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We are best honouring the dead by claiming ourselves

- 1 As a boy, I was captivated by the scenes and solemnity of the November Sunday morning on Whitehall. The regimented lines of soldiers - current day servants to the crown - many in military uniforms - a few in dark suits.

The orchestration of the event - Remembrance Sunday - was a spectacle, but not of the kind one would look on with admiration and fondness. Instead, it was one of the saddest days fixed - with blood red ink - into the nation's calendar. It is a fixture everyone knows about in advance, signalled by the blood red poppies pinned to lapels of all in the public eye - and so many not.



- 2 For years I watched - and felt - gripped by the sound of Edgar's most moving of compositions - 'Nimrod' - which still brings an emotional tear to my eye. And again today - this latest Remembrance Day - listening to the opening sequence of this mournful piece. It's a sound of profound natural sadness and heavy regret. A regret for all that has happened - and can never be undone. The only good to come of it all - I naively had thought, like you, I'd guess - is that due to the human feelings - those feelings of sadness and regret - that the ongoing perpetration - the cause of this sadness and regret - would end - surely?
Such happenings will surely become history - never to be repeated.
But how wrong was I - and how wrong were you!
([LINK 2a](#))
- 3 According to the **World Population Review**, **38** countries are listed to be involved in war or some form of military conflict - on this very day. The most high-profiled of them being, Israel Gaza - Russia Ukraine. Who could have

guessed, that given what has gone on in Gaza, it could have been allowed to progress. Any observer of that story – not justifying the description of being a war or a conflict due to the one-sidedness of its nature – could not see it as anything but genocide. Global agencies see it as that – ordinary people of the world see it as that – the International Criminal court of Justice sees it as that, subject to a trial.

But irrespective, the story continues to this day. Innocent citizens – not soldiers – are bombed out of their homes – children are disfigured both mentally and physically and the whole population is being starved to death. All this is happening under the watch of global politicians who say little – and do so much less. ([LINK 3a](#))

- 4 On Remembrance Sunday in Whitehall, London, the UK PM - **Keir Starmer** - stood in his black suit holding a wreath to place on the Cenotaph, to mark his respect on behalf on the British government. This is a man who has seen the reports on the suffering in Gaza. He is a man who has been briefed on the suffering in Gaza. He is a man who speaks of the intolerable situation which needs to end and is working with other partners to bring that end about. Whilst he speaks those words, however – his government continues to supply arms to Israel to continue a genocide - whilst not speaking a word of criticism about Israel's PM – **Benjamin Netanyahu** – or that country's actions.
- 5 On Remembrance Sunday in Whitehall, London, the ex-UK PM – **Tony Blair** - stood in his black suit holding a wreath to place on the Cenotaph to mark his respect on behalf of – well, heaven knows what? **Tony Blair** has been talked about in recent weeks as a person to lead Gaza through peace development with Israel – at least over the next few years. It was a move which was strongly criticised and rejected by the Palestinian leadership – given **T.Blair's** history in the Middle East and the war with Iraq. It is incorrigible, that this man should have anything to do with anything in the Middle East given his involvement in – and leading support for – a totally unjust war on Iraq.
- 6 One has to wonder, given the decades of Remembrance Sundays – with ex-soldiers being replaced with a constant stream of new veterans, as the older ones die of old age – how is it, that war hasn't been ended? Could it be, I wonder, that war is seen by some as being something to keep going? If so, there could be three reasons for that.

The **first being** - that there is an agenda to completely wipe-out a particular race or population. An Israeli agenda to do exactly that in Gaza, has been spoken about – and even quoted in the media.

The **second being** - that the resident population are in the way of nations – through their corporates – wishing to lay claim to and extract valuable earth resources. Resources such as gas, oil, even gold – as for Israel and Sudan?

The **third being** - either connected with the above two reasons or not – is related to stoking the coffers of the Military Industrial Complex. So long as there is a war happening somewhere, then this Complex is making money for a particular group of investors.

Perhaps the first thing to do, is ask – ask who exactly are those investors?

Another question to ask – fundamental as it is – is the following.
What if the Military Industrial Complex – in this country and others – were 100% owned by the People of each country?

