure, including military infrastructure, that is moving towards our borders. Is this a manifestation of our aggression?”

“Everything we do is just a response to the threats emerging against us. Besides, what we do is limited in scope and scale, which are, however, sufficient to ensure Russia’s security. Or did someone expect Russia to disarm unilaterally?”

MAPS OF US BASES AROUND THE WORLD

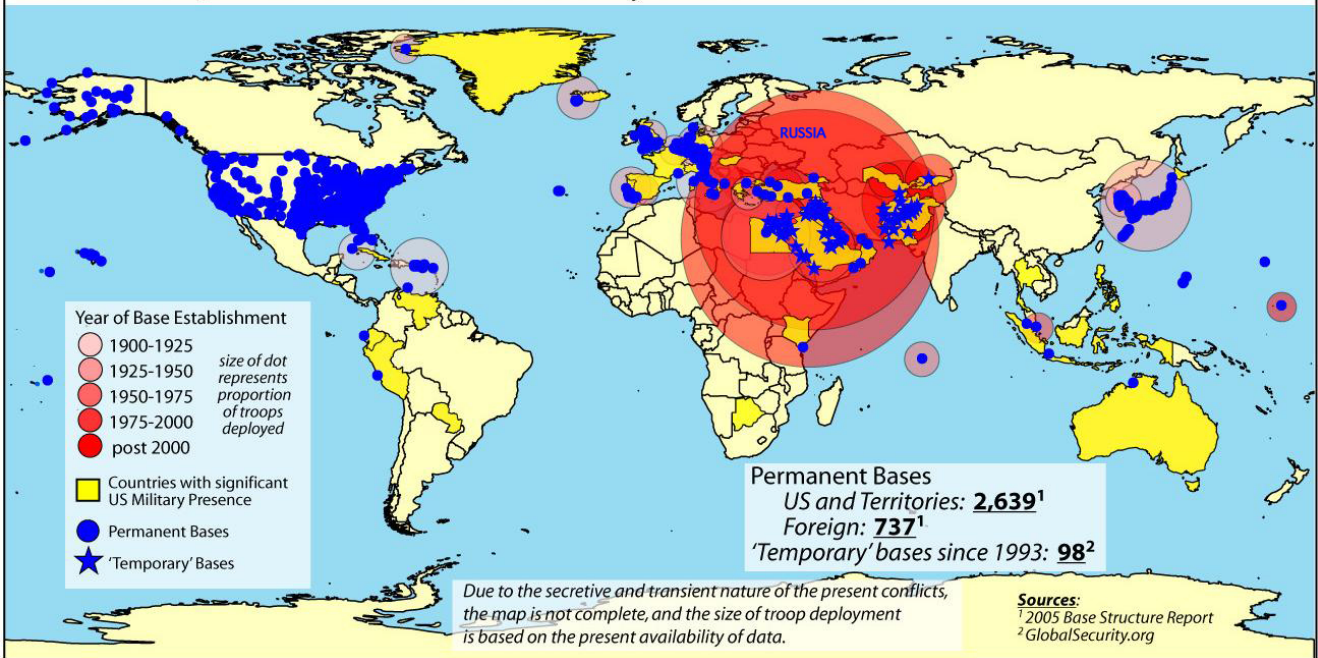
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Graphic by 5W Infographics

Please excuse the following jocular (sarcasm), but this is how ridiculous it has become: If we need further proof of Russia's aggression we need only consider how bold the Russians are: How dare they move their country so close to our military bases. It is not the Russians who are demonizing the West, we do a good job of that all by ourselves; it is the West that is demonizing Russia. It seems that [Russia and the West have switched roles](#). Hopefully, under President Elect Trump, the United States and Russia will be reconciled and cooperate to bring an end to terrorism and advance world peace.

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FOLLOWING LAST WEEK'S PRESS CONFERENCE during which President-Elect Trump referred to CNN as a purveyor of "fake news", he was asked if he would continue using social media after he becomes president. Of course he will! Since social media

allows him to turn the table on networks such as CNN accused of “fake news”, his answer, although a shock to mainstream media, is a “no-brainer.’

[“I think, I’ll keep it.”](#) I’ve got 46 million people right now – including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, so I’d rather just let that build up.”

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The changes expected from a Trump presidency are already occurring: It looks like **CNN has inadvertently catapulted a counter-main-stream-media-revolution** that has been gaining momentum for several years. Now- world leaders, such as Trump, need only Tweet news they want the world to hear. Look for Twitter to become an increasingly important avenue for current events; if it is not on Twitter it might just be “fake news.”

