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MASS, SPACE AND TIME

The So Very Little We Know: Man Has Much To Learn

It is well accepted, today, that mass, space and time are related to one another.

It is one of the essential rules that has been found, tested, and fully accepted in respect of aspects of the universe, thanks to the work of Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity.

Scientist, today, are attempting to discover much more of that which must be the rules of the universe – for they must exist, it is well accepted.

Today, it is well known that the collapse of formerly giant stars in the universe, for one reason or another, is one or more of the reasons for the creation of black holes in regions of space.

A black hole is defined as being regions in space that gravity, just beneath its surface – named formerly as 'event horizon,' is sufficiently strong that nothing – not even light – can escape.

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At the centre of a black hole – it has been given the nomenclature, ‘singularity,’ – but scientists, the world over, have little information of this point, being infinitively small and infinitively dense.

Scientists are well aware that they know very little about the universe, how stars are created and, seemingly, how stars ‘die,’ and why and how, try as they may, it might be many billions of eons for them ever to learn how giant stars were – and are – created – as we know them, today – and what, if any, there are life forms – as we know them in man’s thinking, today – on some or the many millions of stars, about which they know absolutely nothing.

Many of the aspects, mentioned above – and there must be many more aspects, of course – might be likened to that which many world-be-loquacious scientists and economists try to make seemingly determinations which, to some degree, seem to have quintessential aspects, whereas that which they make claims that, to a very great degree, are, at best, garrulous.

The following are some of the aspects about which man acknowledges in that which are thought to be today’s great pool of man’s simplicity knowledge, compared to that of the empty void of the universe yet to be understood.

Part Twelve

The Threat From Iran

The United Kingdom (UK) is said to be facing a ‘rising’ and unpredictable threat from Iran.

It has been suggested that the UK Government would be remiss not to do something to counter this seemingly prospective dire situation.

The following are some of the findings of the UK’s Parliament’s Intelligence and Security Committee.

‘The call comes as it publishes the results of a major inquiry which examined Iranian state assassinations and kidnap, espionage, cyber attacks and its nuclear programme.

‘The report took evidence up to August 2023 so does not assess the impact of heightened tensions since the attack on 7 October that year by Hamas on Israel, or the Iran-Israel conflict – but its authors say the findings remain relevant.

‘The committee … raised particular concern over a “sharp increase” in physical threats posed against opponents of Iran’s regime in the UK.’

‘The Committee Chair, Lord Beamish, said:

“Iran poses a wide-ranging, persistent and unpredictable threat to the UK, UK nationals, and UK interests.

“Iran has a high appetite for risk when conducting offensive activity; and its intelligence services are ferociously well-resourced with significant areas of asymmetric strength.”

‘The Iranian Embassy in London “wholly rejected” the report’s findings, which it called “biased” and “baseless.”

‘Lord Beamish added:

“Iran is there across the full spectrum of all kinds of threats we have to be concerned with.”

‘The Committee accuses the government of focusing on “crisis management” with Iran, as well as on its nuclear programme, at the expense of other threats.

‘It says the national security threat from Iran requires more resourcing and a longer-term approach.

‘Whilst Iran’s activity appears to be less strategic and on a smaller scale than Russia and China, it poses a wide-ranging threat to UK national security, which should not be underestimated: It is persistent and – crucially – unpredictable.’

‘On the physical threat to people, living in the UK, the Committee said it has significantly increased in pace and in number since the start of 2022.

‘It focused at dissidents and other opponents of the Iranian regime, it said, adding there is also an increased threat “against Jewish and Israeli interests in the UK”.

‘There have been at least 15 attempts at murder or kidnap against British nationals or UK-based individuals since the beginning of 2022, the report found.

‘The Homeland Security Group told us that the threat of physical attack on individuals in the UK is not “the greatest level of threat we currently face from Iran, and comparable with the threat posed by Russia.

‘But the Committee said Iran does not view attacks on dissident Jewish and Israeli targets in the UK as attacks on the UK.

‘The report continues:

“It rather sees the UK as collateral in its handling of internal matters – i.e. removing perceived enemies of the regime – on UK soil.”

Market Manipulators Sentenced

On or about Thursday, July 10, 2025, The Eastern Magistrates' Courts has sentenced Mr Lin Tai Fung (林泰豐) and his brother-in-law, Mr Or Chun Nin (柯俊年), to 240 hours and 160 hours of community service respectively, following their conviction in a criminal prosecution, brought by The Securities and Futures Commission (SFC).

Lin and Or had pleaded guilty to the offences of conspiracy to commit false trading in the shares of Pa Shun International Holdings Limited (百信國際控股有限公司) (**Pa Shun**) from 9 April 2017 to 7 March 2018.

Lin had also pleaded guilty to the offence of failing to notify The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited about changes in his interest in Pa Shun shares on eight occasions between 2 June 2017 and 14 March 2018.

In delivering the sentence, Deputy Magistrate Mr Chu Chung Keung stressed that the offences committed by Lin and Or were serious, and the Court had considered sentencing the defendants to terms of imprisonment.

However, after taking into account all the mitigating factors, the probation officer's suitability reports and the defendants' guilty pleas, the Court decided to impose community service orders on them.

The Court, also, ordered Lin and Or to pay the investigation costs to the SFC.

The SFC's Executive Director of Enforcement, Mr Christopher Wilson, said:

'A Community Service Order is not a lenient sentencing option. It mandates the offenders to perform unpaid work as a means of addressing their misconduct. The sentences imposed in this case highlight the Court's firm stance against market manipulation offences.'

The Call Goes Out: 'Relocate All Palestinians!'

Israel's Defence Minister, Mr Israel Katz, has instructed the military to relocate all Palestinians in the Gaza Strip into a '*humanitarian*' zone in Rafah.

This plan was said to have been disclosed in a closed meeting with military media in Israel.

The Details

Mr Israel Katz said that the move would initially affect hundreds of thousands of Gaza residents and, eventually, the territory's entire population of around two million.

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- The plan's first stage would relocate some 600,000 Palestinians from an existing coastal so-called humanitarian zone to Rafah, a southern city near Gaza's border with Egypt that has been ravaged by Israel's war.
- Israel's military could start construction on the zone, during a potential sixty-day ceasefire being discussed in Qatar, Katz said.
- Palestinians, entering the zone, would undergo a screening to separate civilians from Hamas.
- Mr Israel Katz reportedly said that people would not be allowed to leave the zone afterward.

The Reactions

- Legal experts, critical of the plan, condemned it as a violation of international law, with one Israeli human rights lawyer calling it '*an operational plan for a crime against humanity.*' Human rights groups expressed concern that it could set the stage for a mass removal of Palestinians from Gaza.
- A spokesperson for the United Nations agency in Gaza said there was '*nothing humanitarian or humane*' about '*seeking to confine*' Gaza's population.
- Israel claims the plan aims to weaken Hamas's leadership.
- U.S. President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continued to support what they characterised as a voluntary relocation of Gazans to other countries, during a meeting in Washington.

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