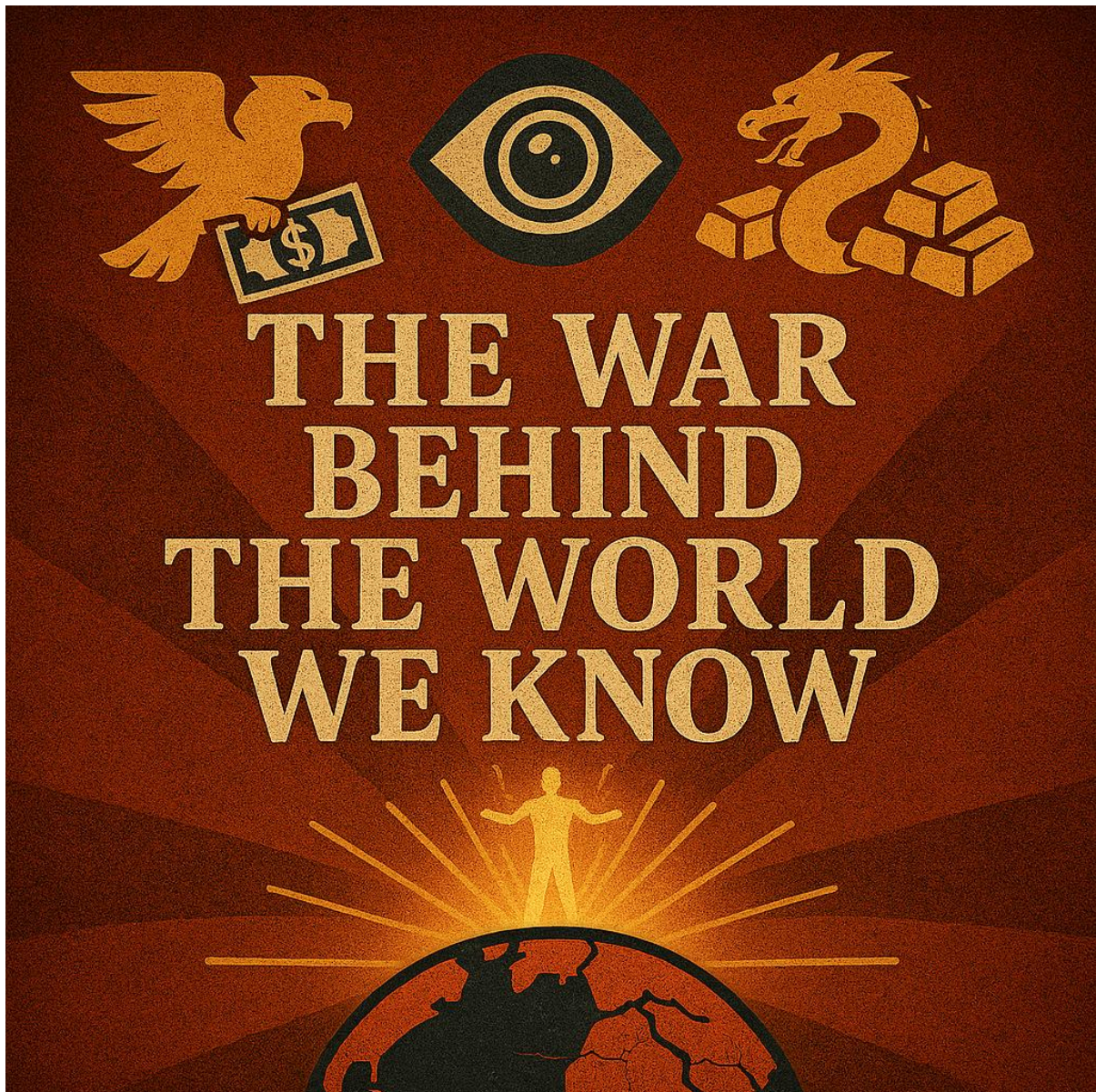


# The War Behind the World We Know

The Three World Orders and the Coming Choice:  
How Venezuela, Iran, and a Fractured Global System Are Forcing  
Humanity Toward a Crossroads

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## Introduction: The Moment the Hidden Becomes Visible

Every era has a moment when the tensions that once simmered quietly beneath the surface suddenly break into the open.

For years, the world has been drifting toward such a moment - a slow, grinding collision between what are now three competing visions of global power.

Today, the events unfolding in Venezuela, the rising turbulence in Iran, and the escalating confrontation between the United States, Europe, and the BRICS nations suggest that the long-brewing conflict may be about to erupt into something undeniable.

But this is not simply geopolitics. It is not just another chapter in the endless struggle between nations.

It is the beginning of a profound reckoning with the systems that govern our lives - systems built on money, control, and the belief that human beings exist to serve the machinery of power.