Following his nod to Twitter, the real estate mogul proceed to turn the heat up on both Germany and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Like others, Trump is watching a populist Anti-European Union movement sweep across Europe. Adding fuel to the populist fire, Trump implied that the Euro-skeptic movement is understandable not only because family and Christian values are being jeopardized by mass immigration, but also because the other European nations are being exploited by Germany, which, being a highly advanced export economy, is the main beneficiary of the relationship:

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"I believe others will leave. I do think keeping it together is not going to be as easy as a lot of people think. And I think that if refugees keep pouring into different parts of Europe, it's going to be very hard to keep it together because people are angry about it."

Speaking of Merkel's highly unpopular immigration policy (a policy that permitted over a million Middle Eastern refugees to enter Germany), a policy being combated throughout Europe in France, Poland, Hungary and elsewhere, Trump stated it is:

"...a catastrophic mistake" Germany should not have accepted "all these illegals."

"Nobody even knows where they are coming from."

NATO

The EU immigration policy has lead to an emergence of Christian political parties throughout the continent. But it is not just immigration and a resurgent Christian identity that the European globalists must deal with; they are also facing a defense problem. The Europeans, long accustomed to being defended by NATO for which the United States has footed the bill, have grown complacent. Trump has indicated that he will not be the type of leader whom one can accept a gift from and then defame when ever possible. The European Union should take notice: Trump does *not* like to be crossed – CNN is on the sideline, Merkel is in the hot seat. She must run for office in a few months against the populist pro-Christian [Alternative for Deutschland Party \(AfD\)](#) but will presumably receive no help from Trump whom she passively threatened several months ago:

*"Germany and America are connected by values of democracy, freedom and respect for the law and the dignity of man, independent of origin, skin color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political views," she said in a statement, adding: "I offer the next President of the United States close cooperation **on the basis of these values**" ([New York Times](#)).*

In other words, if Trump cozies up to Putin or any number of new European leaders who questions some of these liberal values espoused by the German Chancellor, if Trump does not stand behind these values, all of them, Merkel has indicated that she will not cooperate with him. In other words, she has set the basis for relations with the United States. The US will not dictate future relations to the EU and Germany. Chancellor Merkel has marked the EU as her territory. From New Era's perspective, the Chancellor has made a significant political blunder. Germany will not be able to act as the fulcrum of the EU much longer – that role is shifting to France in union with the rising tide of Euro-skeptic nations rising across Europe. Germany will either change its position or get lost in the rising tide.

Merkel has exacerbated German-American relations. Apparently, under Trump, there will be no more free gifts. Europe must pay for its own security and the only one with enough assets is Germany. The Germans long accustomed to living the "good life" have loudly complained about footing the bill to rescue the EU from economic catastrophe, now she must foot the additional mega-burden of footing the military bill as well:

NATO is not only "obsolete" it has according to Trump "outlived its usefulness", The countries, according to Trump are also "not paying their fair share."

Nevertheless, they expect to be protected -something that will not continue under Trump unless they ante-up. At such a time

Germany should be facilitating cordial relations with the new administration not exacerbating them by attempting to bully a man long accustomed to exercising considerable power with liberal ultimatums.

Related to NATO, Trump has also indicated that he wants to disengage from the costly military engagements and complex nation-building protocols that have plagued the US in the Middle East (Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen and Syria) where Saudi Arabia has been the beneficiary of American largess. He accuses the Saudis of the same failure to cover their military cost as most of the nations of Europe. Under Trump, there will be no more free riders in the Middle East or Europe.

RUSSIA

Since Vladimir Putin has been a supporter of the Euro-skeptic movement sweeping Europe, and the beneficiary of any NATO reduction, it is more than significant that the President-Elect is also considering the ramifications of rescinding President Obama's sanction regime imposed on Russia (over Crimean referendum that made Crimea a part of Russia) in exchange for a nuclear reduction deal. Trump told the [Times of London](#):

"They (the Obama Administration) have sanctions on Russia – let's see if we can make some good deals with Russia.... For one thing, I think nuclear weapons should be way down and reduced very substantially, that's part of it (the deal)."

