

The Gods of War

The Religious, Cultural, and Social Ideals
used to justify war.

We create the Gods to personify those ideals we cherish. Sometimes a person will live an outstanding life in accordance with an ideal, and that person may in time be promoted to the status of a God which includes:

1. Respect beyond measure becoming sacred,
2. Trust beyond question becoming faith,
3. Assumption beyond recognition becoming truth.

This process of making a God, this deification, is called *apotheosis*.

So who are our Gods of War?
And what ideals do they bequeath?

[God's Empire](#)



Deification is
extreme positive bias.

He was not a religious man, there was no bible in his library; and when he left the Presidency he never again attended a church.

His Interests for Revolution

During his time George Washington was one of the richest men in America. Reckoned in today's dollars his net worth was \$525,000,000. He was a big time land speculator interested in the Ohio Valley, which was blocked for colonization by Britain to protect the Native Americans.

He also had 300 slaves. The English Court of King's Bench in 1772 held that slavery was unlawful in England (although not elsewhere in the British Empire). The decision by Lord Mansfield led directly to the emancipation of thousands of slaves within the United Kingdom. The slave owners could see the days of slavery with the British Empire were numbered.

What Ideals come with the Deification of General Washington, the First General?

Since Washington was wealthy businessman, socially elite, politically connected and most of all a military hero those values are promoted.

How are military values incorporated into our politics?

"War - An act of violence whose object is to constrain the enemy, to accomplish our will." GW

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace." GW

War is Politics

The goal of politics is to compel our opponent to fulfill our will. War is the act of violence used as a means to reach that political goal. Thus war is a political instrument.

Success in achieving political goals through war will often bestow the highest political leadership to the victorious general.

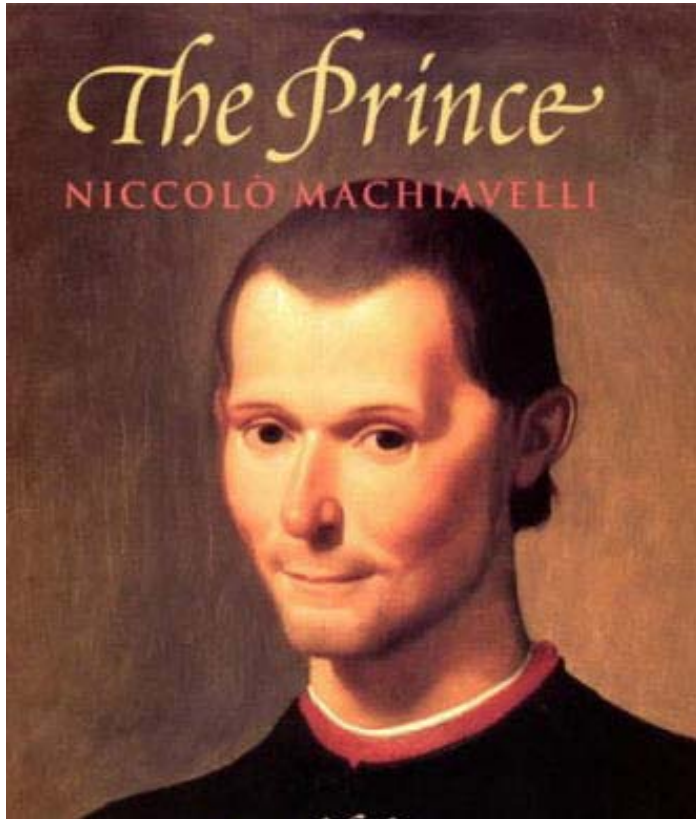
[Presidents who served in the Military](#) 82%

Military Ideals become Political Ideals

Kindness is the worst mistake for securing peace. It hinders the preparation for war that is necessary to ensure peace and it undercuts the protection that power bestows.

“Will” is a moral quality that permeates, moves, and leads the war effort. That will power cannot be classified or counted, and is above all rules and principles.





Politics is War

“A prince never lacks legitimate reasons to break his promise.”

“Men ought either to be well treated or crushed, because they can avenge themselves of lighter injuries, of more serious ones they cannot; therefore the injury that is to be done to a man ought to be of such a kind that one does not stand in fear of revenge.”

Is it better to be loved rather than feared, or feared rather than loved? It might perhaps be answered that we should wish to be both: but since love and fear can hardly exist together, if we must choose between them, it is far safer to be feared than loved.

“ALL WARFARE
IS BASED ON
DECEPTION.”

Sun Tzu's THE ART OF WAR

孫子兵法



War is Breaking the Enemy

“To fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting.”

Reframing War

Accepting that war goes beyond the battlefield and has a political, economic and cultural dimension in addition to the military dimension; we see war as an attack on **basic human needs**.

1. Military destruction attacks **survival**.
2. Political repression attacks **freedom and responsibility**.
3. Cultural dominance attacks **identity**.
4. Economic exploitation attacks **wellness**.

