# There Is Hope After All

By Paul Craig Roberts - January, 2024

[Matthias Chang's comments: I share the conviction of the author that there is hope for humanity to rebuild a better and more humane world. It takes guts and conviction to write this brilliant article and it must start with the collapse of the old archaic world of injustice and hypocrisy. Such constructive positivity is very rare.]

From time to time I receive a message from a reader that he or she has been reading my analyses for years, is convinced that what we have known as Western civilization is in collapse, but wishes to see some hope. What can we do to resurrect our civilization, integrity, moral behavior, and respect for truth?

My position has been that nothing can be done unless the people are aware of their plight. My job is to bring awareness. Nothing can be done until the people seek awareness and become aware. As long as the media and official narratives keep people in The Matrix, nothing can be done. Movies such as *V for Vendetta* and *The Matrix* have made this clear.

But today I bring you good news. After a conversation with a friend today, I can tell you that it is in the collapse of the system where hope resides. As every aspect of the system is corrupt, collapse is the corrective. The ruling elites have miscalculated. By bringing about the collapse, the elites are collapsing their own power.

Collapse brings reset, not the World Economic Forum's, but the peoples' reset. The people have the numbers, not the elites, who are diminished by fights among themselves. As their power shrinks from their miscalculations, their power diminishes. The elites know this, which is why they are trying to kill us with "vaccines," "pandemics," and the destruction of our food supply in the name of "saving the planet from global warming."

The only way humans can destroy planet Earth is through nuclear war, which seems to be the goal of US/Israeli neoconservatives, such as Robert Kagan and Victoria Nuland.

Why is there hope in collapse of the accumulated evil?

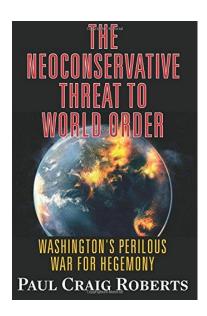
Because it clears the agenda.

What can you do to survive the collapse? Arm yourselves. Create organizations of family, friends, community, county, and elevate them into state alliances against the anti-American woke, the anti-American neoconservatives, the anti-American Democrats, and your deadly anti-American enemy in Washington. Secession of the red states is possible.

It is the blue states that are the reservoirs of anti-American hatred. These states are a far more dangerous enemy to Americans than Russians, Chinese, Iranians, Hamas, and Houthis in Yemen.

Yet we hear from the whore media nothing of the real threat, only the makebelieve threat to America from the designated enemies of Zionist Israel's expansion from the Nile to the Euphrates.

Except for the Houthis and Hamas, the Muslim rulers are too content accepting bribes from Washington to do anything about the US/Israeli genocide of the Palestinians. Other than the Houthis, the entire Muslim world could be in the dock, with Israel and the West, at the International Court of Justice



One consequence could be the collapse of American/Israeli power in the Middle East. Arab power collapsed long ago. But American power has failed to take its place. After a 20-year effort, the American "superpower" was defeated and driven out of Afghanistan by a few thousand lightly armed Taliban, who again rule the country, just as happened in Vietnam where endless US bombing only ensured the Vietcong's victory. It is the Houthis and Iranians who are likely to control the sea lanes in the territory under attack, not Washington, unless the Houthis and Iranians accept being paid off.

None of this works for the anti-American, anti-nation, anti-national sovereignty, anti-white civilization ruling elite of Washington. The ruling anti-western white elites hate America, national sovereignty, and human liberty far more than they hate their self-chosen foreign enemies chosen for profit and control reasons. The US Constitution is in the way of their dictatorship more than are the Houthis.

The West is going down in flames. Don't be discouraged by the collapse of evil. Be encouraged. The collapse of evil brings the opportunity for renewal.

What will the renewal be? It is not clear.

The renewal will involve violence. There is no alternative to the extermination of Evil.

Karl Marx said that violence is the only effective force in history. Myself and my self-chosen Jewish Oxford University professor, Michael Polanyi, disputed Marx's contention. We argued that Good Will was an effective force in the world, and we provided examples. But today decades later watching Western moral collapse, I see that Marx had a point.