Trump was referring to previous sanctions and the round of [new sanctions](#) placed on Russia by the Obama administration, which expelled 35 Russian diplomats from the US in response to Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Trump spoke in favor of finding common ground to facilitate cordial rather than adversarial relations with Moscow. He views Putin as an ally against terrorism, which is an issue that provides a solid basis for cooperation between the two countries. As a result of Russia's creative response to the sanctions, a response that includes investment in the new silk road project sweeping Asia as well as oil and natural gas deals with China and investment in agriculture that has resulted in Russia surpassing the United States as the leading exporter of wheat around the globe, as a result of responses such as these, Russia is *not* feeling the bite of the sanctions as Western analysts thought she would. Consequently, Trump being a logical realist, understands that cooperation with Russia can have positive results:

"Something (good) can happen that a lot of people are going to benefit."

Related to Russia, Trump has stated that the nuclear agreement made with her ally, Iran, is:

"...one of the dumbest deals" he has ever ever seen

Now that Iran, contrary to all Western Intelligence projections, has entered into a strategic military and political alliance with Iraq, there seems to be some truth in Trump's claim that the invasion of Iraq was

"...possibly the worst decision ever made in the history of our country. It's like throwing rocks into a beehive."

BREXIT

As indicated above, Germany's dominance over the European economy works to the detriment of other European countries who

must accept German exports duty-free. In response to this economic verity, Trump stated:

*“You look at **the European Union** and it’s Germany. **Basically a vehicle for Germany**...That’s why I thought the UK was so smart in getting out.”*

Trump is a fan of Brexit, which he views as an opportunity for the UK and the US to closely cooperate.

“I’m a big fan of the UK, we’re going to work very hard to get it done properly.”

If the two countries can seal a deal it should facilitate the UK exit from the EU by demonstrating the ongoing economic viability of the UK outside of the EU.

Being an avid observer of exchange rates, Trump, views the devaluation of the British Pound as an opportunity to spark business between the US and UK prompting him to state that

“Business is unbelievable in a lot of parts of the UK, as you know. I think Brexit is going to end up being a great thing.”

Consequently he indicated his willingness to consummate a new trade deal with the UK, *“very quickly.”*

Putting it all together:

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It looks like President-Elect Trump will be facing a hard time from entrenched war-hawks in congress and from military leaders committed to America’s global presence as a beacon of

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Intelligence Report One: The Blessed Virgin Mary – Error on Both Sides of the Theological Spectrum

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THERE HAS BEEN MUCH CONFUSION about the Virgin Mary, Fatima, and Her requested consecration of Russia and its subsequent conversion. Confusion is not a gift or fruit of the Holy Spirit; the Spirit is manifest in love and peace ([1 Corinthians 14:33](#), [Galatians 5:22](#)). Interestingly, the confusion has not come from outside the church, but from within, from extremists on both ends of the theological spectrum: ultra-liberals and ultra-conservatives. This is to be expected; false ideas are advanced by creating polar opposites that vie with each other giving the appearance that

truth must be on one side or the other, when in fact, it is on neither. Because both perceive and focus on the error in the other, they remain incapable seeing their own.

“Why seest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye; and seest not the beam that is in thy own eye? Or how sayest thou to thy brother: Let me cast the mote out of thy eye; and behold a beam is in thy own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam in thy own eye, and then shalt thou see to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye” ([Matthew 7: 3-5](#)).

For example, a false idea such as *materialism* is advanced by opposing (apparently) antithetical ideas such as *atheistic communism* and *hedonistic capitalism*. What many people fail to realize is that **each of these is a form of materialism**, materialism that is advanced by placing them in opposition to each other and by making them somewhat attractive by filling each with certain elements of the truth that are appealing to different types of people. Communism was forwarded by advocating justice for the working class, social cooperation, brotherhood, and economic equality. It was juxtaposed to capitalism that promoted private property, individual competition, frugality, and economic merit.

The positive elements of one appear excellent when placed in juxtaposition to the negative elements of the other, negative elements that ideologues of each fail to see or endeavor to conceal. The virtues of private property stand out when compared to economic sterility of communal property. The virtues of economic justice and universal employment stand out when juxtaposed to unemployment and worker exploitation etc. Both contain enough elements of truth to be attractive, but also contain disguised elements of error that make them detrimental. The negative elements in one position are avoided by focusing attention on the negative elements in the other.

Communists miss the negatives about communal property because they are so focused on the negatives of unregulated private property. Conversely, proponents of unregulated private property miss its short comings by over-focusing on the negative aspects of communal ownership. To further exacerbate the matter, other solutions or alternative world views are kept out of the discussion such that a person is forced to choose between two believing that they are the only viable solutions. Thus, no matter which way a person chooses, he or she will end up in error because both alternatives are flawed.

