

Re: This World, February 2003.

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Sadly I recognize that many intelligent and well-meaning Americans have been taken in by the Greatest Hoax of All Time

The world is in great danger from a takeover by a Rogue nation. Is the danger from Iraq? IT is a paper Tiger rendered toothless by the Gulf War, Sanctions, and bombings. Hussein is not even feared by his neighbors.

Or is the danger from the nation that has deployed its Weapons of Mass Destruction all over the Middle East? The nation that in summer 2002 proclaimed its "National Security Strategy" of world domination, rule by force, and pre-emptive strikes against any threat? The nation that disdains the United Nations except when it can be coerced into doing its bidding? What nation seeks OIL?

The philosopher Pogo once said: We have met the enemy — and THEY IS US!

The tragedy of 9/11 was a boon to the Bush Administration which has used it to create a climate of fear, terror, hatred, insecurity, suspicion, and false patriotism. Civil liberties are curtailed, criticism ignored, Congress cowed into saying only "Yes, Sir." The Treasury has been looted for the military and tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy. The economy is a shambles. Human needs such as Health, Education & Welfare go unmet.

War Talk includes the US brass gleefully describing its plan "Shock & Awe" to flatten Baghdad and its human inhabitants in a rain of bombs, over 2 days,

Surely any person of faith, conscience, heart or love of life must see that War has become OBSOLETE. "A 'good' war is an OXYMORON. There will be NOWINNER of World War III. We risk a worldwide conflagration. Unless the nations of the world learn to solve conflicts non-violently we shall perish together, and leave this beautiful world to the cockroaches. The People of the World Cry: NO WAR!