

CHINGGIS KHAN'S QUEST FOR SECURITY: TRIBE, STATE AND EMPIRE

Themes

LEARNING FROM AND APPRECIATING THE PAST:

飲水思源

‘When drinking water, remember its source’

Chinese proverb.

PROLONG LIFE, POSTPONE DEATH:

‘The first law for every creature is that of self-preservation, of life.’

Machiavelli (Quoted in Stendahl, *The Red and the Black*)

IDEALS:

‘Values permit, virtues demand.’

R. Bedeski (2013)

THE GEOMETRY AND RANDOMNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

‘...impotence in the face of the geometric caprices of the universe, Jupiter's contemptuous thunderbolt that, precise as a scalpel guided by invisible hands, strikes at the very heart of man and his life.’

Arturo Pérez-Reverte, *The Painter of Battles: A Novel* (New York: Random House, 2008).

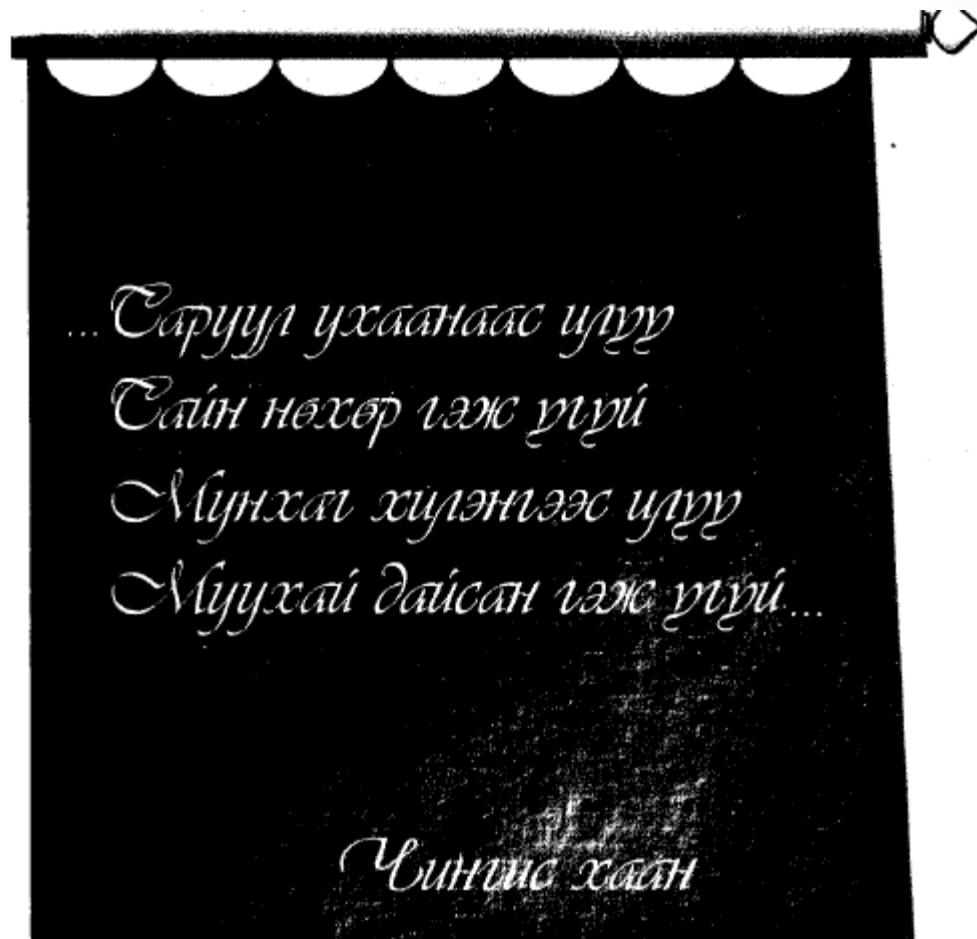
A TAUTOLOGY:

‘In Glasgow, death is always fatal. ‘

<http://www.waterstones.com/waterstonesweb/products/jimmy+black/michael+t-+r-+b-+turnbull/glasgow+graveyard+guide/8330310/>



Chinggis Khan (c. 1165-1227)