If this article does *not* seem to be about Fatima, Russia, and the Era of Peace, bear with the author, it is.

Lech Walesa, the past president and leader of Solidarity in Poland recognized this sociological verity in his autobiography, "*A Way of Hope*" in which he stated that prior to his meeting with the Primate of Poland, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Walesa thought there were only two solutions to the social problem, *i.e.*, communism versus capitalism.

However, after speaking with the primate, he became aware of a new third way, a way he had never heard of before, "Solidarity" or Catholic Social Teaching.

As indicated above, **communism and capitalism are both different forms of materialism** – the one being ***atheistic materialism*** and the other, ***hedonistic materialism***. Because both are forms of materialism, neither is true. But proponents of each believe their own version to be true while representing the other as false, when in fact, both are false.

Saint Padre Pio, like Lech Walesa after his meeting with the primate, knew of a third way. Thus, when asked about communism and capitalism, Pio gave an unexpected response in which he stated that they are both "indescribably evil":

In the East they deny God from the head to the belly button (atheistic materialism or scientific socialism) while in the

*Wast they deny God form the belly button to the feet
(hedonistic materialism or sexual, organs-pleasure).*

To advance a false idea, such as materialism, the idea must be masked behind partial truths set in contra-distinction to a competing ideology. The advance of Capitalism was aided by continually alluding to the evils of Communism. Conversely, Communism advanced by continually pointing out the abuses of Capitalism. **No matter which one is the victor, materialism, a false idea, advances.** The two are juxtaposed, when in fact both are gravely erroneous and detrimental to human well being.

The situation is similar in the church. Two appealing but false ideas, schismatic ultra-liberalism and schismatic ultra-conservatism vie for loyalties. Each presents itself as sacrosanct and the other as unholy WHEN IN FACT BOTH ARE UNHOLY AND MEANT TO DISTURB AUTHENTIC GROWTH IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. People line up to take either one of apparently two sides; an irreverent *Novos Ordo* Mass assisted by clowns and belly dancers or a reverent Tridentine Mass celebrated by schismatic clerics; head-veils or no veils, altar girls or altar boys, communion in the hands or on the tongue, priest facing the congregation or *ad orientem*, holding hands during the *Pater Noster* or standing singly etc. Interestingly, both can appear to be true and holy depending upon which lens a person is looking through. A dissenting liberal who disdains the coldness of an ultra-conservative misses his or her own schism. A dissenting ultra-conservative aghast at the irreverence of altar clowns and the schism of liberal nuns misses his or her own schism.

What they both miss is the authentic nature of the reform initiated by Vatican II. The conservative looks at altar clowns and, thinking that they are integral to the reform, falsely rejects the reform. The liberal, on the the hand, looks at the individualistic components of the Tridentine

Mass and embraces the exaggerated communal dimensions of a false reform. Both miss the authentic reform intended by the Council Fathers. Neither side has correctly evaluated the reform; both sides miss their error by focusing on, and constantly complaining about, whatever displeases them on the other side. **The truth is, the authentic reform (the third way) intended by the Council has not yet been realized.** This led Saint John Paul II to bequeath the future implementation of the Council to the next generation in his "[Last Will and Testament](#)":

*"Being on the threshold of the Third Millennium "in medio Ecclesiae," I wish once again to express gratitude to the Holy Spirit for the great gift of Vatican Council II, to which together with the whole Church – and above all with the entire episcopate – I feel indebted. I am convinced that once again and for a long time **it will be given to the new generations to draw from the riches** that this Council of the 20th century has lavished."*

*"As a Bishop who has participated in the conciliar event from the first to the last day, **I wish to entrust this great treasure to all those who are or will be in the future called to realize it.** For my part, I thank the eternal Pastor who allowed me to serve this great cause in the course of all the years of my pontificate."*

Liberal Catholics tend to view things through the lens of progressive pastoral theology. Although necessary, as Pope Francis keeps pointing out, pastoral theology rooted in extreme affect of the heart and divorced from the dogmatic truths of the faith is a dangerous thing. Conservative Catholics, such as Cardinal Burke, tend to view things through the lens of traditional dogmatic theology leading to a disdain for affective modernism and an over-emphasis on intellectual

virtue culminating in wisdom – a zeal for wisdom divorced from the theological requirements of charity.

