



Enki<sup>4)</sup> the Great Satan and God of the Abyss, 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium bce, Mesopotamia

The Great Satan  
or the global dominance of the newest religion

The pot and the kettle

The Great Satan, the Shaytân-e Bozorg, the United States of America. Indeed it is striking that wherever one travels the world, you are always welcomed when you are clearly not American. Many who are on the road therefore carry a flag of their country of origin on their backpack, their suitcases, or whatever. This is actually the opposite of what one would expect. In Europe for instance, people are brought up in the knowledge that without the Americans they would still live under the yoke of the Nazis, or perhaps the Soviets. Indeed, many American soldiers gave their lives to defeat the Nazis. The free West would not have existed without the Americans, I say without a mocking or even a relativistic undertone. In the liberation of Europe, the leaders of the new world also had that other agenda, a list of commercial goals, I am prepared to believe. The boys who gave their lives for a higher ideological purpose, have also done so to secure trade interests -even though they probably were not aware of this-. The Marshall Plan after the war had to put Europe back on its feet and allow them again to buy American products. It concerned big money, but it comes across as small minded, so trivial, so purely focussed on petty interests. Goals of

political power played an important role for the Americans also, because a Europe entirely within the sphere of influence of the Soviets was an abomination to them. On the other side of the double continent Eurasia and for the Americans on the other side of the Pacific rim the Japanese were even more servile and subordinate to their leader than the Germans to theirs and therefore more persistent. An invasion such as in Normandy would be futile here, the history books tell us. The fear for an already almost defeated opponent was not really substantial anymore, but much more the presence of vindictive aggression. For the aggression of the Japanese, revenge was taken in the fashion of true man. The American president Truman detonated two atomic bombs over Japan. Later both Germany and Japan next to the USA became the driving forces of the world economy.

It has something of a first-year pupil on the playground pestering a much larger school mate. Funny, yet not. At the same time, stirring up the population by calling the opponent the Great Satan is not a public display of advanced intellectual abilities. The Iranian clergy might indeed actually find that the hedonistic America is the personification of Satan's ideals. However, the words and deeds of the bearded followers of Islam through their behaviour really make clear that they are anxious and fearful people ultimately always turn aggressive - probably under the pretext, as is always the case, that their religious and political territorial interests have to be defended. Anxiety and aggression constitute a continuous incentive for human behaviour, a continuous incentive mainly created by rulers. Something with which the ordinary American and the average Iranian would have preferred to have nothing to do. The regular American gives the impression of an open and hospitable person and of the Iranians I know that they are a generally open and hospitable people. They also just get talked into all their fears by their leaders -whom they have elected and therefore trust- and people who let themselves be talked into fear prefer to follow their leaders. The Iranians do not want to be bombed by the Americans, or their henchmen the Israelis, and the Americans are afraid of a nuclear power they cannot control and with whom, like the Russians, cannot be negotiated.

The Iranian leaders blame the US for imperialist behaviour, including in support of Zionism, while the US authorities accuse Iran of an expansionist policy by supporting terrorist networks in the region and because they have a nuclear program that cannot be checked. The pot

calling the kettle black. In international politics this kind of process already continues for ages and ages and as it seems now nobody has learned. That America after World War II has been involved in almost all conflicts in the world, from Korea through Vietnam to the last two Gulf Wars, does not mean that America can be singled out accusingly. It does show that America has its interests around the world and that the military-industrial complex, so named by the US President Eisenhower, earns gigantic sums of money from the arms race. The answer to this dominance is not the answer Iran gives. Iran is trying to fight the Great Satan with means the Great Satan uses. This cannot end but fatally and the ordinary otherwise welcoming American or Iranian is hoisted into the suit and sent to the front, stuffed with ideological ravings.

Why does everyone hate Americans? Often I hear tell that this is because Americans see the world as their personal playground, with little or no deference to local sensitivities and customs. But most likely, because anyone who owes them in essence hates them therefore. It is not in the human nature to remain grateful when the altruistic giver appears to have an own agenda that is mainly in favour of the giver. Thus appeared the altruistic giver indeed not, when he eventually exposed himself crying into the news microphones, "You are either with us or against us"<sup>5)</sup>. Once again that fear and aggression. America is a country with a -once- great technical lead and a cultural dissemination without precedent, even if that culture is not really considered as highbrow and usually does not catch on than with the less educated<sup>6)</sup>. Moreover, every dollar aid was at least twice over retrieved, in a form that is most similar to the truck system under which the liberated areas



in reality became some kind of colony. The Americans consider the only ones that can really compete with the USA as -secret- enemies, like Russia with its huge energy reserves and China with -still- larger and cheaper production facilities. The strength and power of the Americans are reminiscent of the Roman Empire when it went over the hill. Although the Romans

were the conquerors, there was so much attractive to the new. When the new was largely absorbed, and partially rejected by other tribes, only the domination remained. A sudden sacking of Rome has already occurred -9/11- and Satan has tested the water. The Great Satan is anyone who forces another. Tru-man who throws nuclear bombs to enforce the 'peace', the jihadi who out of spite drills himself into a skyscraper. The wise man who forces you to turn the other cheek, the sick mind who then floors you. The teacher -who does not live up to this title of honour- who gives you detention for a witty remark, your neighbour who does not realize that you hear only the pounding basses of his music system.

