

William S. Cohen
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC

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Dear Bill;

I have been wondering what might inspire policy-makers to consider implementing a shift in thinking, a shift in policy. "Well", I thought, "A little crisis might do it." That very day I walked out of my house, and went to town where the headline in The Denver Post read: *"Stress Fractures Trouble Military" Subhead: "Big Problems, Survey finds personnel worried about morale, quality, leadership. Forces losing faith."* (1)

I have put together some observations I made in my journey through Washington, Philadelphia, Plymouth, Lexington and Rochester last fall, and came up with some interesting connections that might present some new solutions to the apparently solutionless dilemma we find ourselves in today at all levels.

Ever onward.

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Engaging the Divine Energies for Military, Social and Economic Success or "In God We Trust."

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Basic Assumptions:

Humankind is about to embark on the largest evolutionary leap ever taken. This is in the process of occurring. The old paradigm put together on the basis of doubt is collapsing and a new world based upon trust is unfolding. This new world is the 5th world of peace and unity prophesized by the Native Americans, and the 5th Biblical Kingdom to come on the planet - the Kingdom of God. (2)

Due to free will the human race must choose to bring this on the planet through action.

The following will demonstrate why it is the destiny of the United States to lead the way to this new way of being.

First of all I want to introduce an element heretofore not considered in the American consciousness:

The key role of the Native American in the future.

I would like to point to several aspects of Washington DC that point to this.

1. In the monument to Christopher Columbus at Union Station - the Old World is represented by a scribe, the New World by a Native American Indian (3).
2. The statue of freedom which crowns the Capitol building wears on her head "an eagle head, talons and feathers, a reference to Native American costume" which is the highest point in Washington DC, nothing can be built higher than this eagle headdress (4).
3. The turtle, Native American symbol of The Island of Peace, Turtle Island-the Americas, and also a symbol of Creation, holds up the light posts in the Supreme Court and is a primary symbol "of the slow and steady pace toward justice."
4. Sacajawea, with child (Madonna) looking straight at the viewer on the new 2000 dollar coin, with Liberty printed around her head, In God We Trust at her side and a soaring eagle on the back.

Are you familiar with the joke about the Indians holding up one hand and saying "How"? I expect you are. Well, the funny cosmic joke of it is - that is exactly what the Native Americans have done and will do for humankind - tell us "how" to bring the Truth to the planet, for hidden in their ways and core teachings are the clues to how to walk on Earth with an open heart in balance with all of Creation. This is demonstrated by the following circumstance in history: The Mayflower Compact signed November 11, 1620 "bound the founders into a civil body politic to frame just and equal laws convenient for the general good of the colony". (5) The Pilgrims brought the vision of just and equal people serving the good of all - the Native American Indians - in The Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy, formed 500 years before the landing of Columbus and uniting the six warring nations of the Iroquois, was a blueprint for the Constitution of the United States (6), which is the practical application of the Mayflower vision.

On November 11 every year the Iroquois celebrate the signing of the Canandaigua Treaty between the Six Nations of the Iroquois and the United States, a symbol of "peace and friendship forever" signed on November 11, 1794 by George Washington's agent Timothy Pickering. This treaty is still being lived today through the purchase of annuity cloth by the United States government which is given to people of the six sovereign nations of the Iroquois. (7)

The Pilgrims landed on these shores seeking personal and religious freedom. The forgers of a new republic of unified autonomous states sought a means of effecting freedom and unity-the model of the six unified Iroquois nations with the high ideals embodied in their symbolism-gave a practical application of the principles that the founding fathers, and the Pilgrims before them, sought to bring to the human condition. These principles had been brought to the warring nations of the Iroquois by one man-The Daganawidah or Peace Maker. A Huron named Hiawatha saw the higher truths contained in this man's vision and became his spokesperson and convinced the six tribes to bury their weapons of war beneath the White Pine Tree and adopt the principles of peace. (8) The symbol of the evergreen tree with the eagle over it, and the white roots of peace extending to the four directions welcoming all to come under its branches remains an inspiring symbol today. It is the first true symbol of a constitutionalized government in the world. This constitution of the Iroquois over 1000 years old, is the oldest, purest and most continuous form of democracy for world peace. (8a)

It is my vision that the countries and the people of the world will symbolically re-enact this historic event and will consciously choose to lay down the weapons of war. They will do this because a new understanding will come into the hearts and minds of the human race and clear thinking will prevail (the evolutionary leap).