The truth is that neither is correct (each is only partly correct); man is an integral being. Head and Heart, love and wisdom, must function together as an integral unity if there is to be an authentic expression of Catholicism. **Wisdom, no matter how great a good** (Aristotle even referred to it as the *Summum Bonum* – the greatest of all goods) **is deficient without Love**. In fact, wisdom is not only incomplete without love, it is inferior to love – it is meant to be consummate in love:

“IF I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And if I should have prophecy and should know all mysteries, and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

*“Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away... Now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known. And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three: but **the greatest of these is charity**” ([1 Corinthians 13: 1-13](#)).*

Like Communists and Capitalists, Ultra-Conservative Catholics and Ultra-Liberal Catholics each prosper by attacking the other, to the detriment of the Church. One emphasizes wisdom, the other love. The problem is that their cannot be authentic love without wisdom (garnered either by reason or faith or preferably both) and there cannot be

authentic wisdom without love. Just as there cannot be true moral virtue without the integral presence of all four cardinal virtues; there cannot be true theological virtue without the presence of faith, hope, and love. **There are many counterfeit loves and counterfeit wisdoms corrupted by self-love and pride of life that manifest themselves in disobedience.**

Since schismatic ultra-liberalism and ultra-conservatism are both inauthentic expressions of true integral Catholicism, **their error (that is-the error in both) is detected by disobedience to ecclesial authority** – Ultras show their true color when it comes to obedience to authentic church teachings, which both sides twist and contort while hiding behind an assumed veil of feigned holiness or a veil of feigned love, a veil of reverence and piety or of evangelization by being a cool dude. Liberals, like Judas, hide behind the veil of helping and loving the poor. Ultra-conservatives hide, like Jansenists, behind the veil of piety. We know what happened to Judas and the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the faith exposes the veil of piety assumed by schismatic ultra-traditionalists:

According to the Holy Office: ["We must resist error even when it masquerade as piety."](#)

Scripture tells us the same; it also reveals how to spot error – error cannot hide forever behind a masquerade of piety nor can it hide behind ersatz love like Judas hid behind the purse whose contents he spent on himself. Both, supposedly antithetical errors, are revealed in the lack of peace, the tranquility of spirit that comes forth from wisdom and love nurtured by humility **and obedience**:

*"Now I beseech you, brethren, to **mark them who make dissensions** and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, **and avoid them**. For they that are such, serve*

*not Christ our Lord, but their own belly; and by pleasing speeches (ultra-conservatives) and good words (ultra-liberals), seduce the hearts of the innocent. **For your obedience is published in every place.** I rejoice therefore in you (not in them who are disobedient). But I would have you to be wise in good, and simple in evil. And the **God of peace crush Satan** under your feet speedily. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you” ([Romans 16: 17-20](#)).*

It is really quite simple: Those causing dissension by masquerading in piety while questioning the teaching authority of the Church and those causing dissension by masquerading in love but who in reality are serving their “own bellies” in fun and parties, these, both these, seduce the innocent *albeit* in diverse ways. **As communism and capitalism are both manifestations of materialism, schismatic ultra-liberalism and ultra-conservatism are both manifestations of dissension manifest in disobedience.** Sons and daughters of the Church are not to be misled by the good deeds of others if they are done for selfish purposes, to be noticed and praised; nor are they to be fooled by outstanding intellectual speeches full of learning and apparent wisdom. How is anyone to know when a teaching is false or a deed is a counterfeit? Simple – if those who perform apparent good deeds and teach apparent wisdom cause dissension and are disobedient to the true shepherds of the flock.

The test on both sides – ultra-conservative and ultra-liberal – is peace manifest in a bond of unity and obedience.

Because there are so many problems in the modern world, gender confusion, homo-sexuality, disrespect, abortion, pornography etc. etc. it is easy to be down on the modern world. This is the strong card of the traditionalists: discontent with modernism and the ability to quote popes and encyclicals such as [Pope St. Pius X, Pascendi Dominici Gregis](#), Pope Pius

IX, [Qui Pluribus](#) and the [Syllabus of Errors](#) and many other papal and church documents that condemn modernism and apparently confirm their position. Since Vatican II does not join them in their enthusiasm for condemnation of the modern world and instead follows the counsel of Saint Paul to “become all things to all men with the view of winning them to Christ, they reject Vatican II:

*“And I became to the Jews, a Jew, that I might gain the Jews: To them that are under the law, as if I were under the law, (whereas myself was not under the law,) that I might gain them that were under the law. To them that were without the law, as if I were without the law, (whereas I was not without the law of God, but was in the law of Christ,) that I might gain them that were without the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak. **I became all things to all men, that I might save all.** And I do all things for the gospel’s sake: that I may be made partaker thereof” ([1 Corinthians 9: 20-23](#)).*