#### The echo of the dead

My grandparents are long deceased and my parents also. Beyond them I have no personal sublunar recollections - I do have a picture of my great grandfather. Yet norms and values govern us that were articulated long before anyone's grandparents, thousands of years ago. This might suggest that these values because they are old and valued, have universal validity. Indeed there are a few to mention that are universally valid, or at least of all times. The most important seems to be the one that says to treat another as you would want to be treated. In the cultures on this earth this standard appears in various variants accompanied by specific addendums. There is no problem with this maxim itself, for except by Satanists it is thought of as a commendable maxim. The core of the problem, however, with this maxim lies in the interpretation and use of it, and especially with those explaining. I imagine how the three generations of a family after dinner are sitting together - perhaps to celebrate someone's birthday. The dishes are done, all things are tidy and tea or coffee is on the table with maybe a dram. The conversation perhaps is about an article from the newspaper, a topic on television or something someone has experienced. Although values are passed from generation to generation, the generations differ in their views on the topic. The grandparents are inclined to give priority to tradition, while the parents tend to take reality and pragmatism as a guide, and the youngest dare propagating to try something new. The elder usually prevail, because man is an essentially conservative creature. However, the parents will ever become the grandparents and



Zarathustra



Moses



K'ung-fu-tzu

the young the parents. Who gets the predominance therefore is a matter of habit and authority.

Within the space of a few hundred years, about between 1400 and 500 years bce, the core of our value system was determined by sages as Zarathustra<sup>7)</sup>, Moses<sup>8)</sup> and K'ung-fu-tzu<sup>9)</sup>. Zarathustra, or Zoroaster, was an exponent of the Eurasian culture<sup>10)</sup> which was of great importance and influence on Hinduism, through the calling themselves Aryan tribes, and that through Zarathustra also influenced the cultures of the Middle East and with that Moses. Moses had a second source of inspiration, the Egyptian culture and especially the writings of Pharaoh Akhenaten, who is sometimes called the first monotheist and sometimes the heretic king, or somewhat friendlier the rebellious Pharaoh. Confucius, K'ung-fu-tzu, has at least found part of his wisdom on the same Eurasian steppes as Zarathustra, although no study provides independent confirmation of this. It is clear though that all wielded the golden rule, "treat another as you would want to be treated"<sup>11)</sup>. It is a golden rule, because this aphorism at first sight does not seem open to interpretation. In every age and in every culture this rule of conduct can be the same and have the same effect on people. It would be wonderful if everyone abided by the rule. That is precisely the second problem with rules. A rule works best when everyone is convinced that it will work. If someone truly has greatly been disadvantaged or feels like this, requiring that person to put the golden rule in practice is unrealistic. Often then the bystanders appeal to forgiveness, but underneath it all that creates more frustration. The injured party feels that his loss is not recognized and a form of hushed aggression grows which if not vented will make even more victim of the victim; a sick person. The adage to

turn the other cheek works just fine for the authorities in keeping the masses tranquil. At the individual level, the pent up rage can only be evened out when one is compensated for injustice. Only in this way the other cheek can be turned, in the sense of agreeing on further non-aggression. Here a third problem with rules and regulations becomes apparent. For infringements of rules in the old beliefs a party must be present to sanction the rules, penalize if necessary.

The echo of the dead still determines the substance of our actions. In time still more dead joined the ranks. After Moses, Jesus came and Muhammad after him. After the Hinduism of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva came Siddhartha Gautama who brought about a more or less nonreligious religion, Buddhism. K'ung-fu-tzu was banned for a long time, but was eventually reverted to. In other words, the attempts to adjust the eldest dead to a more modern time, helped only briefly. The modifiers themselves now belong to the dead. Now also the churches, temples and mosques run down again. There are still people, especially the elderly, who by tradition will cling to the faith of the fathers. Many young people each time become older -a habit of living- and are drawn into the system, which makes them more law-abiding out of self-preservation and willing to adapt to what is customary. Though the most modern person now allows no longer to be spoken to by an authoritative leader from a particular religion. The most modern human lets himself rather be spoken to by the religion he himself has brought home, the miracle of technology. A good-looking lady, perfectly made up and perhaps digitally enhanced. A smartly dressed gentleman with a pleasant resonant baritone proclaiming yet another truth. However, sophisticatedly remodelled these are still the dead who speak to us. The Great Satan has reinvented himself and keeps you busy with temporalities.

