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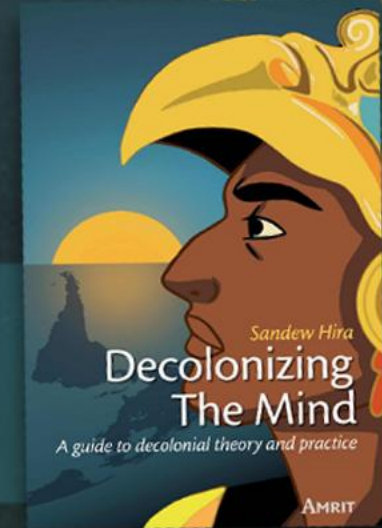
World Affairs

A decolonial analysis of current world affairs

What if Israel decides to use nuclear bombs?



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Topics

- ❑ The purpose of nuclear bombs
- ❑ The chances that Israel will use nukes
- ❑ How will it change the course of world history?
- ❑ Is that the beginning of World War III and the end of Israel?

What is a nuclear bomb?

- ❑ A nuclear bomb is based on a nuclear reaction to create an explosion. When a nuclear bomb explodes, it generates a blast wave, intense light, heat, and radiation.
- ❑ It can kill 100.000s of people in one blast.
- ❑ It detonated not by hitting the ground, but by mechanism inside the bomb that controls the method and moment of explosions.
- ❑ It can be delivered by plane, but mostly by missiles fired from the ground, an aircraft carrier or submarines.
- ❑ Israel has 90 warheads and the US 5,550, Russia 6,255

What is the purpose of having nuclear bombs?

- ❑ Deterrence, because there is no defense possible! If you don't give up, I will use the bombs: Japan 1945.
- ❑ Can a country without nuclear bombs beat a country with nuclear bombs? Yes, Vietnam, Afghanistan.
- ❑ How do you prevent a nuclear power from dropping nuclear bombs?
- ❑ Counter deterrence! Something terrible will happen if you use nuclear bombs.

The problem of the first strike

- Suppose that a first strike by the US (who has the motive to start a nuclear war) would wipe out the leadership of Russia. A unimaginable scenario would come into play, known as the Dead Hand. In 1982 US Pentagon had a plan ready for the first strike.
- The Russians envisioned a fully automatic system, known as the Dead Hand, in which a computer alone would issue the order to launch. Computers would memorize the early-warning and nuclear attack data, wait out the onslaught, and then order the retaliation without human control. This system would turn over the fate of mankind to computers. The computers would fire all 6,000 nuclear weapons that Russia has. The system was fully tested in November 1984.

The US motive to use nuclear bombs

- ❑ Maintain US supremacy in the world: Bush, Obama, Trump, Biden.
- ❑ Russia is the only nation with deterrence power vis-à-vis the US.

The Zionist motive and policy to use nuclear bombs

- ❑ 2003: Project Daniel: assess threat from Iran and other countries: Israel should be able to carry out pre-emptive strikes against nuclear facilities in Iran. Policy of deliberate ambiguity; we don't disclose if and how many we have.
- ❑ The Samson Option: massive retaliation with nuclear weapons as a "last resort" against a country whose military has invaded and/or destroyed much of Israel. Samson: reference to biblical Israelite judge Samson who pushed apart the pillars of a Philistine temple, bringing down the roof and killing himself and thousands of Philistines who had captured him, crying out "Let me die with the Philistines!"

Who is pulling the trigger: Israel or the US?

- ❑ How will Russia and China perceive the trigger? Will they use their deterrence to prevent the Samson options?
- ❑ Which cities are going to be nuked: Beirut, South of Lebanon, Gaza, Damascus, Teheran? Iran 77 times bigger than Israel.
- ❑ What will the military reaction from Russia, China, Iran?
- ❑ Is the US ready to sacrifice Israel for its own existence?

How will the world react to the Samson option?

- Mass demonstration?
- Civil war?
- Storming parliaments?
- Revolutions?

Imagination as a source of knowledge

World War I brought down many of the old empires and a new European order emerged in just four years. In Russia the tsar was toppled and the communists came to power. The Austro-Hungarian empire dissolved leading to the formation of the republic of Austria, the Hungarian Democratic Republic, the republic of Czechoslovakia, several Baltic republics and the cessation of land to Poland and Italy. The last Ottoman sultan, Mehmed VI Vahideddin, stepped down in 1922 and the secular Republic of Türkiye was created, with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as the first president. The German empire ceased to exist with the abdication of Kaiser Wilhelm II and the establishment of the Weimar Republic.

What does it mean to decolonize the world?

- ❑ What is decolonial theory?
- ❑ How is it different from Marxism and Liberalism?
- ❑ How to characterize the phase of development of decolonial theory?
- ❑ Where are we going with decolonial theory?

2 What is decolonial theory?
The background, nature, strength and weaknesses of decolonial theory and practice

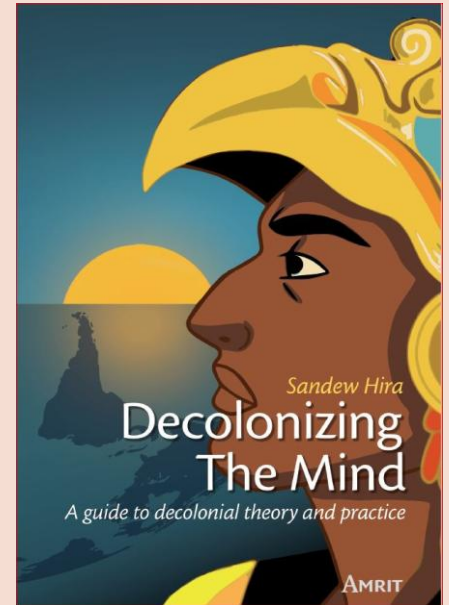
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