

A letter to the American Peoples

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The *'what can I do for my country'* bit!

“Good morning [America]. At this moment, somewhere in the world, terrorists are planning new attacks on our country. Their goal is to bring destruction to our shores that will make September the 11th pale by comparison.” (President of the United States, George W. Bush, Feb. 13, 2008)



What can possibly *“pale”* this anti-gravity exploding building *“by comparison”*?

Project Humanbeingsfirst™ would certainly like to assist the President of the United States in preventing any “*new attacks on our country*” and bringing any “*destruction to our shores*” whatsoever, whether or not it will “*make September the 11th pale by comparison.*”!

This must indeed be the duty of all men and women of uncommon courage, to rise-up to the age old challenge of “***ask not what my country can do for me, but what I can do for my country.***”

As tax-paying denizens of this land, and also the first victims of all “*terrorists*”, be they 'pirates', or 'emperors', it behooves upon even the lowly to rise up to that cliché by taking the dire warnings of the President of the United States of America very very seriously.

“Obviously, the West must defend itself by whatever means will be effective”, as Bernard Lewis puts it. The first step of course, is to identify the “*terrorists*” correctly. And in ***“devising means to fight [these] terrorists, it would surely be useful to understand the forces that drive them.”***

The “[Latest Reports](#)” from Project Humanbeingsfirst is a tiny and humble contribution towards this vainglorious “*what I can do for my country*” bit in the context of the astute recipe expressed by Bernard Lewis.

Project Humanbeingsfirst hopes that it is not too presumptuous to expect that the President of the United States will use any new insights gleaned from its humble reports with his own powers of “*infinite justice*” and genuine statesmanship to steer his great nation away from the brink of crossing the nuclear Rubicon and in getting rid of all terrorists starting with the most significant ones among them – as per the touchstone laid out by St. Augustine, the founding theological political philosopher of the modern “*West*” itself, from whom the President can derive much moral ascendancy and wisdom for his own “*what I can do for my country*” bit (even at this late stage):

“When the King asked him what he meant by infesting the sea, the pirate defiantly replied: ‘the same as you do when you infest the whole world; but because I do it with a little ship I am called a robber, and because you do it with a great fleet, you are an emperor.’”

Project Humanbeingsfirst also humbly presumes that after reading its forensic reports, the worthy President of the United States and the American and Western peoples whom he leads, like the rest of the six billion peoples on the planet Earth already do, will also trivially recognize that the “*pirate*” of St. Augustine's metaphor is indeed a very useful device for any modern day “*emperor*”!

When the “*pirate*” does not exist naturally, it is created or imagined. In all cases, under the rubric of “*they are attacking us*”, it enables the “*emperor*” to “*infest the whole world*” in the guise of fighting both the real and imaginary threats from the “*pirates*”!

This threat, at times, indeed appears to be real, and may in fact be very real, just as the President of the United States warned: ***“At this moment, somewhere in the world,***

terrorists are planning new attacks on our country. Their goal is to bring destruction to our shores that will make September the 11th pale by comparison.

The blatant full spectrum public recognition however, primarily among the Western peoples, that this threat is also very necessary for the “*emperor*” for “*catalyzing*” its own “*imperial mobilization*” against the wishes of its own peoples – even at the expense of some small or big sacrifice as its unwitting or unprepared victim – can entirely eliminate the most significant *raison d'être* for the threat altogether.

The remaining largely irritant nuisance of any real “*pirates*” at sea who have likely existed in every epoch, stripped of its demonizing auras, most assuredly will not require an annual defence spending bill which today is in excess of a trillion dollars for achieving “*full spectrum dominance*” over them.

This will enable the substantial monies left over from needlessly bombing the “*pirates*” thinking that their threat is much larger than it actually is, and in that process of “*shock and awe*” also needlessly creating more new “*pirates*” who must now avenge their blown to smithereens family members, villages, cities, nations, to be fruitfully spent for the greater common welfare of the American peoples themselves.

Thank you.

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