Welcome to the machinations

Who observes humanity cannot be optimistic regarding the future, if man continues on the path he walks already for ages. For the Great Satan lives in America as well as elsewhere. The Great Satan invents his religion time and again and adjusts it to the demands of the era. He sets the rules and chooses who brings in his rules in humankind, how the rules are to be interpreted, how to keep to the rules and the misery that befalls you when you break the rules. The golden rule would

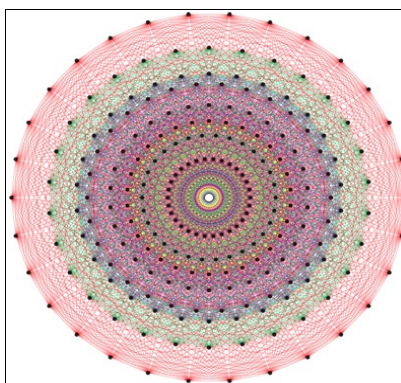
perhaps best be expressed as, love one another, Christianity knows how to contort this basic principle into a threat. You should not judge lest you be judged yourself, they say. For a Muslim, you are only a good person if you are a religious person. For Jews, the golden rule is a moral issue, which therefore turns the adage into a matter of interpretation. The Buddha is not unambiguous, one might even say nondistinct. Confucius sees humans as part of the state. Zarathustra, the original creator of the devil, the evil, sees the pure good as the only thing a man has to answer, because after all, only thus humans do not harm each other. They are the dead who speak to us in their worthy successors in the present. Those who say blah, blah and sell you the latest to keep you satisfied. It is so far the best religion, because it spreads rapidly throughout the world. Consumerism is becoming the dominant world religion at an unprecedented pace. Why is it a religion? Because man is still in adoration of something whilst he believes the authority. Moreover, the so-called golden rule provides for more than enough space for the attackers, or more precisely, the sick of mind. For those who turn the other cheek, get another blow, and the diseased then pick the pockets of those who are down and out.

The old way of thinking, the echo of the voices of the dead, the representative of the Ancient Spirit on earth. In the remainder of this book this is called the Luciwher paradigm. It is the model by which people are discouraged to think for themselves and encouraged to listen to authority. That authority could be anyone whom a person recognizes as such. From God to the commentator on television. This model, this paradigm is always active and interacts with everyone, including the person who is willing to evade this framing. Luciwher, because in this book is regarded as the supreme lord of humankind - as a metaphor if you so wish. Not as the evil one as this book shows that good and evil, the black and white thinking for that matter, do not exist. Everyone knows from experience that life consists of hundreds of shades of gray with occasionally some colour. Luciwher is not the evil one but the extract from all the people and the extract in all people, the soul of man, the essence of humanity. Therefore -for reasons of authority and oppression- religion, or whichever in philosophy packaged hierarchy, is equal to the Luciwher paradigm. Who dares, can therefore name every religion satanic. Even if you do not adhere to any religion, even if you are even a declared atheist, you are consciously or unconsciously, a serf of the Luciwher paradigm. Welcome to the machinations.

Common sense

However, it is not true that humankind must be considered as lost. This is not a book about doom and gloom and tragedy - looking into the future, there is no reason. In everyday life the human does better than most expect. When you look around, you see people who might and could live less past each other, yet helpfulness and altruism are no strangers to man. To conclude therefore that man is essentially good, is missing the point, like being waiting on a bus while a strike is going on. Good and evil, right and wrong are unworkable echoes of the dead. What is called evil is nothing but behaviour that stems from frustration, from the conviction and emotion that injustice is done. Blend that emotion with aggression and the disease is born. This is not an insight arisen from a long term and profound psychoanalysis, but an observation from common sense. The good exists neither - everything is, without attaching a judgment to it. When from one of the magnetic poles of a neutron star a flash of x-rays is emitted destroying all life on earth then this cannot be called evil - it is. When a wild beast kills a cute lamb to satisfy his hunger, then the behaviour of the wild beast cannot be named bad - it is. It is man given to ponder the need for his aggression and destructiveness. Not because it is wrong, but because we have no need for it. It is therefore much more useful to replace the golden rule -that can be bent and be infringed on- with the encouragement of self-education. The golden rule might lead to villeinage. Self-education makes a person resilient in relation to his own animal instincts and through his development on the inner road that leads to a more harmonious society. There is no need anymore for a legal system, to judge and convict, only a network of peacemakers is needed in case of conflict to find the way back to compensation and balance.

