Predator and Prey - An Analogy

In early America, the majority of the people lived in rural environments, interacting daily with the natural world. When barbecuing a T-bone steak, cooks knew the meat source, and in fact, may have personally killed and slaughtered the animal. People rooted in the natural systems have always understood that life and death are inseparable, and that predators and prey come in many different forms. They also understand that life is precious, and when we kill something, it must be for a purpose, such as food, and not for the perverted joy of watching it die.

Some readers may believe that humans have advanced beyond these fundamental predator/prey relationships. For those looking for deeper insight, I suggest studying Darwin's, On the Origins of Species - or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life. Like it or not, science supports natural selection and the survival of the fittest. People hiding behind the concepts of appeasement (the prey can change the behavior of the predator), while preaching adherence to science suffer from intellectual schizophrenia.

The predator and prey relationship permeates every natural relationship. While some continue to deny it, humans are animals, separated by our big brains, fire and tool usage, and a presumed civilized structure. Some organizations, like ISIS, replace conventional concepts of civilization with a perverted ideology. Humans are in a constant war to acquire, hoard, and protect resources. To avoid becoming prey, and to protect our families, friends, and neighbors, people form governments and charge them with the primary purpose of providing protection from predatory nation/states, such as Iran.

In Urban populations, many citizens insulated from the reality that something must die for them to eat, fail to understand the predator/prey relationship. For them, the food chain is synonymous with the
grocery store, butcher shop, and canned goods. Extending the thought, they fail to translate this stark reality into our international relationships, and the fact that some people, and some countries wish us great harm. The purpose of this analogy is reconnecting the harsh reality of predator and prey, specifically the recent agreement between the United States and Iran.

In 2009, Nat and I travelled the ALCAN Highway. In northern British Columbia, we saw a herd of bison several hundred yards to the West on a good highway. We turned and Nat, camera in hand, began taking photographs. For purposes of this analogy, they are the "Herd."

As we approached the herd, it became obvious there were different, concurrent events, and they unfolded in sequential panorama.

Nat, like most mothers, focused on the cow patiently feeding her calf. Looking around, there were many other calves with the collective name of Future. Their mothers are Civilization.
This calf appeared to be abandoned. Its name is **Israel**.

Most of us are aware that few situations are precisely what we think they are. When we stopped the car, I took out a camera with a long lens and scoped around. There was a black bear behind the bison. This peaceful, pastoral scene was actually a war zone between the bears and the bison.
This bear was not happy and heading straight towards us. I took this photo and ducked to safety. It disappeared in the brush, but two bears were now involved. We label this bear, Russia, because like that country, it is dark, massive, dangerous, and unpredictable.
Nat spotted another bear. This one was larger than a cub, but not fully-grown.

People sometimes question if wild animals can think. This bear ran up to the road, stood up, and looked both ways before running across. Because this little bear is cute, some people are attracted to it, while in fact, it gets more dangerous as it grows, just like ISIS. We now have three bears around the herd.

Following ISIS, a fourth bear (next page) shot across the road and up the hill. Its demeanor was very hostile. Of the bears we have photographed, this is the most fearsome. It defiantly overlooked the killing field, waiting for us to leave. This is much like Iran, a mean spirited, hostile, and avowed enemy of the United States, Israel, and Western civilization. Iran is preparing the means to destroy its real and perceived enemies, and needs only the opportunity to strike. Anyone who thinks Iran is sincere needs to
study international business. In some cultures, shrewdness is a greater virtue than honesty. Deals made with infidels are meaningless. For a reference closer to home, read Saul Alinsky’s *Rules for Radicals.*
While photographing Iran, a fifth bear crossed a dry, rocky, washed-out area. This bear was grunting and limping, its front leg severely damaged.

The fact that five bears were near the herd was probably mutual opportunity instead of cooperation. Russia, ISIS, and Iran are likewise (probably) not working in direct concert, and have conflicts between themselves, but share mutual opportunities to take advantage of the West.

We continue the analogy by returning to the bison. Their status now changes to prey, but obviously not one easily taken down. Given the location, time, and circumstance, it is reasonable to assume the last bear sustained a massive blow from one of the bison. The herd has the capability to defend itself. One predator’s death will not affect the actions of, nor deter, the others. There are casualties in every conflict.

First, we know that mothers, wildlife or human, will fight to the death to save their offspring. Additional useful facts are that bison are massive, and bulls weigh approximately 2000 pounds, cows around 1100, and newborn calves weigh about 45 pounds. A black bear is 150-300 pounds, although some may be double that weight.

The herd is analogous to the United States. We are much larger and stronger than Iran, ISIS, and even Russia. We give away our power by trying to appease our enemies, just as Arthur Neville Chamberlain conceded to Adolf Hitler. Instead, we need to confront our enemies. Strength logically implies courage, but instead of positive actions, our leaders surrender our power to weaker adversaries, getting nothing in return.
Bison fight with each other for territory and breeding rights, easily equated to self-interest. Preoccupied with this selfish head banging, the remaining male is free to take independent action. I will label the two males fighting with each other Republicans and Democrats, and the one in the background, ignoring the others, Mr. President.

Our elected officials, of both parties, are more concerned about retaining office and growing personal power and wealth than protecting the people. We have three branches of government, and all lack the courage or will to protect the country and civilization from our enemies.

We could not take pictures of Mr. President cutting dangerous deals with Iran, but he did.

Our divided people, in many cases, ignore the fact that bears (our enemies) are predators and want to eat our young. Some members of our herd think they are cuddly teddy bears, instead of a clear and present danger. They believe that Iran, a country still chanting, "Death to America," will become less predatory if we pat them on the head, and feed them money. Imagine feeding the bears. Death would be brutal, and they would dine on more than the hand who fed them.

Leaving the bison, we traveled just a few miles until Nat photographed this bear. Larger than those hunting the bison, we will call it China.

China, while not a visible player in the Iran deal, is certainly involved at many levels. China is a predator, not a friend, and economically preys on the United States with impunity. We need to face the facts. Our elected officials are scared to death of China, and hope all contentions will simply go away. This amounts to self-deception.
This male bison was one of the largest and potentially most dangerous protectors on the field. He stood alone, waiting for a call to action. Our metaphor for this bull is Military, which allows the herd to defend itself. Instead of making Military stronger to protect the Herd, Mr. President continues to weaken its capability, in direct violation of his primary purpose for being President, protecting the homeland from predators.

The bison are smart, and know the enemy is coming. Failure to grasp that reality ourselves means we are not as smart. America has abandoned Israel, but unlike other potential prey, if Iran nukes Israel, Iran will disappear in a nuclear cloud, putting the world on a path to annihilation.

If America is weak and subservient, Iran, ISIS, Russia, and China will feast on America's Future and destroy our Civilization. If we make non-enforceable deals, and/or fight among ourselves, we accommodate our enemies. If we emasculate our military, the predators will have a killing field in our pasture, devouring America’s Future and Civilization.

Sometimes no deal is the best deal. Never invite the enemy to a meal and leave the guards outside the door, or you will be on the menu. That is where America is right now. Ratifying a treaty that directly threatens America is treason. Party politics must never take precedence over national security. Carefully watch for who in Congress and the Senate ratifies this agreement, hold them accountable, and kick them out of office.

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