

The Emotional Plague: the True Psychology of Vladimir Putin

Today there is a great debate which is of interest to many: the actual psychological state of Vladimir Putin. Terms like madness, paranoia and dissociative state are some that have been suggested to explain the Russian dictator's mental condition. There are, of course, terms used in modern psychiatry but they fall short when trying to explain the essence of Putin and other evil geniuses like Genghis Kahn, Joseph Stalin, Adolf Hitler, to name a few.

First, a clarification is needed: there are millions of mad, paranoid and dissociated people in the world who would never hurt a fly. And then there are the evil geniuses like Putin who are infected by the Emotional Plague, a disease identified by Wilhelm Reich, M.D. in 1933. These infected individuals exhibit profoundly destructive behaviors all of which have one function: to destroy life.

Seen only in humans, this pathological condition of so-called "armored" man manifests as an absolute necessity to control, block, paralyze and, ultimately destroy the joy of being alive and destroy life itself, in others. While the average neurotic person suffers in solitude, "emotional plague characters", such as Putin, because of their intrinsic intolerance of life, destructive envy and their sense that they are superior cannot help but to freeze and murder every expression of beauty, joy and love.

The Emotional Plague is contagious: the plague character, being of high energy level and charisma, tends to incite and manipulate others to obediently follow this destructive excitation and spread it to the masses like any infectious epidemic.

The Emotional Plague is an emotional infectious disease which has the tendency to be well rationalized – often in a sophisticated manner – to hide its true, often unconscious goal: destruction of life. Thus, the "Donbass question", the longed-for "Great Russia", the necessity to "expand the territories of the Mongols", the deprecated "humiliation after the Versailles treaty" are all just excuses to conceal a much deeper and inexorable impulse, that of destructive suppression of freedom. The emotional plague character is a revolutionary medical and clinical definition of "Evil".

The Emotional Plague can manifest at various levels of society and in innumerable ways: from mass murder to organized crime, from terrorism to callous destruction of nature, from political polarization to moral and social defamation of individual geniuses who have brought innovations and progress to humanity.

Until the Emotional Plague and its minions, the emotional plague characters, are recognized for what they are, humankind will have no choice but to submit to their ravages just as humanity has submitted to many infectious diseases over the centuries which, before they were understood and thus prevented, caused terrible human suffering and death.