The Luciwher paradigm places the hegemony with the sovereign, while the sovereignty of the individual transcends this by far. No organization can pride itself on a higher 'value' than that of the



E8 -a coherent 248-dimensional symmetric object- as a possible key to the theory of everything. Garrett Lisi.



individual. The Ancient Spirit, which still can be heard in the echo of the dead, lets us believe in the existence of the one truth taught to man by a sage. The mathematician or the physicist looks for the "theory of everything" and that sounds fabulously interesting - yet behind this all is something else we cannot know. The one truth exists, but man is too limited knowing that, as matters are now<sup>12)</sup>. Even the wisest sages do not know that one truth, not even in their hidden or secret knowledge. Indeed some knowledge is hidden, but that is rather to ensure the authority of the wise than for any other reason. Knowledge is free and everybody can know it. One of the last assertions of the authority is that every man has his own truth. Who believes that last contention isolates himself from all other people. The whole one truth is admittedly not knowable for a person, however, every person has his personal share in the one truth. Thus, man is not isolated from his fellows, because as the one love the one truth joins us all.

The Great Satan has given us the consumerism, the newest and now global religion. What can you do against it? Once more, who stands on the barricades and condemns, calls for resentment and aggression only. A fun playful pop concert with singers who sing protest songs, it is wonderful but it solves nothing. At best a we-feeling is created through which frustrations can be vented. An unrecognized frustration again produces anxiety, fear of the evil world, and aggression, we against the rest. In the twentieth century a slogan has become quite famous: "Suppose there is a war and nobody goes there." Yet they went, they allowed themselves to be enforced to, in droves and many returned in a body bag. The only place on earth where a man cannot be forced into something, where he therefore can withdraw from the Luciwher paradigm, is in his head. In his head and in his heart.

#### Education and erudition

Only one way remains to escape from guidance and leadership, whom is called God, the President, or your boss, and that is to be free. How do you do that? The most unproductive way that will never deliver a long-lasting result is to step onto the barricade and curse all bosses - in whatever form. Such an act is a thing of aggression and arouses aggression in the person being addressed. The first step to freedom in your head and in your mind, your heart, is put when you begin to educate yourself - that often comes down to reeducating. Education in

the broadest sense. Go back to school, or better, school yourself. If you cannot quit your job, go to evening classes or otherwise buy or borrow the books used within a specific study program. Make sure you choose an educational form in which you may have to do with teachers as little as possible - good teachers are extremely sparse. Go eat books, or read and probe the web until you can no longer. Take the responsibility for your development on your own shoulders and do not cram yourself with the mess of someone else. Never say "If I had only", so never regret, and begin with "I do that now."

What is the best that you can read? Decide for yourself. Just start somewhere. It is like cleaning up your house. Just start somewhere and at some point you will see the results and discover the big picture. One starts with a book on the operation of the internal combustion engine, the other reads an anthology about the philosophers and yet another dares to read literature. It just depends on where your first interest lies. Very adventurous, if you cannot choose yet, is to enter a well-stocked bookstore and walk around aimlessly. Very adventurous, if you cannot choose yet, is to enter a well-stocked bookstore and walk around aimlessly. Look at the book covers, have a read of the back cover, browse through the books and read the tables of content. Feel the atmosphere of a book which is coming your way. This can be done also of course in a library, or the largest library ever, the internet. Yet physical contact somehow seems preferable. Pop into a museum on your day off. See those old mummies or 17<sup>th</sup> century paintings. Or admire the technique in a thereto dedicated museum. Above all, in taking your first step never do anything that others desire of you. Turn off the telly and pull out the plugs of your music player from your ears. Do what you want and not what someone else dishes out to you in bite-sized bits. In the latter is really the secret, do nothing that someone else dishes out to you in bite-sized bits.

The first step is the hardest, because you need to break habits. Tired from work hanging in front of the television. Nothing wrong with that, if you replace some time between that form of entertainment -is it that really? - and when you go to sleep. If you wish to relax, then unwind verily and do not overfill with alcohol and the troubles of the day. Stay informed, but do not get addicted to your misery or that of another on tv, do not let them scare you it may happen to you too. Fear is a poor counsellor. Take the first step and you will notice that the second step is much easier. What is the second step? That is up to you. Create your own world, but not detached from the outside world - do not shut out

the world, because then you will create your own prison. Be informed of everything in the world, but do not let that determine what you do. Examine all this advice and shape it to your own personality, to whom you are. The more steps you have taken, the more you will know who you are, no matter whom you are in society and despite what others say about whom you are. As long as you do not know yourself, nobody knows you and nobody can. Realize that you are born alone, that you live alone and that you will die alone, without this relating to loneliness or sadness. Make sure that you are your own best trusted friend. The right company will understand.

