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ABSTRACT

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The Inextricable Links and the Trojan Mice

In this piece, John Hibbs proposes an on-line, on-going, global discourse triggered by “American neo conservative, hegemony ambitions”.

Hibbs begins with an introduction to Dr. James Moore’s article “The Second Super Power Raises Its Beautiful Head”. Throughout the commentary there is an obvious intention to stimulate worldwide discussion between the merits of those who argue on behalf of the “The First Superpower” and those on behalf of the “Second”. Both sides are encouraged to participate.

Hibbs’ base premise is that peace, education, technology and religion are all inextricably linked; that little progress can be made in the most troubled areas of the world without intelligent linkage by and between these three “Arenas”: Technology, Education, Spiritual.

In the Arenas, Hibbs refers to more than three dozen “Trojan Mice” who he expects to both contribute to the dialogue and be at the forefront of policy and practices as a result. They are a formidable assemblage.

The technologists are selected as those who can provide effective platforms for the dialogue, which platforms also provide novel broadcasting and harvesting possibilities. The educators are those principally involved in distance education and use of web based tools designed to increase the pace of learning. The spiritual leaders are those who are already bringing together dialogue at the senior levels of the Islamic, Christian and Jewish faiths. All are notable figures. Bringing them together will be a singular accomplishment.

For the discourse, in addition to on-line text posts (blogs), Hibbs proposes real time meetings which will take place in both cyberspace and at selected organizations which have an interest in advancing peace and education. UliveandLearn.com will be the prime platform for real time conferences in cyberspace.