

## Foreword

*“What we are experiencing is our first realization that we are in the Age of Rebellion.”*

*September 11, 2001*

THIS IS NO WAY TO START A BOOK—with lists of killings and rebellions—but in 2001 Americans learned that they live in an angry and dangerous world. Not the world of the attack on Pearl Harbor by a nation, but the world of attack by children wrapped in explosives, by men stealing airplanes, by religious tribesmen in desolate mountains—by “terrorists” of all sorts.

REBELLIONS ARE HAPPENING for reasons of injustice, real or perceived: the oppressions of a tyrant, the civil warfare caused by men fighting for power, or tribal revenge for an ancient wrong. Blood is being shed in many places and not only in failed nations or undeveloped, primitive places. The strife migrates into the most advanced nations. Paris, the cultural icon of western civilization, is not at peace. The internet encyclopedia, Wikipedia, lists 117 revolutions since the end of World War 2. The pace of rebellion is increasing.

THIS BOOK IS ABOUT MODELS: the mind pictures we have of the world around us. Every person, every citizen, every statesman, every politician has such a model of the world. The world we believe we are living in is our model of that world. No one has in their mind a perfectly correct model of the real world. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 explain and give many facts and perceptions for True Models.

THE NEED TO HAVE TRUE MODELS of the world is evident upon the briefest look at the challenges facing America and humanity. The small challenges of energy, global warming, water, disease, and corruption need no explanation. Chapter 4 recites them briefly for the record. These small challenges are important—even vital for human survival—but you may skip over them lightly if they bore you.

China has six shopping malls that are larger than the Mall of America in Minnesota.

MIGRATION, EMPIRES, AND RELIGIOUS TERRORISM demand elaboration in separate chapters 5 and 6. These great challenges may limit America's and the world's ability to deal with the "small" challenges. These great problems facing humanity are not so easy to skip over. Discussion of them quickly draws charges of racism, imperialism, and bias. Any word about them is not "politically correct."

THE AGE OF REBELLION is an era of countless "little people" with great anger, powerful weapons, new ways of fighting back, and in many places spurred by maddened religious zeal or tribal revenge.

HOW WILL AMERICA REACT to this new era? This will depend on America's model of the world. America based on a correct model will succeed. With a false model, America—the world's great superpower—may make decisions that are disastrous and may become a fallen empire or even a failed state.

With good decisions, based on correct models, Greater America will be the world's best hope for meeting these challenges.

Small Killing Events since World War 2		
		Killed
Israeli: Independence	1948	21,000
Suez: Arab attack	1956	2,000
Six Day	1967	15,000
Israeli-Egyptian	1967	6,000
Yom Kippur	1973	14,000
Palestinian rebellions	1992	2,000
East Germany Communism	1949	100, 000
Algeria independence	1954	700, 000
Congo independence	1960	100, 000
Iraq repression of Kurds	1961	20,000
Angola independence	1961	60,000
Mozambique independence	1961	30,000
North Yemen civil war	1962	100, 000
Nicaragua rebellions	1972	60,000
Philippines guerilla wars	1972	50,000
Columbia guerilla wars	1970	40,000
El Salvador guerrilla wars	1979	70,000
Sierra Leone rebellion	1991	70,000
Algeria Muslim revolt	1992	100, 000
Eritrea-Ethiopia war	1998	50,000
Afghanistan		
Myanmar (Burma)		
Nigeria		
Sudan (south then west)		
Chad		
Argentina		
Chile		
Kenya	2008	

Major Killings Since World War 2	
China 1949-1976	40,000,00
Africa; post-colonial	14,000,00
U.S.S.R 1950-1987	10,000,00
Ethiopia 1962-1992	4,000,000
Zaire Congo 1967-	3,800,000
Korea 1950-1953	2,800,000
Sudan 1955-2006	1,900,000
Cambodia Khmer Rouge	1,870,000
Vietnam	1,800,000
Afghanistan 1980-2001	1,800,000
Pakistan-India break-up	1,250,000
South America 1950-	1,155,000
Iran-Iraq	1,000,000
America (murders) 1945-2006	1,000,000
Rwanda 1994	900,000
Indonesia	500,000

The numbers killed are estimates. No toll is kept as these killings take place. No census is made afterwards. Too many die and too many are wounded to make recording possible.

