



The Last Word

Spring Is Around the Corner

I'd like to believe that, at least.

Regarding COVID-19, it's as if the world has finally decided to really move on and simply live with it. Of course, right after that comes the Russian military operation in Ukraine. I expected that, under the pretext of "saving Ukraine," the West would go all out against Russia, rightly foreseeing the imminent threat to the current world order. In all honesty, though, as much as I personally would like to see a change in how the world is run, it looks like it's going to stay the same, for now at least. In all likelihood, it'll be the same powerful countries bullying the weaker ones. The same economic sanctions imposed on countries that are not submissive to the current world order. The same bombings under ridiculous pretexts in order to break these countries or to preposterously "bring" them democracy. The same reality of sitting idly by while millions starve to death because their countries' leaders are rebellious and do not belong to a certain camp. The same hypocrisy and racism that differentiate between blue-eyed, blond, Christian refugees and darker-skinned, Muslim refugees. The list, unfortunately, is long. Do I have a guarantee that a new world order would be more fair and human? I most definitely do not, but I'm willing to take my chances.

The almond trees are now in full bloom in Palestine and they're gorgeous. International Women's Day is at the door, and the first day of the spring season (in our hemisphere) is approaching. With the nightmare of the pandemic hopefully behind us, and praying that the Russian escapade (I know many will object to using this word!) will end soon, I truly hope that this spring will herald a new beginning. Maybe with all the bad things that have happened, leaders will finally realize that, indeed, we do not live in a fair world and that people in Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Donbass, China, and Chad deserve more.

I can't end without a warning, though. Seeing how Russia is being marginalized and pushed to the wall, and knowing the mentality of Russian leaders which is interwoven with pride, I wouldn't be surprised if things do escalate, and rapidly. It is said that the clash is inevitable. The doomsday scenario of WWIII is no longer a remote possibility. We are talking about a country that is armed to the teeth with nukes, after all. But let's focus on spring, shall we?

Long live Palestine!

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