One person will shape his steps profoundly in a hobby. The other person will go a long way apart from one specific topic, but with equal satisfaction. The aim is that you give shape to your own kingdom yourself, shaping it part by part. A kingdom without borders, so you are not isolated and you remain open to those who become interested in you. No one can become interested if you confine yourself within your kingdom. Initially they will be with few, perhaps no more than a handful - then you have already achieved a lot. The point is that you find yourself in a situation in which you are never at the mercy of what others try to pin on your sleeves. Then you will find that achieving your own independence in your own kingdom also means that you are sovereign. Who is sovereign in life, can no longer be fooled by blah, blah, buy this, because only then you will be happy. Never mind the trumpet of war then blaring the enemy has made an assault which must be avenged. Listen not to the trumpety of 'you must'. You still know fear, that is the nature of the beast. Of aggression you know that it can also inadvertently escalate and that it can turn against you. Make sure you are stable in your own situation and you will be a factor of happiness in the life of another.

Anyone who wants to can achieve everything by quitting his job, giving away his possessions and set about living in a cabin in the woods. If that is what you really need, you should do it, but it is not essential. Just keep doing what you did, there is nothing wrong to it - even when your work is looked down on. You will find though that with every step -when you walk the inner road, as it is called in the rest of this book-, you increasingly will see the world in a different perspective. How different is hard to say. It can be said of it though that people who walk the inner path consciously strive to live in harmony with the world and other people. What the notion of harmony contains is for you to decide. Just remember that no one -no cleric or politician- owns the truth and

that everyone can see only his own part of the one truth. Not, "everyone has his own truth", because that would mean the border crossings of your kingdom are thrown closed, that you isolate yourself and live on an island. Indeed, "everyone has his personal share in the one truth", the universal truth that includes everyone. The latter can be understood as a philosophical statement, or as a natural scientific truth - that depends on your perspective. Now it is up to you.

#### Postscripts

I In comments to "The Great Satan", the question arises whether the article just not states: "Improve the world, start with yourself." Indeed that is what is there, at least you can read this into it. In itself there is nothing wrong with this starting point, were it not that to whom this is said is also the prey of the Luciwher paradigm. The statement to start with yourself is directed at the individual -by whom?- and fits perfectly in a divide and rule policy. The improver is implicitly recommended to withdraw within his own kingdom. Subsequently, the opponent of the individual is so Kafkaesque elusive and faceless, that it will never be clear to the improver what he needs to improve on and how that then will improve the world. If he already begins, a risk even exists within the context of the insulating Ancient Spirit that the improver will suffer from navel gazing, when he actually withdraws in himself. Except hopeless idealism in the word improve also the judgment can be read that apparently now the situation is not so good for the improver. Often unjustly and this failure of appreciation delivers frustration and thus aggression in the improver. Moreover, the phrase "improve the world, start with yourself" is also often used by people who have already abandoned all hope and with that statement show that the improver according to them believes in a pie in the sky - do not nag, is actually said.

"The Great Satan" was written with the intention to provide assistance to people how to transform their fear of life into something that yields no aggression and frustration for them. The fear and uncertainty will not disappear, but are becoming manageable, while the elusive and faceless powers are being brought back to a place where they do not generate further fear, where their aggression no further will generate aggression. The breaching therefore of the Luciwher paradigm, the nullification of the Ancient Spirit and the birth of the New Spirit. It is time for that New

Spirit, through which man is independent in his own circle without spinning around like a guinea pig in his treadmill and by which the independent New Spirit can make a contribution to harmony. Not that my writing is a recipe for how to do it, but for how one could do it. Think for yourself - help is on the way.

II Another comment is about women's emancipation. My statements are rarely on matters that can be drawn in a certain political angle and if done anyway that is for the responsibility of the person who responds. I am not politically neutral, but I am also not prepared to identify myself or be identified with partisanship of this or that sort. Regarding the issue of emancipation, I make an exception. Apart from what I write here it is also appropriate to read what is in "The Soul in the Flesh" in the third part of book two. Although historical reasons explain why men have subordinated women, such an explanation is no justification, on the contrary. A hierarchical difference between people is an effect of the Ancient Spirit and is passed on from generation to generation by the echo of the dead, as I describe above. A hierarchical difference between people is nonsensical -and counterproductive for each notion of harmony- and thus the difference made between men and women is equally ridiculous. In a harmonious society, each person may trust to expand on his or her own strengths and talents, shaping them in any desired form in an open environment without objections. Anyone who works against this I consider a sick person who deserves nursing - nursing that I want to envelop in all compassion and warmth possible. Let me add inseparably that the nature of this disease is not prompted by opinion. Subjectivity can never be a distinguishing criterion, because then we may find ourselves in a system of reeducation camps. The disease that I point at controls people who have been affected themselves by the restrictions of life and can no longer escape on their own.

