

In the lead up to the United Nations General vote last week on Washington's decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, it was pretty obvious that any UN resolution would seek to negate the credibility of the US position.

This prompted US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, to warn that she will be "taking names" of the states which voted against the decision, while President Donald Trump threatened to cut off aid to these countries.

Mevlut Cavusoglu, the Turkish foreign minister, dismissed Haley and Trump's warnings" ~

"The world has changed," he said. "The notion of 'I am powerful therefore I am right' has changed. Now the world is rising against the unfair. "From now on, no honourable nation and no honourable state will bow to such pressure."

Imperial posturing and rebellious fightback speak rage on into the Christ Mass night. For some, the rhetoric inflames, in others chords of fear are struck. Many people are indifferent, preferring the distraction of virtual friends and game-station power struggles. Millions simply struggle tonight simply to find food and shelter.

Apart from the technological, there is little different in all this to the night of Christ's birth into human being about 4 BC (yes, it's not only John's Gospel that gives testimony to Christ Before Christ!) Roman politicians, rebel zealots, puppet kings and paid off religious were the ones making the noise that night. Quietly, the dispossessed and the forgotten, made their way, with the ego-silent creatures of the natural, to a cave near an insignificant little middle eastern town, deep in the unconscious mind of accepted reality, and found what truly is, the Love that is the source and fulfilment of all being. Tonight, and always, still we come...

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