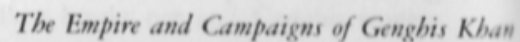


There is no better friend than a bright intellect

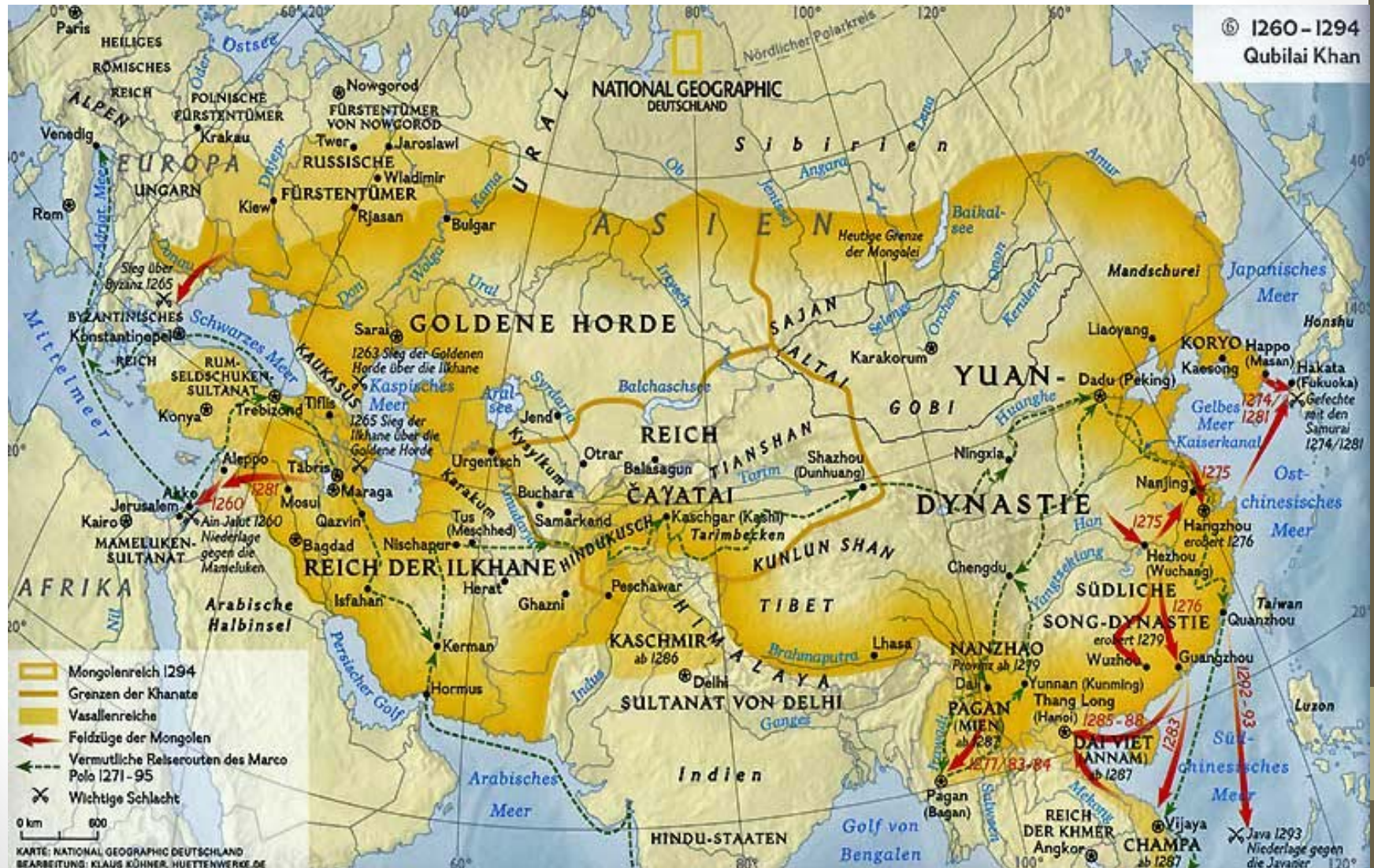
There is no worse enemy than ignorance

ascribed to Chinggis Khan

The Mongol empire to 1227



The Mongol empire – Post-Chinggis Khan



Mongol conquests

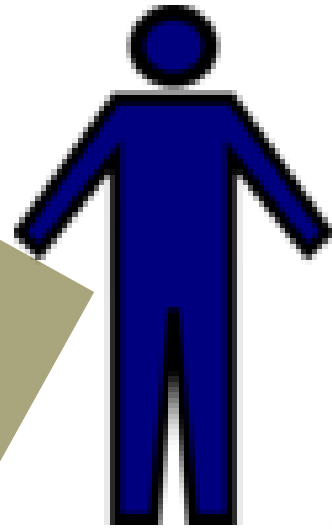


"The greatest joy a man can know is to conquer his enemies and drive them before him. To ride their horses and take away their possessions. To see the faces of those who were dear to them bedewed with tears, and to clasp their wives and daughters in his arms" Chinggis Khan

What is security?