Although I can understand that women, or anyone for that matter, group in interest groups, ultimately that also works counterproductively. Such a group has its own dynamics with leaders and followers and a defensive, sometimes even offensive attitude toward the world outside their own group - it is a form of jumping onto the barricades. Such a group I see as an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and, hopefully, to support each other, but that is just about it. Each step in the formation of a subgroup sets women, or anyone else, firmly in the Luciwher paradigm. Nothing is wrong with seeking the help of others,

but the decision how to deal with reality ultimately rests with the individual, not the group - that would be obeying the echo of the dead. You work with each other and for each other, but always from the individual. The individual, man or woman, is an inseparable part of the whole, a whole that exists by virtue of the individual. In other words, women's emancipation is a nonissue for those who are free at heart.

#### Addendum

On the subject of the United States of America, everyone has their ideas. Some seem well-founded, some seem more like a prejudice -the United Satan of America-, but all are negative. Paragraphs full can be written about issues that are irritating about Americans and that in the view of many makes them the object of ridicule and otherwise a negative critique. Their hypocrisy for example, with on one hand, the biggest porn industry in the world and separate cities for gambling palaces and bad taste. On the other hand, their fanatical religiosity that simultaneously makes a one-dimensional caricature of Christianity. Doing one thing and not wanting to know the other. However, is the greater part of humankind then not hypocritical? And then the stupidity periodically very clearly rises to the surface, when you see how people swallow the transparent and cunning lies of politicians who are after a lucrative job. However, are not all politicians around the world cunning liars? The remarkable thing is that you clearly perceive politicians from another country better than those from your own country, while ours are just as sly. Or take the gun ownership in America. It reveals that America is a country with people with a violent institution who therefore cannot be trusted, especially if you see the unsavoury types defending private gun ownership. However, are people all over the world not all potentially dangerous lunatics who do not need a firearm to kill you? India is a country with the oldest religion in the world -some six thousand years old- and the country has produced more wise than the rest of the world combined. Mahatma Gandhi as a proponent of nonviolence is the most recent. Yet in India are no fewer murders than elsewhere, especially if one adds up to this quota the thousands of feticides and infanticides each year committed, mostly in the rural areas, when it becomes clear the little one is a girl.

America I always denominate a golden lined third world country because of the enormous wealth of the few and sometimes harrowing

poverty of the many<sup>13)</sup>. Indeed, that preoccupation with their flag and everything American, resembling an idiocy and the echo of ideas that the Nazis promoted thereon. However, is not nationalism anyway the result of a historical misconception? The nationalism of the state is the political result of the American and the French Revolution, where a patchwork of interests had to be forged into a whole. A very different kind of nationalism than the feeling among people who sense being culturally connected. The nationalism of the state reveals reverence for authority and those who let themselves be guided by authority cannot be trusted, they are the ill in fact. However, all this makes America and Americans not the Great Satan himself, but rather the victims of the Great Satan, or more precisely, the citizens of Lucifer, the subjects of the Luciwher paradigm<sup>14)</sup> Given all of the above, despite or thanks to all the annoyances and idiosyncrasies, Americans are better characterized as true people, genuine people. After all, it was tru-man who threw the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. America as the perpetrators and as victims, the story of humankind. The sadness and the heroism of those who desperately are looking for a little love, a bit of compassion, some warmth together. People who simultaneously are trapped in a spiral of violence and who are willing to violently defend that little bit of off the ground scraped love -Hollywood style- and that little warmth from a fellow human and who undergone violence always will want to revenge -and call that justice-. So sad, so sick.

The self-image of man overall is not that great. Some perceive the human being not as a mammal, but as a virus that commits plunder in a certain territory and when all is used then moves to the next to pillage there deep into the turf. It is a very negative self-image that is more in the nature of the mind of a depressed patient, than of someone who looks on the bright side. I am not an optimist for the short term but in the longer term, I see a host of positive possibilities. The melancholy patient in contrast is always a hypochondriac, because inherent to his illness a whole range of other possibilities is overlooked. Man is primarily a hardworking creature who must overcome many obstacles to live pleasantly -not having to work as hard- with a loved one on the arm and a few children at school, in a pleasant house with a plot of land thereby - a rather sedate image, but an average desire. Just below the surface of the visible human however, an epic battle is upheld with each individually in the role of the heroic guardian. Every human being makes a lifelong effort against the elements and against those who oppose him - those who want to take advantage of him, begrudge him

