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“World Domination... Can It Happen?”

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To the citizens of WV, specifically those in the Greenbrier County area who are used to peace, tranquility and low crime rates, the thought of suicide bombers or missiles coming into the valley from neighboring Virginia to kill indiscriminately would be totally unheard of. Never in our wildest dreams could something like that take place in our little piece of Heaven, at least we would like to think. To try to put ourselves in the shoes of those who face such acts daily is impossible because there has never been a history of such murder and mayhem in our lives. Such is not the situation in other parts of the world.

When you read this you will be trying to digest all the news coming over the airwaves and in the papers about the resurgence of full blown hostilities in the Middle East, namely between the nation of Israel and two separate terrorist groups... Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Both Hezbollah and Hamas are trying to get the world to recognize them as legitimate political factions in the Middle East and to gain sympathy of Western countries in order to put pressure on Israel to give up even more of its territory to Arab terrorists. The terrorists will go to any lengths to get the world to listen to them and get their way. To some degree, it has already worked. Israel's friends and supporters, including the United States, persuaded them to remove their military and thousands of Jewish citizens forcibly from the West Bank/Gaza Strip area and give it over to Palestinian control. Israel had refused for years out of fear that their security would be terribly threatened. Guarantees were given by the Palestinian leadership that it would lead to peace but Israel's gesture of peace has been rewarded with indiscriminate shelling of Israeli communities and the murder and kidnapping of Israeli soldiers by Hamas terrorists.

Following this obvious and blatant breaking of the agreement and Hamas' refusal to return the kidnapped soldier Israel retaliated with attacks aimed at ammo dumps and headquarters of Hamas leaders. They have been criticized for taking the action. After watching the Palestinian terrorists acts of terrorism and the world's reaction, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah's political and spiritual leader decided it was time for him to raise his bearded face to strengthen his position as a player in the Middle East turmoil and to give his followers something to rally around. He ordered his militia to invade Israel and kill as many Israelis as they could and to kidnap Israeli soldiers for the purpose of acquiring a bargaining chip with the Israeli leaders, even though Israel has said it will not negotiate with terrorists. Again, the world communities have taken sides against Israel saying they are escalating this latest incident out of proportion and should give in to the terrorists' demands.

This whole scenario should prove it is impossible to negotiate with any country that has only one goal in mind... the complete and utter destruction of the Israeli nation. Israel, nor any Western nation can or should negotiate with them because they cannot be trusted and the world community, the world press and especially the world's leaders in the United Nations should be the first ones to condemn the terrorists' actions. But sadly this will not happen and the citizens of Arab countries will continue to be manipulated and oppressed by their leaders who want nothing but bloodshed... from anyone who gets in their way of an Islamic controlled world.

Thankfully, those in Greenbrier County will probably never have to worry about deadly missiles coming across the mountains from Virginia because those on the other side of the mountain share a sanctity for human life as do, with few exceptions, the majority of citizens in Western civilizations. Such has never been the case in the Middle East where the majority seems to have always had a complete disregard for human life and think nothing of allowing citizens of their countries to suffer and die needlessly.

Throughout the world, which includes this community, there are those who oppose war of any kind for any reason, and they are constantly demanding that our country abdicate our position as guardian of the worlds oppressed and downtrodden. It would be a great thing if wars could be done away with in our lifetime but, unfortunately, it will never be. Since the beginning of recorded time there has been one ideology or country that has had goals of world domination. Currently it is radical Islam who wishes to take it over with force, intimidation and bloodshed.

Christianity got into the act during the Crusades and even Christians today have as their missionary goal the total dissemination of our belief to the entire world so that one day every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord... but not under the penalty of death for thinking otherwise. Others who would have been rulers of the world, to mention a few, were Alexander the Great, the Romans, Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Hitler, Stalin, and we musn't forget Spain and Portugal... remember Columbus. And of course that one country who almost accomplished the task... who was and is our closest ally... the Brits across the pond.

So my friends, sorry... war is a staple of world society and we Americans have inherited the role of peacekeeper and protector. Though it sounds somewhat hypocritical and/or paradoxical... peace cannot be maintained unless one has, and uses, the power to suppress those who desire war. Figure that one out.

See you next week.

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