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This *Chimera* called Peace.

Let us first try to understand it as a matter of human *anthropology*.

To state the trivially obvious: *Masculinity* lives, perpetually, in a *Hobbesian* world [of conflict].

Femininity needs, requires, and breathes *Peace*.

Such are our *instinctive* natures.

Social Forms represent a tussle between such *Instinctual Paradigms*, herein represented by the *Two Genders*.

The Triumph of the *Masculine Principle* is given in the crowning form of *Empire*, a historically ubiquitous form, which is, quite simply, *Patriarchy Unbound*.

The Triumph of *Femininity* is in Tribal Modes where Masculinist predations are reined in by *Kinship and Family* and the *Affective Ties* contained therein.

All other social forms are combinations within these extremities.

In effect, *Gender Struggles* “determine” *Social Forms*, and the *Degrees of Civility* achieved within.

However, few Societal Forms, once achieved, remain in permanent equilibrium, subject, ever, to *external* and *internal* disruption.

Class Struggles are a struggle *internal* to Masculinity, and involve, regardless of rhetoric deployed, *Power Struggles* only.

Freud mistakenly conceived of this as an *Oedipal* struggle, giving it a warped *sexual* content, but it is really a struggle between Incumbent *Rulers* and the *Wannabes*.

Mosca understood these issues far better than Marx: that what is called ‘history’ is simply the “*Graveyard of Aristocracies*”, *i.e.* *Ruling Orders of Men*.

However, even the *Tribal Mode*, say the Bushmen, *e.g.*, is still a *Patriarchy*, but a *Bounded* one.

Robert Michels, experienced in German Social Democratic Politics, once pronounced an *Iron Law of Oligarchy* obtaining in matters of *Power*: whilst that much is not untrue, it were better to refer, instead, to an *Iron Law of Patriarchy*, within which the former is subsumed.

Now we are, for better or for worse, a *Species of Hominids*.

Our Natural State is a Tribal one: the Tribe is the human "Herd", and the [extended] Family is our constituent "Pack". Au Contraire, "Nation" and "State", are Imposed, Artificial, Ideological, Entities

Now *Nature*, we might readily agree, is *red in tooth and claw*: and so are we.

But we hesitate to understand that we are, ourselves, precisely that.

What stands in the way of such comprehension is *Modernist Ideology*, *i.e. Judeo-Christian theosophy*, and many similarly inclined religious traditions, with its coddling *Fables of Genesis*, and its *Mythology of Human Perfectibility*.

We need to rid ourselves of such baseless delusions, in particular also that of *Anthropocentrism*, imagining that we are the *Centre* of the Universe, and its *Raison d'Etre*.

The Idea of *Progress* is a *EuroModernist* myth: the world today is no safer, nor better, for the perennial *Structural Victims of Patriarchy*: *Women, Minorities, Native Peoples, the Weak, and the Indigent*.

The real *Balance of Good and Evil*, indeed, rarely changes in any predictable, or stable fashion, across history, despite alterations in *perceptions* of Good and Bad.

In fact, our *Means of Destruction* are unimaginably greater today than even a hundred years ago, and get more lethal every decade.

And *Genocidal Impulses* are still the order of the day.

Men have not Changed. Neither have Women, fundamentally, despite the efforts of Modernism to try and Clone women in the image of Men , under the spurious Ideology of *Equality*.

So, thank heavens, you *haven't* come a long way, baby. In fact, sadly, *you haven't come at all* - but that's another lecture.

Women are not the Equal of Men, they are, indeed, Unequal: i.e. better on any scale of civility and civilization.

Modernist Civil Society, which is forcibly being extended word-wide today under the rubric of *Globalisation*, is a *Hybrid* Formation where the *Temptation of Empire* is braided with the even more powerful *Manifest of Greed*.

This sometimes involves, depending on the nature of the struggle for resources, a curbing of *Hobbesian* traits, at other times the very opposite.,

which is why the system ever combines a *Managerial-Custodial* approach with a *Conquistadorean* one, moving from dropping food supplies to dumping bombs , on recipient peoples, in a trice.

