

World Order — An Assessment

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It is a historical, economical, sociological and political fact that the world today is going through the era of interdependence. The contradictory nature of the world today has strengthened the fundamental differences among its nations but still states are interconnected, thereby, making internationalization a political issue. The scientific, technological, information and media revolutions have really played a role in binding people across countries to believe that we live in “One World”¹.

The goal of the World Order, which was proposed by Dante in the beginning of the 14th century, sought by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 20th century and revisited and tried by George Bush (Sr.) in 1990-91 during the Persian-Gulf War, was to rule the world by a unitary (fascist) world government. Practically the end of the Cold War made the theory of World Order possible. Thus the new version of pax-Americana had re-emerged.

World Order incepted after World War II was depicted as the rule of the law, which supplants the jungle rule where nations were recognized to share the responsibility² of peace, justice and freedom; where the stronger nations would respect the rights of weaker ones.

During the Gulf war, which was the prospective made by the US after the Cold War to test the New World Order, President Bush stated more than once that it is not only a small country — Kuwait — that is at stake but it is a big idea — a New World Order. It was a stage where diverse nations believed in a common cause and that was to achieve the universal aspirations: the new world order where brutality would go unrewarded and aggression would meet collective resistance. However, this new world order, as per Bush’s statements clarify, could be achieved only if United States accepted the burden of leadership because “America was the only nation on this earth that could assemble the peace”³

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Consequently, victory over Iraq proved that New World Order was “a great real prospect”.

War was not imposed on Iraq in 1990 just for the sake of helping Kuwait but the main motto behind the attack was that Iraq should decrease its military power and pay reparation.

The coming time is to bring greatest problems of society, polity, economy, psychology and philosophy to the people and governments of the world⁴. This is so because the world has entered into an era of destructive order through pseudo “peace” and “prosperity”. A deep study clarifies that no formula will immediately eradicate the roots and branches of problems because humans have reached the failure today despite crossing through various developments of family, clan, tribe, village, town, city and state and on the same track we are fortunate enough to get another chance after two major world wars besides other wars and continuing “Peace-War”.

We are living in the nuclear age and as per US, nuclear age is One World or None; one world is a necessity⁵. But the existing war between the nations (European Union and United States) makes us free to point out that world is underorganized. The belief is that a suggested proposal like “Control World through World Peace” does encounter obstacles and world is not ready to accept such a political system / structure. The prevailing world situation indicates that this form of limited world government, established by the superpower of the age, agrees to organize such a world and more specifically is interested in settling other’s issues which were once raised by proxy⁶.

Law is a dependant variable and order / system creates it. Today America calls all like-minded nations to collaborate but itself did not collaborate under the Articles of Collaboration before 1787⁷. USA during the period between 1st and 2nd world wars did not participate in the League of Nations. They unite the world today on the ties which could not unite America, which was a group of deeply divided states and a remote area from the rest of the world on the western part.

America under the garb of World Order suggests that the efforts to abolish war can be fulfilled only under one world government — USA. US has allied a large number of actors with its role in striking the New

World Order and shaping the action. The US policy is that no government could willingly occur⁸.

The initiation of a new world order from the Gulf was a strategic policy of the US to gain control over the oil resources of the region and expand Western influence in the Middle East as well. New World Order was started after the end of the Cold War because in the bi-polar world the domination of Western Europe by Soviet Union would have shifted the global balance decisively against the US, thereby, jeopardizing the American foreign policy.

Moreover the US considered the middle or small powers as a threat coming from the developing world and so by contrast responded with the aim of imperialism by introducing a vision of a New World Order. This threat was not about world security, peace and Weapons of Mass Destruction but it was that of non-intervention, non-exploitation, where nations would not let their privacy, security, lives, justice go into the hands of aggressive, imperialist, mean, colonial power: USA.

US resentment came out in open when the United Nations during Gulf Crisis was called a failure if it would not fulfill American expectations⁹ and threatened to create another institution for pursuing its purposes, thereby, nullifying the existing one. On the whole the vision of New World Order was to implement leadership role of America.

The nature of international order coincided with the American diplomacy and leadership. Thus the conjunction of world order and international order imposed special responsibilities on US which others don't have, but it also conferred them a degree of freedom, others do not have.

Now USA under the garb of New World Order, meant to promote world justice, peace and security, cannot believe in aggression (which it utilizes and expresses all over because peace-loving people do not fail in resisting aggression and the path of violence. However, the American production itself declares:

Our position is that whatever grievances a nation may have, however, objectionable it finds that status quo, aggressive warfare is an illegal means for settling those grievances or for altering those conditions¹⁰.