his success, who are to deprive him of his achievements, who aim to snuff out his life or force him to pay taxes. Every day that person with his big clay feet stands in ordure and blood and tries to keep things clean - and every day he wakes up to discover that more dung, blood and vomit is added, that every day he again is pelted with blood, crap and phlegm. He lives on a planet that is so formatted that you must devour another to survive - even the vegetarians. Such a struggle I call really heroic, without any hint of reserve, without any exaggeration, nor any hidden reproach. Every human being every day of his life is engaged in that struggle. One person does so in an environment in which is attempted to alleviate the severity of this struggle, the other in an environment where the conditions for survival are reminiscent of a lion's den. America is such a lion's den, and a snake pit. The battle there is unconcealed with naked existence at stake. It is one of the places in the world, perhaps the ultimate place, where you can reach to dazzling heights when you are willing to stand on a mountain of rotting corpses. It is the perfect place for humans, where despite all the tinsel actual man reveals his uncensored and unvarnished form. Life stripped of any concealing philosophy, brought back to raw existence.

Raw and bare existence contains not a negative connotation, as little as an exploding volcano deserves a negative connotation - it exists, it is. The seemingly harsh insight given here about whom and what man is, precisely contains no negative connotation. If a person is pushed far enough, every person is prepared to kill to survive. Every person anywhere is, even and perhaps most pronounced in the land of the free, the home of the brave. Denouncing America as the Great Satan and Americans therefore as Satan's children is like condemning what you can see in your mirror. For every person it is highly recommended to consider himself naked in the mirror, spiritually to undress and to assess what damage and disease he contracted during his upbringing and his subsequent years. Only when you create the cure for all scary human diseases yourself -applicable for yourself only-, you can look back with satisfaction at the end of your life - no matter what happens next. The real satisfaction about whom you have become, how you have risen on your own above the animal that you were, not trampling on the corpses of your fellow men.



Notes to "The Great Satan"

4) Enki or Enkil is a god in Sumerian mythology -the Creator, also the god of fresh water, of the abyss, death and of the creative spirit-, later known as Ea in Akkâdian and Babylonian mythology. He was originally the patron god of the city of Eridu (the present day Tell Abu Schachren in Iraq), and later the influence of his cult spread throughout Mesopotamia and to the Canaanites, Hittites and Hurrians. The exact meaning of his name is uncertain; the commonly used translation of his name is "Lord of the Earth". The Sumerian en is translated as a title equivalent to "lord"; it was originally a title given to the High Priest; ki means "earth".

The indication bce, before contemporary era, in the timestamp 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium bce is used instead of BC.

5) "You're either with us or against us . . ." That was the reaction of the U.S. President George W. Bush to the attacks of September 11, 2001. This statement caused a clear dichotomy in the world. After this Bush formulated his doctrine of the preventive attack and the Americans launched their war on terror that was to democratize Afghanistan and Iraq. Bush strongly believes in a negative relationship between democracy and terror. Where there is democracy, there will be no terror.

6) While the unthinking masses in for example Europe, where the differences are most clearly, has been seduced en masse by the American subcultures, the cultural elite deems themselves to be above the perks of that environment. Through subcultures that glorify violence and eroticism, especially the producers of music and movies earn big money. The cultural elite in Europe also dances to that music, but is not looking for life's moral content -or just the absence thereof- to the way of life of those subcultures. That attitude to life is still conditioned by its European values - a barely visible independence. The masses, however, identify strongly with the often yobbish attitude to life where consumerism is the adage. It is the cause of what is called the increasing inanity of society. This phenomenon is not unique to the present time, it is timeless, as cultural imperialism of all times.

7) The date of Zarathustra, i.e. the date of composition of the Old Avestan gathas, is unknown. Classical writers such as Plutarch proposed dates prior to 6000 bce. Dates proposed in scholarly literature diverge widely, between the 18th and the 6th centuries bce. Zarathustra was born into the priestly family of the Spitamids and his ancestor Spitama is mentioned several times in the Gathas. His father's name was Pourušaspa, his mother's was Dughdova. With his wife, Huvovi, Zoroaster had three sons, Isat Vastar, Uruvat-Nara and Hvare Cidra; three daughters, Freni, Pourucista and Triti. His wife, children and a cousin named Maidhyoimangha, were his first converts after his illumination from Ahura Mazda at age 30.

8) Moses was, according to the Hebrew Bible and the Koran, a religious leader, lawgiver and prophet, to whom the authorship of the Torah is traditionally attributed. Also called Moshe Rabbenu in Hebrew - Lit. `Moses our Teacher/Rabbi`-, he is the most important prophet in Judaism, and is also considered an important prophet in Christianity and Islam, as well as a number of other faiths. The existence of Moses as well as the veracity of the Exodus story is disputed amongst archaeologists and Egyptologists. Other historians maintain that the biographical details, and Egyptian background, attributed to Moses imply the existence of a historical political and religious leader who was involved in the consolidation of the Hebrew tribes in Canaan towards the end of the Bronze Age.