Instead of stooping and becoming *all things to all*, schismatic traditionalist elitists tend to critique and criticize. When they are not joined in this endeavor by the bishops and Supreme Pontiff they then tend to dissent and then to name call even at times refusing to attend a Novos Ordo Mass. More and more they become self-righteous and then blame all the error they observe on the failure of the shepherds to correct the flock with a rod of iron. failing to realize that it is mercy that God wants not sacrifice they become very judgmental:

“Go then and learn what this meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice. For I am not come to call the just, but sinners” ([Matt 9:13](#)).

If they understood this, the sacrifices that they make would be sacrifices out of love for the sins of those whom they

abhor. **This is reparation sacrifice, the type of sacrifice most pleasing to God that Our Lady requested at Fatima and that Our Lord offered on the Cross.** If a person fasts and sacrifices exclusively for themselves, they have the wrong idea; fasting is a discipline and a form of charity. Properly understood, it is conducted as a discipline of the passions so that one might better serve God and neighbor. **Fasting is a means not an end – a means to better service and higher expressions of love.** Once the passions have been mastered, fasting becomes a form of love for others as do all other types of reparation acts and prayers. **A person genuinely advancing in the spiritual life will *not* be characterized by criticism of others but by love of others and a willingness to embrace the cross for them when they are too weak or ignorant to do it for themselves.** Anyone getting pumped on the idea that they fast and pray, or are smarter than others, is being infected with counterfeit ideas leading to pride and eventually to disobedience and then schism.

If not careful, the justice that many ultra-conservatives clamor after and decree for others will be the justice they will receive for themselves. Slowly, such people tend to move away from unity with their bishops and become infallible authorities themselves thinking it a little matter to correct and teach the bishops and even the pope himself whom they deem a “heretic”.

Pope Francis, whom they abhor, refers to them as “legalists”; they are like pharisees whom the pope says just do not get it.

“The experience of forgiveness that embraces the whole human family is the grace that the apostolic ministry announces. The Church exists only as a tool to communicate to people the merciful plan of God. At the Council the Church felt the responsibility of being in the world as a living sign of the love of the Father.... This moves the axis of the Christian conception of a certain legalism, which can be ideological....Some (think of certain replies to Amoris

laetitia) still do not understand, or (want to see everything as) white or black."

Newera agrees with the pope. The greatest reason being **that we are living in the Hour of Mercy**. The whole universe is impregnated with the echo of the Divine Logos: "Mercy-Mercy-Mercy" and of His Mother who is asking for reparation from her children for the sins of others, asking penance from those who love God for those who are steeped in sin: "Penance-Penance-Penance". Our Lord and Our Lady are asking for love, mercy, compassion and sacrifice for sinners and the ultra-conservatives are calling for their heads, calling for punishment, divine retribution, and chastisement while the ultra-liberals are condoning their sin and often participating in it. **The pope is correct, they don't get it;** both are disobedient and dissenters.

When this whole ultra right-left paradigm is telescoped onto the question of the Virgin Mary, two attractive but egregious versions of the Mother of God appear. Both ultra liberals and ultra conservatives have a version of the Virgin Mary for the rest of the Church. On the liberal side we find the credulous Medjugorje crowd and on the Conservative side we find the Fatima "nuts". Overly convinced of the rightness of their position, **both proceed to manifest their error in pride, dissension and disobedience** as will be discussed over the next few articles.

Because both ideas about our Lady are in error, the best way to advance the error is to juxtapose one to the other: liberal to conservative and conservative to liberal. **The faithful are left to choose between Ultra-Conservative Fatima know it-alls and Liberal Medjugorje do-gooders, while the authentic *Message of Fatima* gets lost amid a *river of confusion*, a river hemmed in by error on either bank – the East Bank of Ultra-Conservatism or the West Bank of Ultra-Liberalism.**

“And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman, water as it were a river; that he might cause her to be carried away by the river. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the river, which the dragon cast out of his mouth” ([Revelation 12:15-16](#)).

The purpose of this Intelligence Report is to break down the river walls thereby diffusing the tumultuous flow of confusion spewing from the deceptive mouth of Satan who is a cunning liar and the Father of liars ([John 8:44](#)), liars who assist him in his furtive plan to carry the Virgin Mary away in the river of cunning deception.

End Part One

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