SECURITY INPUTS

Prolong Life, Postpone
Death (PLPD)



Immortality would be the result of perfect security

‘All living things seek to perpetuate themselves into the future, but humans seek to perpetuate themselves forever. This seeking----this will to immortality--is the foundation of human achievement; it is the wellspring of religion , the muse of philosophy, the architect of our cities and the impulse behind the arts. It is embedded in our very nature, and its result is what we know as civilization.’

Cave, S., Immortality : the quest to live forever and how it drives civilization: (New York: Crown, 2011). [EN: 1779

*Which human institutions
have contributed to the
security of individuals?*

Structure

Empire/World government

Nation-state

Organic society: families,
clans, tribes

Individual person

Building the human framework of PLPD institutions

Structure	Value
Empire/World government	Peace
Nation-state	Order
Organic society: families, Clans, tribes	Security
Individual person	Longevity

Identification of PLPD institutions' values

Structure	Value	Instruments	
Empire/World government	Peace	War & diplomacy to eliminate and/or pacify opponents	Collective Action
Nation-state	Order	Coercion/Law/Administration/Citizenship	
Organic society: families, clans, tribes	Security	Custom/Mutual aid	
Individual person	Longevity	Will-to-live/Physical strength & intelligence	Singular Action

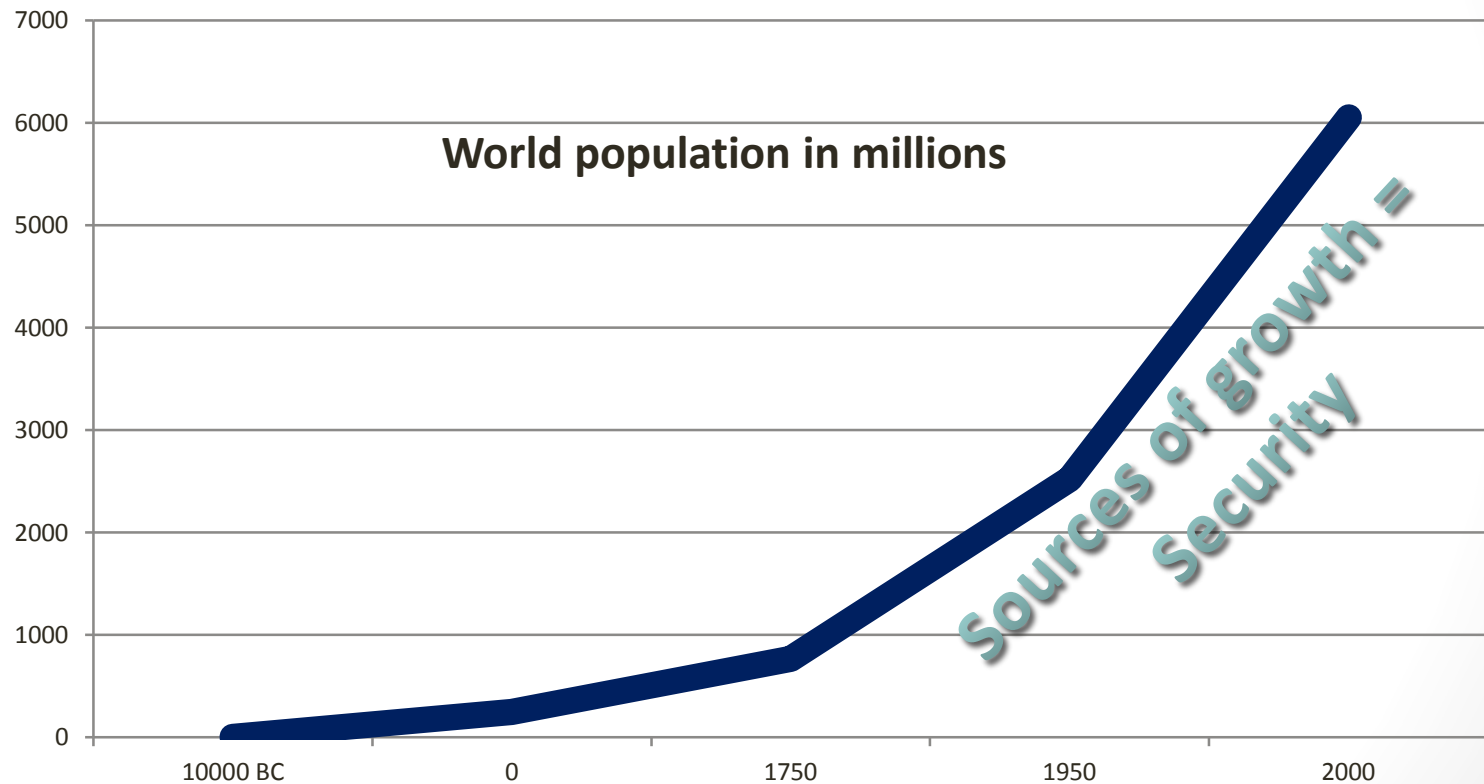
Instruments of PLPD

The diagram illustrates the estimated ontological status of PLPD institutions. A vertical blue arrow on the left indicates the ontological status, ranging from Low at the top to High at the bottom. The grid is organized into four columns: Relative Ontological Status, Structure, Value, and Instruments. The rows represent different levels of institutional complexity and action.

