Chapter 7, India and Pakistan

This chapter focuses on the South Asia, in particular, the tense relationship between India and Pakistan.

183. As is so often the case, geography and history (the Umayyad Muslim expansion into India in the 7th and 8th centuries CE and European imperialism of the 18th and 19th centuries) bound these two countries together. Understanding the causes of the animosity between the two is critical.

Look at the map on pages 180-181. Pakistan & Bangladesh used to be one country (1946-1971).

184. Pakistan’s development of nuclear weapons is a great equalizer in a competition between two very different nations.
186. In 1947, after WWII, the British departed India, leaving huge problems behind for the people to deal with. There was a huge migration of millions of people in opposite directions. Understand why.

185. Why is Pakistan so difficult to unify?

189. Know why the poet city of Gwadar is so critical, regionally and globally. What is it important in relationship to the Strait of Malacca for China?

Do you see how essential economic activity is for every country throughout history???

191. Know why Kashmir is such a place of contention between India and Pakistan.
Look up the **Mumbai Massacre of 2015** by Islamic extremists.

192. Know why access to WATER is so critical.

193. You need to understand the very complicated diplomatic relationships of the last 40 years (the old word is “byzantine” for reasons we’ll understand later) among the USSR, Pakistan, Afghanistan, the Taliban, al Qaeda, and the United States. Each country has different priorities, each depends on another for something. Massive military might is not always appropriate when situations are local or regional.

194. What is the **Durand Line**? Why is **Peshawar** important? 195. What is **Islamabad**?
195-201. How did September 11, 2001, change everything? What followed from that day’s events?

198. Osama bin Laden is an important figure in all this. Why?

200. What is the most likely scenario to play out in Afghanistan?

201. What is India’s relationship with China?

201-205. Who is the Dalai Lama? Why is the movement for Tibetan independence not going to succeed?

204. Why is India finding it advantageous to align closely with the United States?

205. “With India, it always comes back to Pakistan, and with Pakistan, to India.”

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