Religion of the West

Consequences of a Transcendental and Monotheistic God/Satan

A basic distinction can be made between a transcendental God outside us and an imminent god inside us, maybe inside all life. **Because of dualistic thinking with sharp dichotomies (oppositions) between good and evil**, there would also have to be something like an evil transcendental Satan corresponding to the good transcendental God.

God chooses	and leaves to Satan	thus creating
Human species	Animals, plants, nature	Speciesism, ecocide
Men	Women	Sexism, witch-burning
His people	The others	Nationalism, imperialism
Whites	Colored	Racism, colonialism
Upper classes	Lower classes	'Classism', exploitation
True believers	Heretics, pagans	'Meritism', inquisition

Building Heaven/Hell on Earth
Secularizing God – The State
Secularizing Religion - Nationalism

The three branches of God -> Government

Creator -> Legislative

Christ -> Executive

Spirit -> Judicial

The three branches of Satan -> Government

Destroyer -> Military

Oppressor -> Hierarchy

Deceiver -> Propaganda

Demonization is extreme negative bias.

Hitler was thought of as an Antichrist, Satan. All the Germans were lumped together with him and were considered evil too. Just as God supported war in heaven between His good angels and evil angels; so war is justified against evil. Religion offers heaven for risking death and killing the enemy of good.



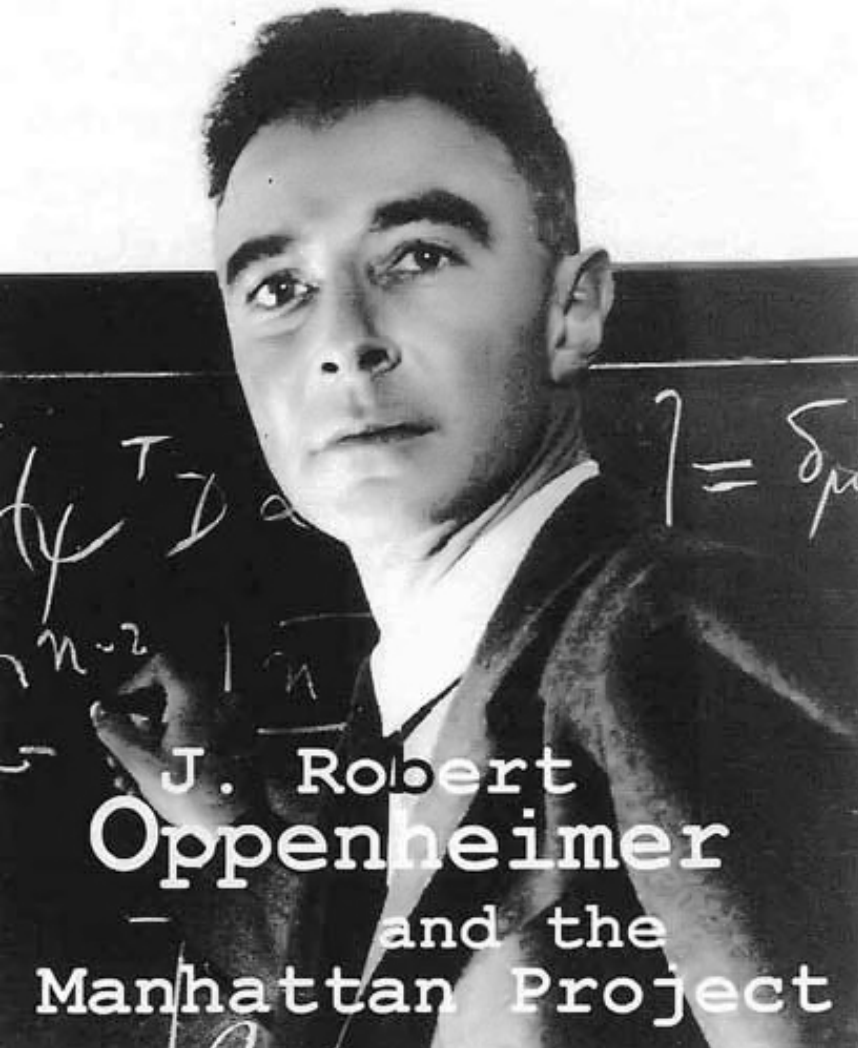
Fighting evil with war is like fighting a fire with gasoline. War is as evil as it gets. But religion trumps common sense, because we have faith in God's will.

Since our state was made in the image of God, any provocation against our state is a provocation against God. Faith in God becomes patriotism for the state; and worth killing for.

**During WW II we too went to the dark side.
What were our three branches of Satan?**

The three branches of Satan -> Government

Destroyer -> Military, Oppressor -> Hierarchy, Deceiver -> Propaganda



*I am become Death,
the destroyer of worlds.*



The Religious, Cultural, and Social Ideals used to justify War:

Whether for economic exploitation and/or political repression, those who prepare for military destruction will use the sacred/evil to overcome morality. **Victory at any cost.**

They will use faith/dissent to solidify political allegiance. **United we stand.**

And they will use truth/deceit to enflame cultural hatred. **We are the chosen – how dare they.**