Relative Ontological Status	Structure	Value	Instruments	
Social & political theory	Mind	Truth	Reason	
Low – weak conceptual boundary with state; often defined by intentions, not achievement	Empire/World government	Peace	War & diplomacy to eliminate and/or pacify opponents	Collective Action
Medium – established in explicit laws and behavior	Nation-state	Order	Coercion/Law/Administration/Citizenship	
High – universally repeated patterned behavior	Organic society: families, clans, tribes	Security	Custom/Mutual aid	
Verifiable facts	Individual person	Longevity	Will-to-live	Singular Action

Estimated ontological status of PLPD institutions

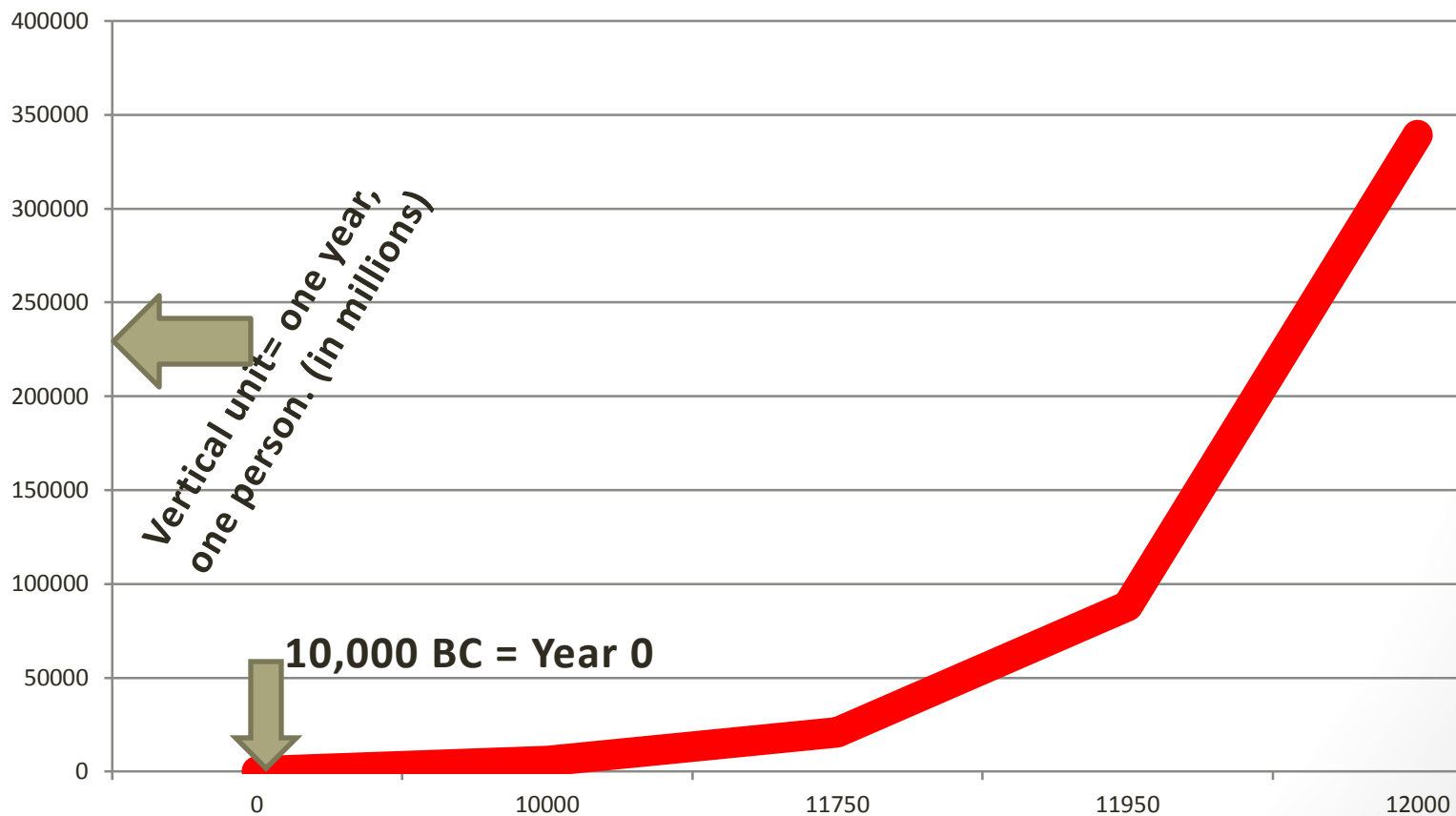
Human population expansion, 10,000 BC- 2000 AD



