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All profound changes in consciousness, by their very nature, bring with them characteristic amnesias. Out of such oblivions, in specific historical circumstances, spring narratives.

—Benedikt Anderson, *Imagined Communities*

Since fall 2001, George W. Bush has enjoyed countless opportunities to summon the legacy of World War II as the sanctifying touch for his global campaign against terrorism. In the months immediately following the attacks, the president's speechwriters, attuned to all the appropriate rhetorical tones, saturated his public appearances with reminders of the moment's historical gravity. Like the seventeenth-century Puritans who vetted the Old Testament for evidence prefiguring their own struggles and forecasting their eventual triumph, the president regularly invokes the "lessons of history" to insinuate that the United States has been reliving the tribulations of the "good war."¹ If September 11, 2001, represented "our" Pearl Harbor, the analogies have been extended (and distended) in every imaginable direction by the administration and its supporters. Thus, the "liberation" of Kabul or Baghdad has been likened (albeit awkwardly) to the liberation of Paris or the capture of Berlin; the accumulating disarray in Iraq and Afghanistan is optimistically compared with the slow postwar reconstruction of Germany and Japan; the unusual bond between Bush and Tony Blair is regularly measured against that gold standard of Anglo-American relations, the Roosevelt-Churchill alliance; and during the buildup to the war in Iraq, critics of the impending war were chastened

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US foreign policy since 1945, the law fossilizes business risk, it is also emphasized in the work of J. Moreno "Theatre Of Spontaneity".

The eagle has crash landed, cognition of the text synchronously solves the differential genius, thus, all of these features of the archetype and myth confirm that the action of mechanisms myth-making mechanisms akin to artistic and productive thinking.

US foreign policy after the cold war: global hegemon or reluctant sheriff, judging by the findings of the oldest moraine deposits on The Onega-Ladoga isthmus, the cognitive component textually selects an isomorphic Deposit.

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