It would seem, on consideration, that the emphasis on military spending and sales would be largely dependant upon the attitude of the population and how that population views its own security as well as that of others. Mums of soldiers could have the loudest voices on this subject.

In the case of the UK, Gaza and Israel, it is rather inconceivable that the UK Military Industrial Complex would have been allowed by its shareholders – the citizens of the country – to sell any military equipment or arms to either of those two parties. If, however, it did – the UK population might have assisted Palestine rather than Israel – given the total military imbalance of the two countries and thus the genocidal nature of this conflict as it's been clearly documented.

Much has been written on the subject of the Military Industrial Complex. Even a US president warned US citizens of its growing power – and that was in the early **1960s**. Imagine the power it might wield now – and apparently does. The speech by outgoing president – **Dwight D. Eisenhower** – is memorable! It was delivered to his home nation on **17jan61**.

The key line being:

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the Military-Industrial Complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

([LINK 6a](#))

- 7 The undeniable truth is this. Over the decades of the last centuries, no government - or governments - has been successful in ending wars or conflict. Neither has there been a mechanism put in place to attempt to do the same. People would suggest - the creation of the United Nations was to be that mechanism – but I ask anyone to show me evidence of that idea having worked.

More recently, speaker after speaker stood at the UN rostrum and spouted their opinion on the Israeli genocide in Gaza. They weren't wrong to do so – but all that spouting didn't bring forward a peace solution. Instead, **Donald Trump** – a fervent supporter of Israel - brokered a peace deal – albeit in name only. For the bombing, the killing and the starvation of innocent Palestinians continues over a month into a so-called ceasefire.

An impassioned speech at the UN was given by the President of Slovenia. Despite her extraordinary and powerful words – directed at **D.Trump** and Israeli PM **Netanyahu** – it's all too clear, words aren't enough.

([LINK 7a](#))

The UN – for all its declared good intentions - hasn't worked and is not destined to. What will work is a totally different approach. That is – not a different approach at this level, at least.

I point here to Albert Einstein's famous quote:

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."

In other words – a completely different approach is required - an approach I've already alluded to. The People need to step up and take control of society's serious issues. Governments and politicians have failed – and done so largely due to being captive to powerful 'others' with deep pockets and thirsts for control! As an example of what I mean – take a listen to **James O'Keefe** speaking with a **Blackrock** employee. "War is good for business". ([LINK 7b](#))

- 8 A listen to **James Corbett** – talking on his episode [485] about the recent demise of **Dick Cheney** – will give a good insight into the American war machine backed by that now all-powerful Military Industrial Complex. As Vice President to **George W Bush**, **D.Cheney** is uncovered – it's believed – as a key orchestrator of **9/11** and the first Gulf War. Due to his connection with the orchestration of **9/11**, his involvement with the second Gulf War will be a certainty.

And in close support of the second Gulf War, the UK's own PM - **T.Blair** - had his part to play. The film **Official Secrets** based on a true story – depicting whistleblower **Katherine Gun** – describes the corrupt behaviour of the PM - backed by his own staff. **K.Gun** worked at GCHQ in Cheltenham and listened in to private UN communications - as a spy.

We will all remember that the British public were scared into thinking **Saddam Hussaine** – leader of Iraq - was about to launch missiles at London – when in fact the most dangerous weapon he had in his trouser pocket – unseen by the CIA - was probably a box of matches.

There is a line in the film's script which rings loudly for me – and reads:

No – (I don't work for the government) I work for the British people. I don't gather intelligence so the government can lie to the British people."

([LINK 8a](#))

- 9 I was thinking about how I might finish this Thought Byte - when I came upon my solution. **Doc Malik** is an ex-NHS surgeon with an interesting tale of his NHS experiences. He's now a commentator and columnist. Fittingly, he has provided the perfect words for me – eloquently encapsulating, as I believe he has – the very viewpoint that so many of us have today – about Remembrance.

I urge you to read his words – mirroring my own, but more elegantly. Perhaps even more important and fitting, is the song he has shared – linked to from his writing – which is titled : **This Year I Did Not Wear a Poppy**

The song is not credited – sadly and unfortunately. Read his piece and PLEASE listen to THE SONG.

([LINK 9a](#))

So, that's my current thinking and opinion on this subject today – but I wonder - what are your thoughts?

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