Chinggis Khan's lifespan & global averages

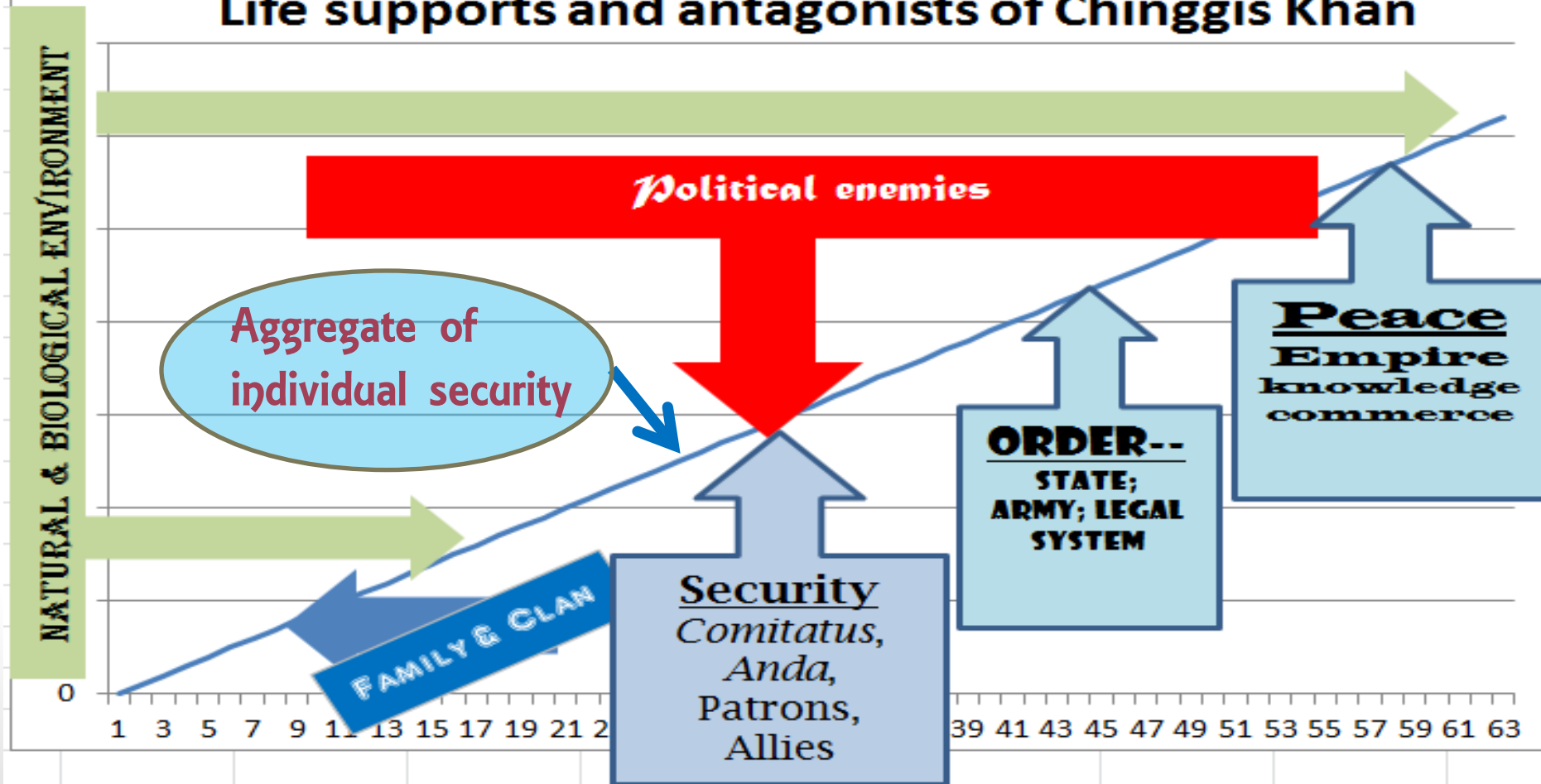
Year	Life expectancy
10,000 BC	20 years
0	22 years
1750 AD	27 years
1950 AD	35 years
2000 AD	50 years
Chinggis Khan 1165(?)-1227	62 years