9) Confucius -551-479 bce- was a Chinese teacher, editor, politician, and philosopher of the Spring and Autumn Period of Chinese history. The philosophy of Confucius emphasized personal and governmental morality, correctness of social relationships, justice and sincerity. Confucius is traditionally credited with having authored or edited many of the Chinese classic texts including all of the Five Classics. Confucius's principles had a basis in common Chinese tradition and belief. He championed strong family loyalty, ancestor worship, respect of elders by their children -and in traditional interpretations- of husbands by their wives.

10)

BRONZE AGE HERDERS OF THE EURASIAN STEPPES	
Neolithic Age (5000-3300 bce)	Tripolye Culture (4000 - 3500 bce)
	Sredny Stog Culture (4000 - 3000 bce) (Southern Ukraine, Dnieper basin) * The first tamers of horses * Co-founders of Hinduism
	Khvalynsk Culture
	Karanovo VI Culture
	Kemi Oba Culture
	Usatovo Culture / Botai Culture
	Poltavka Culture
	Fatyanovo Culture / Abashevo Culture
	Sintashta-Arkaim Culture (Southern Urals, transitional Europe Asia) * Co-founders of Hinduism

Early Bronze Age (3300-1900 bce)	Maikop Culture (3700 - 2500 bce) (East Coast Black Sea, Kuban river valley) * The inventors of the wheel
	Pit Grave Culture (3300 - 2300 bce)
	Baden Culture
	Funnel Beaker Culture (3300 - 3000 bce)
	Catacomb Culture (2800 - 1900 bce)
Middle Bronze Age (1900-1200 bce)	Timber Grave Culture (1900 - 1200 bce)
	Andronovo Culture (1800 - 1200 bce) (East Coast Caspian Sea, around and east of the Aral Sea) * Co-founders of Hinduism
	Mnogovalikovaya Culture
	Glina III/Monteoru Culture

<sup>11)</sup> The Universality of the Golden Rule in the World Religions

Buddhism. Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.  
Udana-Varga 5,1

Christianity. All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye so  
to them; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:1

Confucianism. Do not do to others what you would not like yourself. Then there  
will be no resentment against you, either in the family or in the state. Analects  
12:2

Hinduism. This is the sum of duty; do naught onto others what you would not  
have them do unto you. Mahabharata 5,1517

Islam. No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he  
desires for himself. Sunnah

Judaism. What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman. This is the entire  
Law; all the rest is commentary. Talmud, Shabbat 31d

Taoism. Regard your neighbour's gain as your gain, and your neighbour's loss as  
your own loss. Tai Shang Kan Yin P'ien

Zoroastrianism. That nature alone is good which refrains from doing another whatsoever is not good for itself. Dadisten-I-dinik, 94,5

<sup>12)</sup> The theoretical physicist at the University of California Thomas Banks from his theory of "causal diamonds" has calculated that the total amount of knowledge in the universe is  $10^{10^{123}}$  - ten to the tenth to the hundred twenty-third. He has also calculated that human knowledge can never exceed  $10^{10^{90}}$  -ten to the tenth to the ninetieth-, because the amount of hardware that is required to come above the latter number is so large that the mass of which would implode as a black hole.

<sup>13)</sup> Travels with Charley: In Search of America is a travelogue written by American author John Steinbeck. It recounts tales of a 1960 road trip with his French standard poodle, Charley, around the United States. He wrote that he was moved by a desire to see his country on a personal level, since he made his living writing about it. He wrote of having many questions going into his journey, the main one being, "What are Americans like today?" However, he found that the "new America" did not live up to his expectations.

Steinbeck tells of travelling throughout the United States in a specially made camper he named Rocinante, after the horse of Don Quixote. His travels start in Long Island, New York, and roughly follow the outer border of the United States, from Maine to the Pacific Northwest, down into his native Salinas Valley in California, across to Texas, up through the Deep South, and then back to New York. Such a trip encompasses nearly 10,000 miles.

According to Thom Steinbeck, the author's oldest son, the real reason for the trip was that Steinbeck knew he was dying and wanted to see his country one last time. Thom says he was surprised that his stepmother (Steinbeck's wife) allowed Steinbeck to make the trip; because of his heart condition he could have died at any time. More on Wiki. Interview with Steinbeck on You Tube: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_sJZpeBw6YE&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sJZpeBw6YE&feature=related)

<sup>14)</sup> Although America is called the land of the free, that freedom is only reserved for people with audacity and capital. The American dream is true for only a few who are willing to make a kill or who are extremely lucky. It is a highly organized hierarchically country with at any level top dogs. Everyone has someone above him, no one is truly free.