Stated simply, *Peace* is as much a *necessity* for stable , and continuous, *Capital Accumulation*, which is what Economists call “*economic growth*”, as is War.

Which brings in the question: who are the ‘Natural’ *Pacifists* of today?

Firstly, it is Women, who have perpetually been so. And that is slightly over half the human race, a thought from which we may all draw some comfort.

But there is, of course, the *Other Half*.

Within the various *Orders of Men*, we can be sure that *Simple Tribal Formations* are *not* the *Inveterate Warmongers* of today.

Indeed, all those involved in the “*Moral Economy*”, and these include most *Peasants and Workers*, are *not* amongst the *First Phalanxes of Warmongering* though they are far more easily drawn in to Wars , for being in a state of *dependency* on Modernist institutions for their survival, than say the Australian Aboriginal Peoples *who are not*.

So, in an *Objective* sense, *More than Half of Human Society* is not a natural Flag Bearer for War.

But there is also the *Subjective* side.

Modernist Ideology effectively divorces all of us from our natural comprehensions, and corrals our thinking into the *Artificial Entities* of *Nation, State, and Class Divisions* which serve its needs better, aside from reinforcing the notion of a permanent, competitive, “*war of each against all*”, as a given.

As such, to dispel this *Fog of Illusion* is an important task for any Project of Pacifism.

And that is precisely where a *Global Peace Movement* must begin.

We need to create a *New Consciousness* that is more *real* than the false Ideologies that routinely divide us, from each other, and from Nature.

But the Task is quite complicated.

Modernist Civil Societies, a European Innovation from the 15th Century on are *divided*, both internally and between each other, by far more than just a “*belief system*”.

There are also *real contradictions of material interest: workers compete for the same job, corporations for the same resource, nations for the same trading benefits.*

In principle, each of these tensions is a point of *potential and real* conflict.

And, conflict between *Individuals*, whether over Resources,

Possessions, Status, or simply Egoism of one or other kind, is an *analog to Conflict between Collectivities.*

The philosophic Cure for such drives is to reduce, curb *Covetousness:*

Theosophies such as Buddhism, or Gandhian philosophy, are a useful step in that direction.

But, they are far from adequate to the task in our era because

Modernism , the Ultimate Paradigm of Greed, rules the world today with a unilateral force and homogeneity never before achieved on this Planet.

So, to wait for the Tenets of Buddhism to triumph, in such a *milieu,* might be a bit rash.

But there is *Another Way,* a necessary *First Step.*

If we are , and I am now referring to the *World Of Men,* in the short run, unable to curb our own proclivities in the area of Competition

and Conflict, be it for objective or subjective reasons, then there is still at least one thing we can do to safeguard the world.

We can try and Outlaw the very Program/Policy of War, and Weaponry, so that unavoidable conflicts are deprived of both the Policy Mechanism, and the vital Means of Mutual Annihilation.

This can be achieved, at least nominally, as with any other such 'rights' , and in terms of *popular consciousness*, by means of an *On-going Political Program* dedicated to its ouster.

Women, I think, will need to take the lead here since it's easy enough for Men to slip into, or be inveigled by, instinctual appeals to jingoism. Men are programmed to respond well to such forms of impetus. They are, so to speak, Natural Samurai.

Au Contraire, I am reminded of the Heroic Women of Greenham Common in England, and many similar *Women's Initiatives* the world over, who did just that, *i.e.* , take the lead, to worldwide notice and attention , in trying to block the installation of Missiles on their soil, recalling , obliquely, the Myth of *Lysistrata*.

If Women take up this Cause – *of compelling Nations to formally Renounce Wars in their National Constitutions* – I feel it will be virtually unstoppable.

Besides, unlike Men, the *Force* they employ, *en generale*, is *Passive*, not active: and, in Nature, passive forces can frequently be stronger, and ever more enduring, than active ones.

The Gandhian notion of *Satyagraha*, or Truth based Action, *i.e. Passive Resistance*, rests on that idea.

In effect, all but unconsciously, Gandhi learnt from Women, and so can we.

However, we must be careful not to let the force of sheer symbolism blind us.