Growth in human security, 10,000 BC to 2000 AD



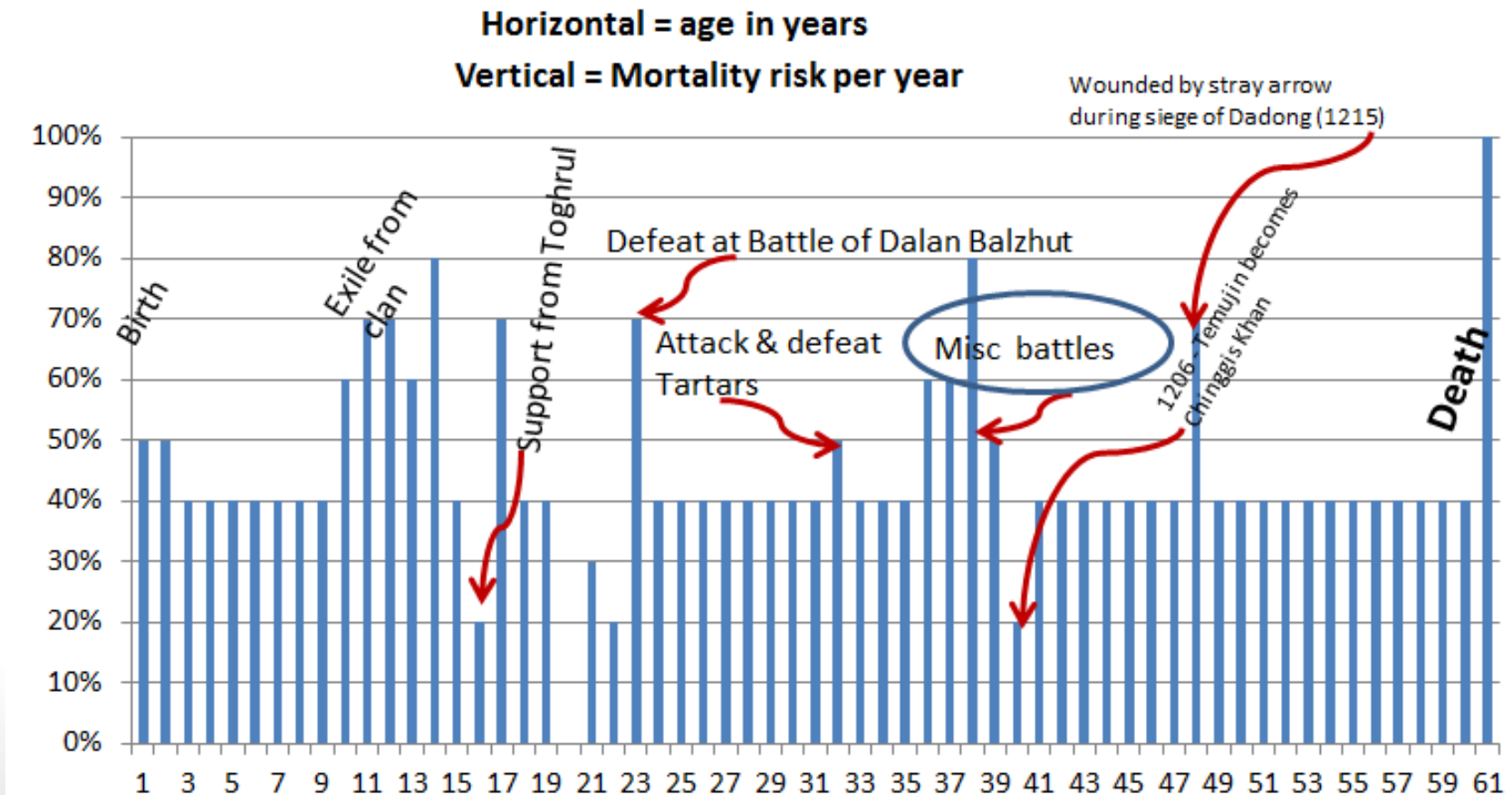
How Chinggis Khan lived to the ripe old age of 62(+/-)