Ben Franklin's first diplomatic mission was to negotiate a treaty with the Six Tribes of the Iroquois in 1750. In 1754 he drafted his proposal for the Albany Plan of Union.(9) He had found in the Indian way of life that *"Their Government is by the Counsel or Advice of the Sages; there is no Force, there are no Prisons, no officers to compel Obedience, or inflict Punishment. Hence they generally study Oratory; the best Speaker having the most influence."* (10) (Do we consider force, prisons, officers, punishment a given necessity to deal with the human condition? When we came upon the Hopi in Arizona a century later, we encountered a similar way of life - there was no crime, no police, no prisons, no punishment.)

Today the Iroquois nations find themselves in a state of affairs equally contaminated by doubt-based thinking as the rest of the country and the world. The symbols of the higher values of peace and cooperation are ever-present in their lives, however. The wampum belts that pictorially depict unity are in the Iroquois consciousness, the celebration annually of the Canandaigua Treaty yearly renews hope and vision to what we can be. Like the rest of America they hold on to the highest vision of their ancestors, while walking through the experiences that doubt-based, contaminated thinking has brought into everyday life for us all.

Throughout American history the Native American has brought the European mind solutions and inspiration, this role is ongoing and has yet to play out its most dramatic chapter.(11)

"Man has doubted the Creator since the beginning, and that doubt has plagued him." Wallace Black Elk, Lakota Elder

The key to Native American thought is the **direct connection to the Divine energies**; they have an understanding of the True Nature of the Universe and how to engage these energies for the benefit of all of Creation. No one has yet lived these principles in their pure form on Earth. The **doubt** that has been in the mind of man has driven the dominant behavior on this planet. The evolutionary leap we are about to take has to do with **ultimate trust** replacing doubt. The effects that ultimate trust can have in everyday reality are documented throughout history, but are negated by the doubt-dominated belief systems. Ultimate trust can be defined as the trust embodied in the concept of jumping off a cliff into the total unknown-or "Is it worth dying for?"(12) Walking through the doubt-based paradigm into the peace, beauty, balance and abundance that is only accessible through ultimate trust in the loving, Divine energies that drive the Truth reality is the job of visionary Americans today.

America was founded on a vision of Truth, and every American expects to achieve those high ideals and to bring the beauty, peace and abundance embodied in that vision to pass on Earth. We haven't and we can't while doubt continues to drive our behavior.

George Washington was considered almost immortal because of his courage and ability to achieve extraordinary feats by walking into total trust and engaging the Divine energies. His crossing of the Delaware in the dark with 2,000 exhausted and hungry men and his attack on the Hessians in Trenton, achieving a victory by a rag-tag army over a deadly professional regiment with no American casualties, no wounded, belies reason and is inexplicable in ordinary analysis of the facts. (13) George Washington performed "miracles" simply by crossing the line from doubt to trust. He changed the course of history twice with his daring river crossings during the Revolution. He bet everything when he crossed the East River with 10,000 men, again in total darkness, and deserted New York, but saved his army, only to return to New York victorious years later. (14) Upon his death at 67 early images that marked his passing with allegorical allusions to Christ and Moses far outnumbered those that depicted

his death as that of an ordinary mortal. (14a)

"Washington is certainly a surprising man, one of nature's geniuses. A heaven-born general, if there is any of that sort." (15)

"Providence has heretofore taken us up when other means and hope seemed to be departing from us." George Washington in a letter to Benjamin Harrison Dec. 30, 1778. (16)

The Declaration of Independence states the concept of ultimate trust succinctly: *"And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."* In the memorable words of Benjamin Franklin: *"We must all hang together, or we will hang separately."* The signers of the Declaration were well aware of putting their lives on the line for the new nation.

Alexis de Tocqueville in his treatise: *Democracy in America* states that: *"If we carefully examine the social and political state of America, after having studied its history, we shall remain perfectly convinced that not an opinion, not a custom, not a law, I may even say not an event is upon record which the origin of that people will not explain."* (17)

The Constitution became, in the words of Benjamin Franklin "a near-perfect document" after four months of deliberation. Mid-way through the negotiations Franklin stood up and declared *"It is my hope that good-will will come. The arduous and complicated sides of government have been too long in the hands of practical politicians. It seems we should invoke the Divine guidance in such a debate and start each session with a prayer."* (18)

At the conclusion of the convention Franklin stated: *"I have often in the course of the session and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issue, looked at that sun behind the President (carved in his chair) without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting; but now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun."* (18)

As trust in the Divine permeated the philosophical founding of America, so did a scarcity-based line of thinking take hold in our economic realms. Trust and doubt walked hand-in-hand. Greed, desire for wealth and power, in my opinion, comes from a fear that one must be in control, must arm oneself in the battle for survival against nature and other men and create a safeguard against a rainy day, create security for self and future generations. **A scarcity-based economic system is the antithesis of trust-based thinking and negates the natural, currently inconceivable abundance that a universe driven by unconditional love wants to bestow upon all of its aspects.** This doubt permeated established religions, became the foundation of our economic survival, it contaminated Native American thought, and set America on a course that is killing us, requiring the sacrifice of all that is beautiful and meaningful, including our children, and is destroying the Earth upon which we depend for survival.