The American government reviewed the same principle before Iraqi invasion in 2003 but setting out a course, an action ultimately led to war with Iraq. It is only here that things began to change but American policy adapted it as the consequence of its vision of world order. The USA under New World Order implemented the aggressive use of force as its first and foremost principle. Although the order Bush sought was that of peace and justice and laid huge emphasis on international order.

On the other hand, successive administrations were assimilated to commit “indirect aggression” and at most of the instances assimilated in an aggravated and exaggerated form, to an armed attack, thus justifying acts of self-defense.

Even before proclaiming the idea of New World Order, USA aggressively intervened militarily in Panama just for the reason of removing a dictator who had defied USA too often. But to prove unilateral skills and wit, USA did not bother to contact the UN for that matter. At this stage of history it seemed to be a prelude to the New World Order.

With the aim of restoring peace and justice throughout the world, the USA aims at interfering into the internal matters of the nations, thus utilizing their resources in addition to colonizing the nation. The bright promises of New World Order have replaced the world tensions with new dangers, new disorders and a far less peaceful future.

Economic sanctions emerging out from aggression and rape, pillage and plunder tiny nations and subject its people to unexpected atrocities through maiming and murdering even innocent children. This is true of Iraq in 1990, Afghanistan in 2001, Iraq in 2003, where US named its aggression and revenge as “punishment” to the other side.

America as the greatest aggressor planned for a military justification that sought the destruction of Iraq — an independent nation — along with its industrial infrastructure and military power.

Aggression is aggression, whether it is committed by a small or a great power. To reward aggression in any way is to encourage it. Aggression in all the way is a threat to global security; it is very closely defined as the threat to the global economy, global economic order.

Every act of aggression is a striking blow against the rule of law which gives rise to lawlessness around the world which the imperial

power does not allow anybody to feel and utter. Plainly speaking, the aggression on US side is called a 'self-defense', which is the birth right of humans and presidents all over.

There are five things that have had an important role in shaping US foreign policy:

1. Redeemer nation
2. Moral leadership
3. Tutor
4. Police
5. Modernization (exportation of American culture)¹¹

The advocates of New World Order included Editorial Boards, Columnists, Government Officials, Scholars, Statesmen and Advocates of the USA and its strategy is such that the use of the American force would be sudden, massive and decisive¹² and the force would be a realistic policy. Under New World Order, USA justifies its aggressive act and has made revenge and interference by aggression as its motive. The theory of aggression lies at the heart of New World Order and America as per theorists is a pragmatic true believer in it.

The belief is that the advocates affirm that war is the best way to neutralize, deactivate and counteract power and to go for collective defense without UN approval. They have war in n their heart and peace in their lips.

Nothing has actually changed in American foreign policy since the beginning of USA in 1789 and not even September 11, 2001. The United States entered 19th century by stealing the continent of North America from the American Indians by a process of ethnic cleansing and marked the beginning of America's self-styled "manifest destiny". The same government entered the 20th century by stealing Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, Philippines from Spain by a process of genocide and killing numerous people — all in the name of securing America's place in this planet. Furthermore 21st century witnessed an effort of USA, to steal Muslims lands under the banner of "War Against Terror" and "Eliminating Weapons of Mass Destruction"¹³.

The previous centuries of the USA practically proclaim the foreign policy of United States of America based on racism, aggression, genocide, ethnic cleansing, genocide, war against humanity.

Saint Augustine of Hippo once said:

Kingdoms without justice are similar to robber barons... It was an elegant and true reply that was made to Alexander, the Great, by a pirate whom he had captured. When the king asked him what he was thinking of, that he should molest the sea, he said with defiant independence: "The same as you when you molest the world! Since I do this with a little ship I am called a pirate. You do it with a great fleet and are called an emperor."¹⁴

The United States of America has become the Emperor of the world and is now terrorizing all the states, peoples and nations of the entire world at will. In the light of America's hegemony, it claims that those who resist its imperial aggression are "terrorists". The historical origins of the USA force us to call USA as a "great robber band".

It seems that most of the American people are basically unaware of the atrocities against others or gross violations of international law caused by the American government on daily basis. The fact is proved when once some members of the jury of American law themselves were shocked on discovering that the US government has morally degraded itself and jury went to protest against the brutalities imposed by the government¹⁵.

To conclude, World Order includes the concept of international law and international court. The presence of both gives us the clear indication of Internationalism. By law, the author does not only mean a set of rules, imposed by the political system having rational consistence but law, court, politics, society, economic and psychology all must come from a system — a defined order.

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