Today the West faces evil so strong that good will is excluded. Where is there good will in the West's support of Israeli genocide of the Palestinians? Is Marx correct that only violence rules history? If so, what are the liberal concepts of good will, mercy, justice worth? Are they merely delusions to ease our way into a non-aware mental slavery? How can these concepts affect human behavior when evil is accepted as the new normal?

Only an aware peoples of the Western world can bring themselves to awareness and step forward in defense of the values that define their humane existence. If they fail, then so has the West.

So, my answer is that hope resides in the collapse. It is up to the people to rebuild a humane and free society.

## About the author:

#### Career

Paul Craig Roberts has had careers in scholarship and academia, journalism, public service, and business. He is chairman of The Institute for Political Economy.

## Scholarship & Academia

Dr. Roberts has held academic appointments at Virginia Tech, Tulane University, University of New Mexico, Stanford University where he was Senior Research Fellow in the Hoover Institution, George Mason University where he had a joint appointment as professor of economics and professor of business administration, and Georgetown University where he held the William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy in the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

He has contributed chapters to numerous books and has published many articles in journals of scholarship, including the Journal of Political Economy, Oxford Economic Papers, Journal of Law and Economics, Studies in Banking and Finance, Journal of Monetary Economics, Public Choice, Classica et Mediaevalia, Ethics, Slavic Review, Soviet Studies, Cardoza Law Review,

Rivista de Political Economica, and Zeitschrift fur Wirtschafspolitik. He has entries in the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Economics and the New Palgrave Dictionary of Money and Finance.

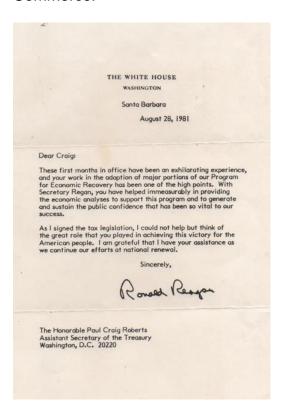
He has contributed to Commentary, The Public Interest, The National Interest, Policy Review, National Review, The Independent Review, Harper's, the New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Fortune, London Times, The Financial Times, TLS, The Spectator, The International Economy, Il Sole 24 Ore, Le Figaro, Liberation, and the Nihon Keizai Shimbun. He has testified before committees of Congress on 30 occasions.

### **Journalism**

Dr. Roberts was associate editor and columnist for <u>The Wall Street Journal</u> and columnist for Business Week and the Scripps Howard News Service. He was a nationally syndicated columnist for Creators Syndicate in Los Angeles. In 1992 he received the Warren Brookes Award for Excellence in Journalism. In 1993 the Forbes Media Guide ranked him as one of the top seven journalists in the United States.

## **Public Service**

President Reagan appointed Dr. Roberts Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy and he was confirmed in office by the U.S. Senate. From 1975 to 1978, Dr. Roberts served on the congressional staff where he drafted the Kemp-Roth bill and played a leading role in developing bipartisan support for a supply-side economic policy. After leaving the Treasury, he served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Commerce.



## **Business**

Dr. Roberts was president of the Inlet Beach Water Company, president of Economic & Communication Services, advisor to J.P. Morgan asset management, advisor to Tiedemann-Goodnow, advisor to Lazard Freres Asset Management, and a member of corporate and financial boards.

