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Barr and Trump are pursuing very different projects – the one a crusade to align government with his idea of religious authority, the other a venal quest for self-aggrandizement. But they serve each other's purpose by collaborating to destroy the independence of anything – federal agencies, the public servants who work in them, even the other branches of government – that could restrain the president.

**William Barr and Donald Trump
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