Life supports and antagonists of Chinggis Khan



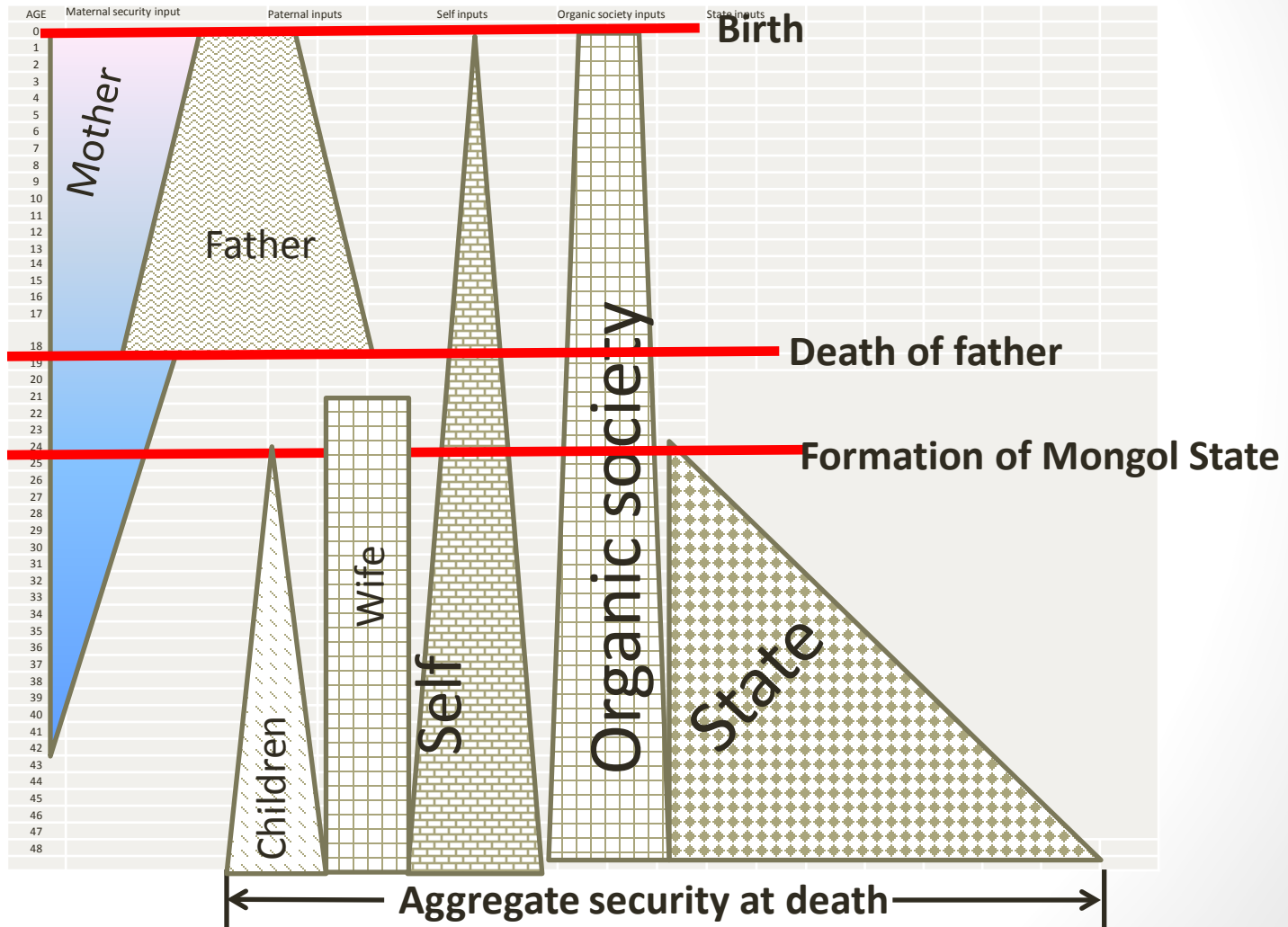
The perilous life of Chinggis Khan -

An actuarial estimation/risk analysis



Security inputs to the life of Chinggis Khan:

Parents, self, organic society, and state



For further inquiry: Asian Values

Is there significant difference between “Western values” and “Asian values”?

Can we stipulate “Western values” as “justice, equality and liberty”, and “Asian values” as “security, order, and peace”?

Constructing the
Theory of
Anthrocentric Security

Anthrocentric Security inputs:

Individual level

- ✘ 1/. Will and physical capacity to survive [Wi].
Staying alive is the first law of nature.
(Schopenhauer – “Will-to-Live”)
- ✘ 2/. Family, pre-adolescent inputs[F] including the reproductive, nurturing and protective inputs of family.
- ✘ 3/. Knowledge [Ki], both innate instinct and acquired knowledge, enables individuals and families to obtain food, water and shelter to sustain life
- ✘ 4/. Natural environment [Ei] provides the means and materials for survival.

Anthrocentric Security inputs:

Organic society level

- 5/. The liberty [Ls] of action one individual acquires (and surrenders) with membership (personhood) in society.
- 6/. Access to socially-generated cultural and technical knowledge [Ks].
- 7/. Obligation/loyalty to other persons in a social network [Os].
- 8/. The benefits of a social economy [Es].
- 9/. The average effects of the social concord coefficient [SC].