#### **Books**

Dr. Roberts' latest books are The Empire of Lies, The Neoconservative Threat To World Order, How America Was Lost, and The Failure of Laissez Faire Capitalism. These books have had English, German, French, Czech, Chinese, Korean editions and a forthcoming Russian edition of How America Was Lost. In January, 2010, CounterPunch /AK Press published How the Economy Was Lost. The Tyranny of Good Intentions, co-authored with IPE Fellow Lawrence Stratton, was published by Prima Publishing in May 2000. A new edition, now in a second printing, was published by Crown Publishing Group, a division of Randon House, in 2008. Chile: Two Visions—The Allende-Pinochet Era, coauthored with IPE Fellow Karen Araujo, was published in Spanish by Universidad Nacional Andres Bello in Santiago, Chile, in November 2000. The Capitalist Revolution in Latin America, co-authored with IPE Fellow Karen LaFollette Araujo, was published by Oxford University Press in 1997. A Spanish language edition was published by Oxford in 1999. The New Color Line: How Quotas and Privilege Destroy Democracy, co-authored with IPE Fellow Lawrence Stratton, was published by Regnery in 1995. A paperback edition was published in 1997. Meltdown: Inside the Soviet Economy, co-authored with IPE Fellow Karen LaFollette, was published by the Cato Institute in 1990. Harvard University Press published Roberts' book, The Supply-Side Revolution, in 1984. Widely reviewed and favorably received, the book was praised by Forbes as "a timely masterpiece that will have real impact on economic thinking in the years ahead." Dr. Roberts is the author of Alienation and the Soviet Economy, published in 1971 and republished in 1990. He is coauthor with Matthew Stephenson of Marx's Theory of Exchange, Alienation and Crisis, published in 1973 by the Hoover Institution Press and republished in 1983 by Praeger Publishing. A Spanish language edition was published in 1974 in Madrid by Union Editorial.

Read Professor Edward Curtin's review of The Neoconservative Threat to World Order here: <a href="http://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2016/02/29/review-of-paul-craig-roberts-book-the-neoconservative-threat-to-world-order-washingtons-perilous-war-for-hegemony/">http://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2016/02/29/review-of-paul-craig-roberts-book-the-neoconservative-threat-to-world-order-washingtons-perilous-war-for-hegemony/</a>

### Honors

Dr. Roberts was awarded the Treasury Department's Meritorious Service Award for "his outstanding contributions to the formulation of United States economic policy."

In 1987 the French government recognized him as "the artisan of a renewal in economic science and policy after half a century of state interventionism" and inducted him into the Legion of Honor.

In 2015 he was awarded the Press Club of Mexico's International Journalism Award.

He is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. In 2017 Dr. Roberts was awarded Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award (<a href="http://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release/paul-craig-roberts-iii-named-alifetime-achiever-by-marquis-whos-who-440127.php">http://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release/paul-craig-roberts-iii-named-alifetime-achiever-by-marquis-whos-who-440127.php</a>).

## **Tributes:**

Monday, June 13, 2011

10 Most Influential People in the Alternative Media (2011)

Many readers will expect to see Matt Drudge or Arianna Huffington on this list. Although they both indeed have leading Internet news websites that cover some fringe stories and report on systematic injustices more so than the mainstream media, they primarily aggregate mainline news. Therefore, they are excluded from our "alternative media" label. The criteria we've chosen to base these rankings of the most influential alternative media figures are the following;

- people that have the courage to seek the truth no matter where the information leads them;
- those with the courage to question 9/11;
- those who don't buy into the false left-right political paradigm;
- those who are grounded in peace and liberty;
- those with the communication skills and platform to affect real change.

Significantly, each of the people who made our list is clearly driven by unyielding passion. Despite some natural disagreements, they each provide a unique bridge to forbidden knowledge and they all deserve high praise for their efforts and commitment to inform the public. Sincerely, it is very encouraging to have so many talented voices leading the stampede for truth, liberty, justice, and peace.

With so many people doing great work in the real alternative media, we are sure that some deserving reporters will be left off the list. Although Activist Post has forged relationships with some of the people on this list, we've tried to remain as non-biased as possible in our observations. At the end, we've also included a list of those who deserve honorable mention for their tireless work and talent providing the truth.

**10. Dr. Paul Craig Roberts:** Paul Craig Roberts is one of the most respected columnists in the alternative media. His syndicated articles can be seen on many leading alternative news websites including Lew Rockwell, Infowars, Counterpunch, InformationClearingHouse and countless others. Roberts scores

huge points in the credibility department having been the former head of policy at the Department of Treasury under Reagan, and an editor of the Wall Street Journal — among a long list of other accolades. His research is impeccable and his vision of how the world really operates is second to none. He knows why and when the global chess pieces are moving, and has the incredible talent to communicate difficult concepts to the general public. He has written several books including The Tyranny of Good Intentions and How the Economy was Lost. His many interviews can be seen on Russia Today and Prison Planet TV. Roberts is also a recent contributor to Gerald Celente's esteemed Trends Journal. There is no one better at reporting the reality of geo-political events and the workings of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve.