

Chapter 1 : San Francisco Bay View Â» Rwanda: Absolute power at any price

Power at Any Price. By Pamela Meister. mandate (n): a command or authorization to act in a particular way on a public issue given by the electorate to its representative.

By Pamela Meister mandate n: To that end, both the House and Senate passed an Iraq spending bill that includes a troop pullout date by September of Reid may want to consider contacting former trail lawyer John Edwards for some advice on scoring some money from the whiplash he is sure to be suffering from this complete It was pulled out of thin air. And the terrorists have already marked it on their calendars. With a presidential election two months later? That she would so brazenly advertise the political divide at home gave hope to our enemies that America will cease to be a threat in the near future. This is brazenly close to giving comfort of our opponents. The aftermath of the collapse of American power in Vietnam-and how they ran and left their agents-is noteworthy. Because of that, we must be ready starting now, before events overtake us, and before we are surprised by the conspiracies of the Americans and the United Nations and their plans to fill the void behind them. Diplomacy is not within the boundaries of Congress, but the Executive branch. The Executive branch can call upon its experts from the Pentagon, the State Department, and the intelligence community. Is this the mandate that the American people gave Democrats in November? To either pull our troops out precipitously before Iraq is secure, or to pull the funding rug out from under them? Back in February, a poll of registered voters showed that a majority believed our troops should stay until Iraq becomes stable enough for its government to maintain control and security for its own people. Americans today are less prepared than in the past to hunker down for the long haul in situations like the one we face in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East. Our instant-gratification society, egged on by the impatient media, has weakened us in this regard. Those who fought and supported the wars of our past Vietnam excluded would be right to shake their heads in confusion over our short attention span and our media alignment with defeat. Yet despite this flaw, most of us believe in finishing the task we started. The Democrats cannot understand this. After many years of being the minority party, they are suddenly drunk on the heady intoxicant known as power. They finally have a chance to stick it to the man they believe stole the election in Talk of impeachment still comes up, which would be retribution for the impeachment of Bill Clinton. Pamela Meister writes about politics and world events at her blog, [http:](http://) She also welcomes feedback.

Chapter 2 : Power at Any Price | Thoughts Of A Conservative Christian

Regrettably, there is a core component of religions which can be, and often is, divisive; when there is no reason for it to be so. Religious beliefs can arise spontaneously in very widely separated regions of the globe.

Creation may have occurred all at once or through an evolutionary path. The Creator God may be unknowable, except through a deep meditative process; or knowable, perhaps through revelation. Asking what was there before Creation, or about the origin of God, are meaningless questions. Ask the cat which looks behind a free-standing mirror for that other cat. Most of us need a saviour offering succour, primarily in terms of survival in our normally harsh environments. Others may have lesser needs, but which can loom large in their lives, depending on how insecure or greedy they are. Wants may be greater than need. This Abode may offer angels, or dancing girls, or advanced spirits, or ever-lasting peace. Or perhaps a wondrous mansion filled with gee-gaws of great value, and serviced by valets galore. How does such a strange need of exclusivity or superiority arise? Surely through the priesthoods. Why would priesthoods need to compete with one another? The exercise of power, or a collective ego-gratification? Religious belief systems arose in widely dispersed regions of the world over a long period of time. Each could not have known about other belief systems unless traders from afar displayed their foreign faiths. See what happened when Hindu and later Buddhist traders influenced the cultures of South East Asia and the islands of the adjoining archipelago now known as the Indonesian. So many individuals there have names and even facial features which reflect this cultural infusion. Of course, marauding armies would also have imposed a new religion here and there. Or, a ruler, by accepting a new religion, had all his people follow him. Priesthoods would also tend to protect their reign when they control the path to eternity. As evidenced in Egypt, when Aten replaced Amon temporarily, it was allegedly the prevailing priesthood which recovered the status quo. Was this also the earliest evidence of a closed trade union? But then, why did Christianity, which offers a loving universal god in place of a fearsome desert god, set out through colonialism to convert peaceful followers of the forest religions of Asia? What drove Islam, the successor to Christianity, to use the cutting edge of weaponry to convert all and sundry? Do not these religions have a record of destroying the followers of other faiths, and sects of their own religions, here and there? In my experience, these are the only 2 religions whose followers talk a great deal about their faith, whereas the others simply live their religion. It is surely undeniable that the 3 major desert religions have been, and are, the predominant warring nations of the globe. Humans will, of course, attack one another for material gain. Our simian genetic heritage is probably responsible. But what gain is there in collecting souls? Why not take the coveted materials, and leave beliefs alone? In any event, the diversity of beliefs reflects merely the diversity in approaches to the Divine. The paths do vary, thanks to differences in man-made theology and dogma – all arbitrary, and replaceable. On what basis would a priesthood claim superiority or priority? Or, do the guilty deny the existence of a meaningful Afterlife? Why not live in faith on Earth, and allow others to live with their respective faiths too? In the Afterlife Hereafter or Heaven all souls will surely be equal as non-entities!

Chapter 3 : TONY BLAIR: POWER AT ANY PRICE

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Chapter 4 : Power at a Price - TV Tropes

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Energy developers always look to find ways to structure deals to reduce their costs. A key task in developing utility-scale renewable energy projects is finding every possible way to reduce the price at which you must sell power to make a project pencil out financially. The advantage of any renewable energy like solar and wind is that with no future fuel purchases, there is no uncertain future expense, so being able to guarantee a set price over as long as possible would seem to leverage that advantage. Normally solar contracts are only for 20 to 25 years. But in , ACWA Power, a developer that is no stranger to innovative deal structures, applied out-of-the-box thinking on contract design to bid a record low price for solar with storage of just 7. Did a year solar power contract enable a lower price bid? With a longer contract, the costs incurred in developing and permitting any new income-generating projects can be put off while revenue continues, so there are more years of income generation to amortize the upfront costs. But how much did it actually reduce the price? In Concentrating solar power for less than USD 0. The long PPA duration thus directly reduces the LCOE by some 2 cents per kWh; in addition, it could help de-risking the investment by giving a very long-term perspective for investors, thus reducing the cost of capital. In all energy-generating technologies, engineers must design components for a specific lifespan and have to prove that components will not fail within that time. Insurers guarantee components for a set time. The agreed year design lifetime means engineers can design to meet one consistent requirement, ensuring that new components can be guaranteed to work reliably - and be insured - for that period. Would the cost of replacing components outweigh the benefit of a year contract? In overall durability, mirrors, or heliostats - in both technologies - would see negligible degradation, Relloso said. You would replace year by year the small number of mirrors that are broken maybe in a high wind event or during maintenance tasks. But the percentage of breakage of mirrors is in the range of. They could be subjected to more degradation. With its ability to dispatch its power whenever needed, solar thermal energy competes directly with natural gas which is also a dispatchable form of thermal generation. Since CSP seems well suited to a year lifespan, if the benefits outweigh the costs, longer contracts could enable lower costs going forward.

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Chapter 7 : Subscribe to read | Financial Times

Power at any price. Australian industry has not factored in the very real chance that power costs could rise rapidly if the looming bankruptcy of Victoria's Latrobe Valley power stations.

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The Berserker: You fight like a man possessed, feeling neither pain nor fear, but any sense of tactics goes out of the window with them, and woe betide any that stand in your way, be they Friend or Foe.

That was in the back of my mind when the topic of fuel consumption came up the other day on one of the forums – a rider had just had one of the performance enhancing kits fitted to his litre-plus sportsbike, had it all dyno-tuned and set up professionally. The fuel consumption hovering around the low 30s mark, way off the 40mpg figure I was expecting from magazine tests! So I found the trade-off to a bike that had about 10hp and 10mph in hand over the FZ at a cost of nearly twice the fuel consumption rather less than appealing in terms of the hit on my wallet – not to mention the fact that the straight line performance was actually poorer, given that I was filling up twice as often and taking longer to get anywhere!! An engine producing maximum power is NOT working at peak efficiency. Internal combustion engines burn fuel to create kinetic energy, mixing the fuel in the cylinder with oxygen in the air to create carbon dioxide and water. Without doing the calculations or getting too complicated, a perfect air: At this ratio, there is sufficient air in the inlet charge to completely burn all the fuel. Modern fuel has various additives so the ratio is typically a bit down on this, around This is known as a rich mixture, and it burns cool and so limits power. This was definitely the case with my GSX-R, judging by the plume of black smoke on full throttle that looked like an F on full boost, and the soot all over the back of the bike at the end of a long run. Although this would effectively burn all the fuel, the combustion can run hot. Whilst in theory this could produce more power, in practice it can melt pistons and also causes atmospheric nitrogen to oxidize to produce nitrogen oxides, another pollutant and a source of acid rain. Now, it might sound like the perfect ratio is thus the stoichiometric ratio. Through the 80s, as engine and carburettor design improved, using innovations like four valve heads to improve combustion, so did fuel consumption improve too – or rather more accurately, more power was squeezed out of an engine without significant compromising fuel consumption! However, motorcycle engines still produced more pollution than the equivalent car engines, so the emission levels were ramped down, leading to the demise of virtually all carburetted models in recent years, and the fitment of catalytic converters on most new bikes. The latest injection technology allows very precise measuring of the air fuel ratio, with various sensors operating to keep things in tune. The one most riders will have heard of is the lambda sensor. This sits in the exhaust and measures the amount of residual oxygen for lean mixes or unburnt hydrocarbons for rich mixtures in the exhaust gas. A lambda of 1. In short, by throwing a bit more fuel into the motor than that perfect mix, we can get more power out of the engine. To quote one website offering motorcycle tuning: They go on to say: You could get the same power increase by opening the throttle a bit more! And most of the gains at usually at peak revs. Think about it, if you own a cc bike and up, how often do you have the throttle on the stop at peak revs? So what are the gains? Why would we want to do this? If you were getting 40mpg before the tuning work, you may well find your fuel consumption is now around mpg! Are we just throwing fuel down the exhaust pipe? And dyno curves show remapping might well cure a hesitancy when opening the throttle, and if the ignition is remapped at the same time that may well smooth out noise regulation flat spots in the power curve. You have to ask yourself would you really notice the improvement. It seems to depend on the bike, the rider and the usage. On the road – it would probably depend on your riding style and the bike.

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