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To the responsible
politicians in Germany,
Europe und Canada

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The renown U.S. geopolitician George Friedman spoke plainly about the conflict in Ukraine already in 2015. It is high time to at least now belatedly listen to him.

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

As Free Christians for the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount, we are considerably concerned not only about Germany and Europe, but also beyond that. The teachings of the teacher of peace, Jesus of Nazareth, who rejected all violence, are being trampled underfoot up and down the country by state officials who call themselves "Christians."

The war in Ukraine is dragging on. Countless people on both sides of the front die daily, are injured, maimed, displaced, deprived of their last possessions. Nature and animals are also suffering immeasurably. But instead of finally negotiating seriously at the highest level in order to conclude peace as quickly as possible, the war continues to escalate with ever new deliveries of weapons.

At the same time, leading politicians are maintaining economic sanctions, through which, however, they are not inflicting immeasurable damage on the "adversary," (with whom they are not even officially in a state of war), but on their own economy and the entire population, initiating an economic and energy crisis of unprecedented proportions.

In order to better understand the terrible events in Ukraine and their consequences and to act accordingly, it is worthwhile to read what **George Friedman, founder and head of the renown U.S. think tank *Stratfor*** (Strategic Forecasting) said to the assembled press on February 3, 2015, after a lecture before the equally renown *Chicago Council on Global Affairs*. Attached you will find a German translation of

some of his statements in the subsequent press briefing as well as the link to the video recording, which really says it all.

- Thus, Friedman indirectly admits that the **violent coup in Ukraine in 2014** was carried out entirely in the strategic interests of the U.S. A well-known U.S. general had even indicated the Ukrainian army as *"his army"* shortly before. (See video from 1:22 ff)

- Friedman explicitly emphasized thereby that the massive rearmament of Ukraine and its neighboring states by the U.S. since then is taking place *"outside the framework of NATO"* because there, *"any country can veto it."* (2:30) Thus, Friedman showed how the U.S. purposefully circumvents possible objections of its allies when pursuing its very own geopolitical goals. In doing so, the nominal partners are then supposed to serve them much like vassals. This suggests a question especially to the countries of Finland and Sweden: *Do you really want to join this NATO alliance? Have you really thought it through well?*

In Friedman's contribution, it also becomes clear that the conflict that would arise from this permanent eastward expansion of NATO seven years later – Feb. 24, 2022: Russia invades Ukraine – was already foreseeable in 2015, and was apparently accepted anyway, if not even deliberately provoked. Friedman, 2015: *"The question on the table for the Russians is: Will they retain a buffer zone that is at least neutral or will the West penetrate so far in the Ukraine that they are 70 miles away from Stalingrad and 300 miles away from Moscow. For Russia, the status of Ukraine is an existential threat, and the Russians cannot let go."* (7:49)

- The cynicism with which Friedman views world politics from the perspective of the U.S. can be seen not only in his recommendation to always proceed according to the motto "divide and rule," as in ancient Rome (6:37). But in his remark about the war between Iran and Iraq as well, where the U.S. had supplied both sides with weapons. (4:03)

- German politicians should study these remarks by a leading U.S. geo-politician particularly closely. It is no coincidence that he mentions Germany's important position on the U.S. geopolitical chessboard twice in about ten minutes – and always in connection with Russia. Despite their obvious explosive nature, these statements at the time were – and still are! – hardly noticed by the German public (but very much so in Russia).

(1:05) ***"So, the primordial interest of the United States over which for centuries we have fought wars – the first, second and cold war – has been the relationship between Germany and Russia. Because united they are the only force that could threaten us, and to make sure that that doesn't happen."***

(9:33) ***"For the United States, the primordial fear is German technology and German capital, Russian natural resources and Russian manpower as the only combination that has for centuries scared the hell out of the United States."***

The renown political scientist ultimately formulates the U.S. geopolitical military interest in this regard with the following words: ***"The point of the whole thing is that the U.S. is building a cordon sanitaire, a security belt, around Russia, and Russia knows it."***

"Security belt" – In this case, this is a disarming term for a minefield, crammed full of weapons and conflicts of all kinds, which is to be pushed like a wedge, like a new "iron curtain," between Germany and Russia.

When toward the end of his remarks (from 8:47) Friedmann pretends not to know ***"what Germany will do"***, he is making a covert threat: What will be in store for the Germans if they do not submit to U.S. geopolitics. But we are just beginning to have an inkling of what's in store for them if they and the other European governments unreservedly submit to this geopolitics ...

Now, one might object, "Who is this George Friedman? After all, he doesn't even speak for the official U.S. government line." But that is precisely the point of his outstanding position: He can, if necessary and regardless of diplomatic considerations, express the government line much more clearly than the government itself. And that's exactly what he is doing.

Meanwhile, even though things have already progressed far along: We wish you the courage and alertness to weigh things even now and not continue to set the course for the future in the direction of an escalation of the war and a downfall, but to pause and, guided by the Christian message, to strive without delay for peace negotiations with the government of Russia and to seek a just balance of interests between West and East.

With kind regards,

in the name of countless Free Christians
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