

Human Civilization Soon to End

Today, 3/30/2022, there is a high probability, maybe 1% annually, that civilization will end in a nuclear catastrophe. Struggling and with help from friends, I've thrown together this 26-second video that should give you the chills.

<http://sep.stanford.edu/sep/jon/18-03-2021-video3.mp4>

[Putin offers Biden public talks after U.S. president says he thinks he is a killer](#) Reuters article a year ago.

(I had promoted that quote from [this Russian Youtube](#) until during the war it was suddenly blocked.)

Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine is going badly for him.

(1) Hear it [from the Russian side \(1:34\)](#).**

(2) Hear it [from the Ukrainian side \(7:20\)](#), from "Operator Starsky". Hear [more from him](#).

The end of Vladimir Putin?

Give careful attention to [what the Russian lady says \(4:30\)](#).

DW News (Germany) tells us [Putin is not easily overruled by identifiable forces in Russia \(26:05\)](#)

How powerful leaders come to be crazy

The craziness observed at DW News reminds one of the fable of the emperor who walked naked down the road until a child raised his voice and spoke the truth.

Everyone around the emperor fears him for good reasons. After some advisors come to understand his dreams they adopt his dreams as their own goals. They become his favored advisors and in time, his only advisors. After that he is **no longer able to hear the truth**. That's how the fabled emperor came to parade down the road wearing no clothes. Perhaps Xi Jinping will someday find himself in the same position as Vladimir Putin. As for our Joe Biden, he cannot remain in power so long as they have.

What is Putin's dream, his religion, that which keeps him in this war? The glory of the Russia that formerly was, its conquest of the Muslim world, its capture of the whole of north Asia, its war with Japan, and the glory of the holy Russian church. [The BBC offers a typical view \(3:32\)](#).

The Golden Bridge of Sun Tzu.

[The idea of always giving your enemy an escape comes from Sun Tzu's, *The Art of War*](#)

Vladimir Putin needs a way out, a way to save face. Who can we send to negotiate with him, to tell him we are giving him this gift? We need someone shrewd. Someone of known power in the USA. Someone not fearful of coming to Moscow. Someone known to Putin, someone he has met and is comfortable with. Someone who wrote a book on "The Art of the Deal." Someone who has fearlessly gone to Pyongyang. [Jordan Peterson knows such a person and describes him well \(3:05\)](#). Listen!

Your idea of the Golden Bridge.

You, my dear reader, might dislike my suggestion and then disregard it. Many would. I have given you my idea of a workable golden bridge. What is yours? Here are two tips to help you at my bloglog [Swing Voters Count \(SVC\)](#).

"He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that." – John Stuart Mill

"Keep your friends close; keep your enemies closer." – Sun Tzu

NYT was surely aware of this information.

I'm not going to blame Joe Biden. He has an elderly brain like I do. But why has the NYT not found Putin's plea to Biden worthy a place in "all the news that's fit to print"? In the days of regular nuclear weapons

testing my generation everyone found such news as front-page news. This is not the narrative so well loved in Washington DC by well-paid workers in the Pentagon, the NSA, CIA, and FBI. Sadly, our Journalism has learned to “[bury the lede](#)”. Journalists and many others in the arts lack the advantage of a gift of humility shared by all coders and many engineers who know themselves as frequently wrong. Further, Congress puts pressure on the software industry to block “fake news.”

Why is USA politics so dysfunctional?

Better minds than mine have addressed the issue of why US politics is so dysfunctional. If you can bear to hear and read unconventional views, you will easily find links to such views at my [SVC](#) bloglog. [I'm a decaying 84 year old seismologist, imager, and petroleum exploration theorizer](#). I'd rather get back to [my bicycle and friends](#), to my hopes to get some fellow elders here in this retirement home [onto recumbent trikes](#), and to communicate more with my family.

Credits:

My weblog, a log of valuable links (and fun links) has contained since March of 2021 the line:

[Vladimir Putin challenges Biden to public conversation \(2:51\)](#) [US gets new \\$100B nuclear weapon](#)

Ever since the war my leading link there has become “Not available in my country.” I was horrified because all of my evidence had disappeared!

I thank my former student Clement for bringing me to [US News 3/18/21 quoting Putin on TV](#). “I want to offer President Biden that we continue our discussion, but on the condition that we do it live, online, without any delays.” (Today we find [another link](#).)

As a reader of Glenn Greenwald at Substack, I posted that link and asked everyone for help locating my unavailable video. Another reader there, Paula, pointed me to the 26-second video that I needed for the attention-grabbing link at my lead to this article. She also provided me with [written Russian language](#) for what Putin is saying and she suggested I test its Google translation to English. Using Chrome browser, you can view that Russian language, and then type the word “translate” in your Chrome window. When I do it, I see the full story with videos from the BBC and from many Russian sources.

Too bad Google Docs does not enable me to do what HTML does so well, embed that attention-grabbing video among my lede. I'll mess with it a little more.

** This link is “not available anymore.” I recall it describing an elderly high military Russian saying, “although many battles had been won, no objectives had been met”.