"If I was to be called upon to draw upon a picture of the times and of men from what I have seen, heard, and in part know, I should in one word say that idleness, dissipation, and extravagance seems to have laid fast hold of most of them; that speculation, peculation, and an insatiable thirst for riches seems to have got the better of every other consideration and almost of every order of men." George Washington: On the Lack of a National Spirit taken from a letter to Benjamin Harrison December 30, 1778. (19)

"At no time during the Revolution was there unity of public mind or purpose in America." (20)

"...its soul, its climate, its equality, liberty, laws, people and manners. My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of and which no other people on earth enjoy!" Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Monroe June 17, 1785. (21)

Jefferson, Franklin, Washington among many others kept their eye on the heart, the high ideals of the human potential. *"...To establish fraternal love and harmony through the whole empire, and that these may continue to the latest ages of time, is the fervent prayer of all British America."* Thomas Jefferson: A Summary View of the Rights of British America 1775. (22)

New York, the first capitol of the new nation, became the proving ground of divergent thought.

New York was not founded by visionaries seeking religious freedom, it was valued by the Dutch for its enormous potential as the biggest and best harbor in the world where human forces were unleashed and the bottom line became paramount, other ideals taking a back seat. *"The more money you had the closer you were to God."* It was a business proposition from the start for the Dutch East India Trading Company. There was not a church built for 17 years. Modern capitalism was invented. (24)

The Native American Indian was eliminated from the island of Manhattan, as was the natural landscape with the imposition of the grid system. The entire human and natural landscape was replaced. New York was built on the exploitation of slave labor. The French and Indian war demonstrated the importance of war to the well being of capitalism. Money poured into New York. Trade was big, war was bigger. The trouble with war was peace. (25).

Another great American ideal was born-the ability of anyone to rise and become something new through the acquisition of wealth. Alexander Hamilton, a brilliant 16-year-old bastard from the West Indies, championed this idea. He wanted war (the Revolution), for it was in war that a man makes his reputation. A powerful orator, Hamilton was a man to be feared for his vision for the development of the country. (26)

With George Washington as President of the new nation, Thomas Jefferson as Secretary of State and Alexander Hamilton as Secretary of the Treasury, trust in the Divine and belief in the power of man met head-to-head. At 33, Hamilton went right to work building a new kind of nation, a nation based on commerce, built on immigrant toil, where through banking- money from the many, in the hands of a few, created industry. Hamilton kicked into life the most powerful economic force in the world. He was not interested in real democracy; he did not care about the political voice of the people. Meritocracy was his version of democracy - a combination of capitalism and democracy where there were no barriers to rising. (27) The great American Dream became etched upon the consciousness of the world.

Thomas Jefferson loathed New York and all it stood for. He stated *"The mob of the great cities add just so much to the support of pure government as sores do to the strength of the human body."* Jefferson hated all things commercial, never understood money. (28) There came a split in American life. Hamilton and Jefferson negotiated a truce - The political capitol of the United States would move to a swamp on the banks of the Potomac. New York would be bailed out by the federal government (from its war debt) and would become the cultural, economic and creative capitol of the new nation. (28)

Washington, DC came to embody the high ideals engendered by the vision of the highest human potential with its monuments, parks and Native American symbolism. Like the Iroquois wampum belts, Washington became the symbol of all the things we hoped to be. Many great words and many great men (what about the women?) are enshrined there, while the powerful influences of money and power continue to court the attention and senses of the people throughout America and the world.

The idea that man was all-powerful and superior to God in his ability to create a world of comfort, material possessions and health to serve his desired ends of endless power and wealth, became the dominant driving force that permeated all aspects of human life in the developed world. It reached its apex in 1912 when a combination of greed-driven events led to the greatest single disaster to plague man's drive to master the Universe: The sinking of Titanic. On April 15, 1912 a new consciousness was born in the heart of modern man. (29) The income tax was one result. Recognizing of the inequalities of class structure, policies were instituted in the US to try to ensure more equal distribution of wealth.

The lofty ideals of our founding fathers became a longed-for but impossible achievement, however, and matters of the heart were relegated to accomplishments of a few great men and women and to our classic literature. The Keynesian model of economics, based on saving and growth, became a machine that fed on itself. Scarcity thinking (supply and demand) and fear keep people feeding the machine out of sheer lack of ability to imagine another way.