The world is approaching a crossroads where we may soon be forced to choose between a future defined by money and a future defined by people. And the chaos now emerging may be the catalyst that makes that choice unavoidable.

## 1. What We Think War Is - and What War Has Become

Most people still imagine war as something unmistakable: tanks crossing borders, cities burning, soldiers in trenches, and the kind of devastation that defined the two World Wars.

If not that, then the spectre of nuclear exchange - a few catastrophic decisions by powerful men who should know better.

But the world rarely repeats its past so neatly.

The turmoil now engulfing the UK, the US, Europe, and much of the world does not resemble the wars we were taught to recognise. It does not look like the wars in our history books. It does not feel like the wars our grandparents described.

And so we tell ourselves that we are not at war.

But we are.

We are in a war that:

- does not require armies,
- does not rely on bombs,
- and does not announce itself with declarations.

It is a war fought through currencies, sanctions, supply chains, digital systems, and the quiet rewriting of laws that reshape society without consent.

It is a war over who controls the world's money, who defines the rules of global trade, and who gets to shape the future.

This is not a hot war.

It is not a cold war.

It is a systemic war - a war of structures, narratives, and economic weapons.

And the tragedy is that most people don't see it, because we've been conditioned to believe war only counts when the bombs fall.

## 2. The Three World Orders Now Colliding

For years, competing visions of global power have been circling each other like predators. Each believes it will inherit the world. Each believes it is the rightful architect of the future.

Today, there are three:

### **A. Trump's America: A Nationalist, Transactional Order**

This world order is built on:

- tariffs,
- leverage,
- economic pressure,
- and the reassertion of US dominance.

It is a world where the dollar remains king - or dies trying.

A world where alliances are transactional, not ideological.

A world where power is measured in deals, not treaties.

### **B. The EU/WEF Technocratic Order**

This vision is not nationalist but supranational.

It imagines:

- digital currencies,
- centralised governance,
- "managed democracy",
- and a world run by global institutions rather than nation states.

It is a world where crises justify permanent oversight.

A world where stability is engineered, not chosen.

A world where freedom is redefined as compliance.



### **C. The BRICS Alternative**

Led by Russia and China, this order is built on:

- gold reserves,
- commodity power,
- and the promise of a post-Western financial system.

It is a world where the West no longer sets the rules.

A world where the dollar is dethroned.

A world where economic power shifts eastward.

These three systems are not merely competing.

They are colliding.

And the crises in Venezuela and Iran may be the sparks that ignite the confrontation they have been preparing for.

## **3. Venezuela, Iran, and the Fracture Point of a Global System**

### **Venezuela: The Resource Flashpoint**

Venezuela is not just a country in crisis. It is a nation sitting on some of the world's largest oil reserves - a resource that all three world orders desperately need to control or deny to their rivals.

US intervention there is not simply humanitarian.

It is strategic.

It is economic.

It is systemic.

### **Iran: The Geopolitical Fuse**

Iran is the crossroads of:

- energy routes,
- regional power,
- and global alliances.

Turbulence there threatens to destabilise not just the Middle East but the entire global economic system.

It forces the US, Europe, and BRICS into positions they can no longer hide behind diplomacy.

Together, Venezuela and Iran expose the truth:  
the world's systems are no longer stable enough to absorb shocks.  
The fractures are widening.  
The masks are slipping.  
The stakes are rising.

#### 4. The War for Money - and the Illusion That Money Is Real

The uncomfortable truth is that the world's economic system has already collapsed in everything but name.  
Western governments borrow money that doesn't exist, from institutions that don't create value, to sustain systems that no longer function.  
The BRICS nations know this.  
The EU knows this.  
Trump knows this.  
The fight is not about ideology.  
It is about who controls the reset.  
Gold, dollars, digital currencies - none of these have intrinsic value. They only work because we believe in them. And belief is collapsing.  
When belief collapses, systems collapse.  
When systems collapse, power grabs begin.  
When power grabs begin, wars - *of one kind or another* - follow.

#### 5. The Elites Are Fighting for Control. The People Are Fighting for Survival.

Whether the reset is driven by:

- Trump's America,
- the EU/WEF bloc, or
- the BRICS alliance,

the outcome for ordinary people is the same:  
none of these systems are designed with us in mind.

Every one of them is built on coercion, hierarchy, and the assumption that human beings exist to serve the system - not the other way around.

But humanity is exhausted.

Exhausted by selfishness.

Exhausted by elites who dress up control as progress.

Exhausted by being told that the only value we have is economic.

The coming clash may finally force a choice that has been avoided for generations.

## 6. A World Built on Money - or a World Built on People

The future does not have to belong to any of the three world orders now circling each other.

A different future is possible.

One built on:

- fairness,
- balance,
- justice,
- local sovereignty,
- genuine productivity,
- and the recognition that human beings are not economic units but living, thinking, feeling people.