The Renunciation of War, as Public Policy, is a First Step only, if an important step: but there are many remaining steps that will have to be taken up by the *Peace Movement* as a whole - here, there, and everywhere.

So this is the real *Agenda* behind these Peace Congresses, hosted by us, which I would wish were replicated all over the world.

Unbeknownst to ourselves, we each make war upon each other, albeit in small ways, sometimes voluntarily, i.e. gratuitously, at other times involuntarily, i.e. out of material ,or other necessity, real or perceived, almost continuously.

Modernism *exaggerates such inter- personal conflicts* with its spurious
Ideology of *Universal Egoism and Universal Competition*.

Tribal and Traditional societies *curb such impulses* under a *Consensual
Ideology of Mutualism*.

So, the rejection of Modernist covetousness and competition are a
relevant *Sub-Agenda* as well.

We know that this is entirely achievable because *Tribal Societies*,
extant to this day, exemplify, and embody, such *Consensual* forms.

Typically, if in mordant irony, we dismiss such *Vital Exemplars* as
"primitive" and *"savage."*

So we have a choice today: to push on with the Competitive Struggle
for *Monopoly over Global Resources* that is called *Free Trade* , or to
strive toward the *Mores of a Convivial Society* .

Where Less is More, and Contentment is preferred to Avarice.

Indeed, Women, even in the *Prison of Patriarchy*, have practiced these
virtues, quite unconsciously, for Millennia.

Now these are all, ultimately, if only at the level of the *individual*,
'switches in the head' , that can be turned off and on, at will.

You can try it yourself: *you will discover that your Inner Being is quite free of Culture, Race, or Nation.*

We are One, or can experience Oneness, at that deep level of Consciousness.

So we are not foredoomed to think this way, or that, owing to those attributes: they do not govern us, save when *we choose to let them.*

The only recognizable, natural “*difference*”, of significance, instinctually, between us Hominids is the *Inner make-up of the Two Sub-Species: Men and Women.*

That much is an irreducible, ontological given.

But , *Anthropic “ Culture” , i.e. Heirarchies of Self-ordained Values ,* adds yet other layers of ideological ‘*Difference*’ , that are both significant and important to all societies.

However, these *Two Caveats* apart, the imagined *Universe of Modernism, which Standardizes all Culture, in an Amoral Universe of Perpetual Acquisitiveness, is pure societal fantasy.*

So let’s have done with the fantasy of *Boundless Profit, the fantasy of Illimitable Productions, and the fantasy of Illimitable Consumption.*

It is not my belief that our lives should be dedicated but to incessant laboring and consuming, where the *Joy of Sheer Being* is expunged as in today's world.

The Bushmen have more genuine leisure time than we do, which puts our desperate, Modernist, lives in stark relief.

So let's declare, here and now, that *We Hold such Truths to be Self-Evident.*

That we will Not let the Jingoists, War-Mongers, and the Exploiters, con us, co-opting us into plans for world domination, whether by Commerce or Cannon.

So : let us all help , today and in the coming days, to make the *Publicly Sanctioned Conduct of War obsolete*, an artifact of the past, *in the popular imagination* - as a necessary *prelude* to eliminating it *in practice*.

Indeed, we have no real choice here: if we don't make War itself obsolete, the *Modes of Collective Violence* we have today *will render us all Extinct, as a Species.*

Be aware that *there are no Weapons that Men invent* - and it is Men, not Women, who invent such things - *that are not used, sooner or later.*

And the Weapons we possess , in this era, can only be used Once: There Will be No Thereafter.

So, we have no choice.

We are the Planet: and we stand poised today on the Knife-edge of that very *Dangerous Threshold*.

The "choice" is between, Modernism and Civilisation, between Patriarchy and Conviviality, between the Reptiles and the Mammals, between War and Peace.

Women have always shown us the Way, silently, without fuss or fanfare.

Let them, in their unique way, lead this struggle today, and for that very reason: and let the rest of us, Men, learn – and follow, best as we can.

In that alone lies the possibility, slender as it is, of our Collective Redemption.