The Great Depression in the 1930's etched doubt and fear into the minds of capitalist America. Now there was proof that if we don't feed the system what it wants and needs it will take away our food and comfort. It hardened the hearts of the capitalists and also gave birth to one of the great voices for the common man: FDR and his New Deal. His ordeal with polio had transformed him and he brought a fresh voice of courage and vision to a country in crisis. *"Suddenly, there he was, flat on his back, with nothing to do but think. His thoughts expanded, his horizons widened. He began to see the other fellow's point of view. He thought of others who were ill and afflicted and in want. He dwelt on many things which had not bothered him much before. Lying there he grew bigger day by day."*(30) Frances Perkins believed he experienced *"a spiritual transformation"*. *"The man emerged completely warm-hearted, with humility of spirit and with a deeper philosophy."*(31) FDR became the man who changed America. His policies have had a lasting impact on the shape of American government and American life. (32)

I would here like to propose that today we are in a moral crisis of much the same proportions as we were in an economic crisis in the 1930's when FDR proposed a New Deal to the American people. I would like to suggest that A New Future is at hand with a shift in thinking so fundamental and so profound that it will lift Americans up to a level of self-trust and trust in the Divine that will transform life on this planet.

A few quotes from FDR are applicable today in a new light:

"This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with Destiny." (32a)

*"This is preeminently a time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly. Nor need we shrink from honestly facing conditions in our country today. This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So first of all let me assert my firm belief that **the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.**"* (33)

*"The structure of world peace cannot be the work on one man, or one party, or one nation...it must be a peace which rests on **the cooperative effort of the whole world.** (34)*

*"Unless the peace that follows recognizes that **the whole world is one neighborhood** and does justice to the whole human race, the germs of another world war will remain as a constant threat to mankind."(35)*

*"More than an end to war, we want **an end to the beginnings of all war.**" (36)*

*"To you, and to all Americans who dedicate themselves with us to the making of an abiding peace, I say: **The only limit to our realization of tomorrow, will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.**" (37)*

*"The country needs and, unless I mistake its temper, the country demands bold, persistent experimentation. It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it and try another. **But above all, try something.**"(38)*

FDR was willing to try almost anything. If an idea didn't work out, he would simply drop it and go on to something else. "He was a great trial and error guy.", observed Admiral Emory Land. As assistant secretary of the Navy FDR was brimming over with plans and projects to boost naval effectiveness. (39)

Conclusion:

"No problem was ever solved in the same consciousness as it was created." Albert Einstein.

*"...(Nothing) has ever demanded more bravery from our people and our government-not just bravery under fire or the bravery to make sacrifices, but the bravery to discard the comfort of illusion, to do away with false hopes and alluring promises. But it is only a remote echo of the anguish toward which a policy founded on illusion is surely taking us. **This is a great nation and a strong people. Any who seek to comfort rather than instruct, promise satisfaction rather than reveal frustration-they deny that greatness and drain that strength. For today as it was in the beginning, it is the truth that makes us free.**" RFK February 8, 1968.*

I hope that in the foregoing I have made a case for engaging the Divine energies in the unfolding of A New Future for America. I believe we can pierce the illusion of separation and scarcity and bring about the realization of the two dominant founding dreams of America: The Pilgrim/Jeffersonian dream of unity and equality serving the common good, and the Hamiltonian dream of abundance for all and classless upward mobility. Neither of these essentially American visions can truly be achieved in the prevailing doubt-based paradigm. A move to ultimate trust is the only way to bring the universal all-loving, all-knowing, all-creative forces fully to bear on the unfolding of our lives for military, social and economic success.

"I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you, and the state over which you preside in, in His holy protection; that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were

the characteristics of the Divine author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example we can never hope to have a happy nation." George Washington: On Disbanding the Army. From a circular letter to the state governors, 1783. (40)

*We must not confuse the American Revolution with the War for Independence. Nothing but the first act of a great drama has been played out. **The American Revolution is not over.**"* (41)

In the book of Daniel in the Bible King Nebuchadnezzar and his son King Belshazzar often called in Daniel to bring Divine insight into their problems: *"There is in your kingdom a man in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans and astrologers, because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel. Now let Daniel be called and he will show the interpretation (to the handwriting on the wall).* (41)

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Notes to: Engaging the Divine Energies for Social, Military, and Economic Success
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Addendum: On October 14, 1999 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. I witnessed the Senate Debate on soft money. I didn't really know who all the players were, but there were some very interesting, impassioned speeches. There was one brilliant speech by the Senator in the wheelchair on the moral swamp of America today, and there was also a statement made concerning the decline in public trust in our government, that it has been dropping steadily since the 1950's, with a brief reprieve during the Reagan administration.

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