*“What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is brought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty and democracy?”*

Mahatma Gandhi

### A Few Terrorist Groups

Abu Nidal Organization (ANO)  
Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)  
Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade  
Ansar al-Sunna (AS)  
Armed Islamic Group (GIA)  
Asbat al-Ansar  
Aum Shinrikyo (Aum)  
Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)  
Communist Party of Philippines  
    New People's Army (CPP/NPA)  
Continuity Irish Republican Army (CIRA)  
Gama'a al-Islamiyya (IG)  
HAMAS  
Harakat ul-Mujahedin (HUM)  
Hizballah  
Islamic Jihad Union (IJU)  
Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU)  
Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM)  
Jemaah Islamiya Organization (JI)  
Al-Jihad (AJ)  
Kahane Chai (Kach)  
Kongra-Gel (KKG/PKK)  
Lashkar e-Tayyiba (LT)  
Lashkar I Jhangvi (LJ)  
Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)  
Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG)  
Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group (GICM)  
Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK)  
National Liberation Army (ELN)  
Palestine Liberation Front (PLF)

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Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC)

Al-Qaida (AQ)

Al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI)

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) [Formerly Salafist Group for Call and Combat (GSPC)]

Real IRA (RIRA)

Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)

Revolutionary Nuclei (RN)

Revolutionary Organization 17 November (17N)

Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C)

Shining Path (SL)

United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC)

Add countless small groups engaging in violent protests, riots, and arsons. Aum Shinrikyo in Japan released sarin nerve gas in a subway, killing 12 and hospitalizing 5,000. Their purpose: to hasten the end of the world. Hastening the end of the world—Armageddon—is also the stated goal of some Christian preachers for whom it is profitable.

TERRORISM HAS BECOME A HIGH ART. Terrorism is a new form of war, not war for national boundaries but war against some grievance, real or perceived—or just for employment.

The world is flooded with weapons. Machetes killed thousands in Africa, poison gas in Iraq, airplanes in New City, mines and automatic rifles everywhere. Biological weapons are only on the sidelines while atomic bombs wait their time to kill tens of thousands in a second. Mass killing has been mass produced by the industries of many nations. Without discretion, such weapons have been placed in the hands of tribal leaders, war lords, and the leaders of great and small nations.

### Some Nations and Their Troubles

Afghanistan	rebellion
Algeria	military coup
America	dependence on foreign oil
American Samoa	occupied
Armenia	Nagorno-Karabakh
Azerbaijan	Nagorno-Karabakh
Belgium	danger of division
British Virgin Islands	occupied
Burma	dictatorship, rebellion
Canada	Quebec separation
Chad	refugees from Sudan
Colombia	cocaine
Congo, Dem. Republic	civil strife – killing
Comoros	unstable island governments
Cuba	Castro dictatorship
Cyprus	division of island
Denmark	Muslims
Egypt	Muslim Brotherhood
France	Muslim
Germany	Muslims
Georgia	Abkhazia, Russia
Guatemala	oppression of indigenous
Haiti	failed (attacked by U.S.?)
Iran	Islamic – sharia law
Iraq	civil war & occupation
Israel	threatened by Arabs
Italy	Mafia
Korea, North	closed – dictator
Lebanon	civil division
Libya	dictatorship
Mexico	poverty, inequality,
Nepal	rebellion
Netherlands	Muslims
Netherlands Antilles	Muslims

Kenya adds its name to the list as we write. Kenya is a Christian, English-speaking nation. One-fifth of the population is Kikuyu and that tribe has come to dominate the economics and politics and perhaps the corruption. Other tribes are in rebellion. Chad has civil warfare. The President of East Timor was shot today as I type. South Africans are attacking immigrants. This is the *Age of Rebellion*.

*“We are standing today, not at the end of history but at a historic turning point. ... entire regions ... are beginning to go up in flames.”* — Martin van Creveld

In times of trouble, people and leaders make great decisions. Too often they make these decisions based on wrong models of the world about them. The first purpose of this book is to gather facts and perceptions on which to base true models. The other purpose is to hope that they take effect.

We start with a review of a few historic false models to give us a basis for understanding such models.

### More Nations and More Troubles

Nigeria	oil exploitation
Pakistan	Islamists
Philippines	Muslims in Mindanao
Russia	democracy in doubt
Saudi Arabia	family monarchy, Wahhabi priests and schools
Somalia	civil war
Spain	Muslims
Sri Lanka	civil war
Sudan	divided, south, Darfur
Taiwan	China threat
Thailand	Muslim rebels
Ukraine	civil, division, instability
United Kingdom	Muslims