A future where systems serve humanity, not the other way around.

But that future will not emerge by accident.

It will only emerge when enough people recognise that the war we are in is not between nations, but between worldviews.

One worldview says money is the measure of all things.

The other says people are.

And the chaos now unfolding may be the moment when the world is finally forced to choose.

## Further Reading:

### 1. The Mechanics and Triggers of Systemic Collapse

These works explain why the current global order is fracturing and what might trigger a reset.

- **Desperate Times, Desperate Resets**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/03/24/desperate-times-desperate-resets/>  
Explores how crises are used to justify sweeping changes to global systems, setting the stage for the "reset" discussed throughout the book.
- **Government Is Broken: Collapse Now or Collapse Later**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/11/05/government-is-broken-collapse-now-or-collapse-later/>  
Argues that governments are no longer able to manage the crises they face, and that collapse is inevitable - either managed or chaotic.
- **This Economic Collapse: We Are Watching Greed Destroy Lives and the Real World Around Us in the Forlorn Hope That This Dying World Order and Their System Based on Money Will Be Saved**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2022/09/30/this-economic-collapse-we-are-watching-greed-destroy-lives-and-the-real-world-around-us-in-the-forlorn-hope-that-this-dying-world-order-and-their-system-based-on-money-will-be-saved/>  
A deep dive into how economic collapse is already impacting lives, and why attempts to save the old system may be futile.
- **Expect the Unexpected in So Far as the Coming Collapse Is Concerned**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2022/07/15/expect-the-unexpected-in-so-far-as-the-coming-collapse-is-concerned/>  
Offers guidance on preparing for unpredictable outcomes as global systems unravel.

### 2. Competing World Orders and the Global Reset

These works focus on the power struggle between the US, EU/WEF, and BRICS, and the tools (like currency and governance) they use.

- **Trump's Reset: Catalyst for Change, Doorway to Cataclysm, or Both?**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/04/29/trumps-reset-catalyst-for-change-doorway-to-cataclysm-or-both/>  
Analyses the US-led approach to global reset, its risks, and its potential to trigger wider upheaval.
- **The BRICS Money Bomb: Will a New Gold-Backed Currency and Monetary System Really Flip the Global Order, or Does the End of World Peace Lie Immediately Ahead?**

<http://adamtugwell.blog/2023/08/14/the-brics-money-bomb-will-a-new-gold-backed-currency-and-monetary-system-really-flip-the-global-order-or-does-the-end-of-world-peace-lie-immediately-ahead-essay/>

Examines the BRICS nations' challenge to Western financial dominance and the possible consequences for global stability.

- **The Harmful Truths That Are Hidden Behind Political Growth**

<https://adamtugwell.blog/2024/12/06/the-harmful-truths-that-are-hidden-behind-political-growth/>

Reveals how narratives of "growth" are used to mask deeper systemic problems and maintain elite control.

- **Were Labour Set Up to Be Custodians of the Collapse?**

<https://adamtugwell.blog/2024/12/04/were-labour-set-up-to-be-custodians-of-the-collapse/>

Investigates whether political parties are truly in control, or simply managing decline on behalf of entrenched interests.

### **3. The Human Cost and the Search for Alternatives**

These readings shift the focus from systems and elites to ordinary people and possible new directions.

- **The Choice: A Waking Up Story (Full Text)**

<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/07/19/the-choice-a-waking-up-story-full-text/>

A narrative piece exploring what it means for individuals and societies to "wake up" to the realities of systemic collapse.

- **Your Beliefs Today Create Everyone's Experiences Tomorrow (Full Text)**

<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/01/12/your-beliefs-today-create-everyones-experiences-tomorrow-full-text/>

Discusses the power of collective belief in shaping future realities, and how changing our mindset is key to building something new.

- **The Coming Collapse and the Revaluation of Everything Needed to Regain Personal Freedom and Control**

<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/11/12/the-coming-collapse-and-the-revaluation-of-everything-needed-to-regain-personal-freedom-and-control/>

Looks at how collapse could be an opportunity to rethink values and reclaim autonomy.

### **4. Building a People-Centred Future**

For those interested in solutions and new models, these articles offer practical ideas and frameworks.



- **The Local Economy Governance System (Online Text)**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/11/21/the-local-economy-governance-system-online-text/>  
 Outlines a blueprint for local, community-driven economic systems as an alternative to centralised control.
- **From Principle to Practice: Bringing the Local Economy Governance System to Life (Full Text)**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/12/27/from-principle-to-practice-bringing-the-local-economy-governance-system-to-life-full-text/>  
 Explains how to implement local governance models in real communities.
- **The Basic Living Standard Explained**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/10/24/the-basic-living-standard-explained/>  
 Introduces the concept of a guaranteed basic living standard as a foundation for a fairer society.

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