Anthrocentric Security inputs:

State level

- 10/. Increasing the intensity and scope of obligations of each person to the State [Op]
- 11/. Performance of the political economy [Ep].
- 12/. Specialized, usually esoteric, political knowledge [Kp] drawn from experience and history, and utilized for the establishment, preservation and expansion of State power.
- 13/. The coercive institutions of the State – primarily the military [M] – to defend it against external enemies and internal disorder and rebellions.
- 14/. The coefficient of (domestic) political concord [PC].
- 15/. External relations [ER] may be either positive or negative in political concord their effect on actual sovereignty.

Anthrocentric Security of the bio-rational individual

- Formula One:

Anthrocentric Security of one individual in pre-society nature

- $AS_i = W_i + F + K_i + E_i$

- Formula Two:

Anthrocentric Security of one person in organic society

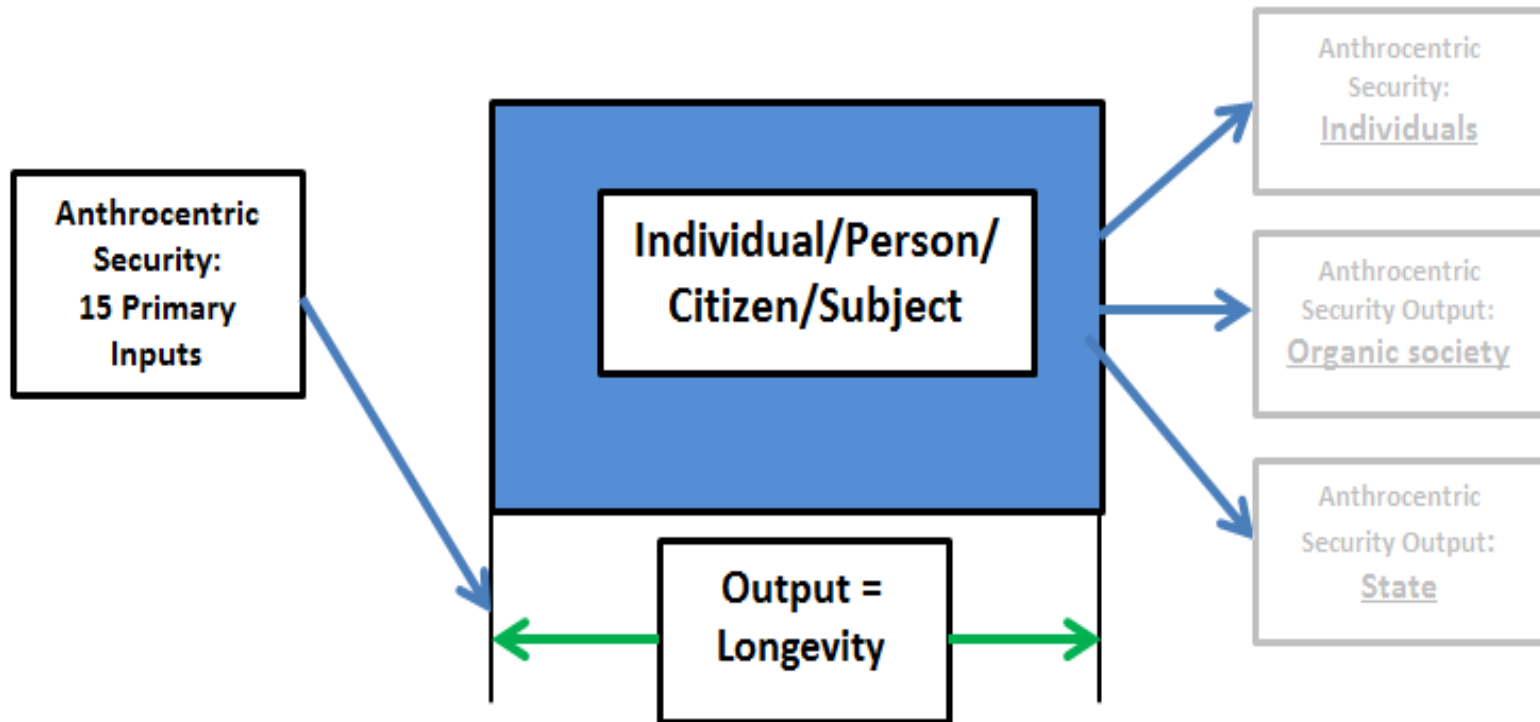
- $AS_p = AS_i + L_s + K_s + O_s + E_s + SC$

- Formula Three:

Anthrocentric Security of one citizen/subject in a state

- $S_a = AS_p + O_p + E_p + K_p + M + PC + ER$

Summarizing Anthrocentric Security: Inputs and outputs:





The End

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