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— Thomas Jefferson, 1785

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Marian Apparition

Between

by Scott Corrales

It would be an interesting exercise to compile a list of the major events which occurred during a given period in history but were later forgotten, despite their impact at the moment. Almost assuredly, better minds have attempted such an effort, categorizing incidents which caused a stir in their time, yet were totally overlooked by subsequent generations.



Religion and the Paranormal

One such event of gargantuan proportions, but subdued by time, space and language barrier, occurred during the 1930s in Spain. The paranormal event took place in Euskadi, situated in the Basque Country, the industrial backbone of the Iberian Peninsula, with its coal mines and factories. The story was told in the Basque language, which is unrelated to any other language and is fancifully assumed by some to be the parlance of lost Atlantis.

The Forgotten Miracle

In a small, almost unreachable town in the Cantabrian mountains known as Ezkioga, there occurred a religious phenomenon far greater than that of the well known Fátima religious apparition, and perhaps more troubling. The agitation and civil strife that marked those times aided religious authorities in stifling the situation, and the Second World War would succeed in obliterating any memory of it.

Ezkioga was rescued from oblivion recently through the diligent efforts of two journalists—Carmen Porter and Iker Jiménez—the first of whom published a book entitled *Misterios de la Iglesia* in 2002. Porter had the incredible luck to find, against all odds, one of the only copies of a limited print book regarding the mystery of Ezkioga, a book which church authorities had condemned to the flames in a tradition that dated back to the Inquisition.

On June 30, 1931, a brother and sister from Ezkioga—Antonia, age 11, and Andrés, age 7—engaged in their daily routine of walking to a nearby dairy for milk and returning over the slopes of Mount Anduaga. On this particular day, the children noticed a bright light hovering above the treetops. Forgetting their errand, they approached the light in awe and quickly dropped to their knees and prayed fervently after seeing an image within the light source they identified with the Virgin Mary.

The youngsters ran home to tell their elders of their religious experience and, as in other Marian apparitions, they were scolded and warned not to lie about “things having to do with heaven.” However, such was their nervous excitement that they were later taken to see the parish priest, who was unable to detect any guile in their eyes and advised their father to be patient with the children. The priest apparently had reason for such a gentle approach: only days before, one of the community’s most important landowners had had a dramatic encounter.

The landowner and his son had been dragging a fallen tree trunk across the steep terrain using a team of oxen when the tree unexpectedly rolled, dragging the beasts and

his son over the edge of a precipice. Fearing his son dead, the landowner ran toward the edge and proceeded to descend. To his great surprise, he saw “a lady” holding one of the oxen by its horn; the son stood to one side, in shock but otherwise alive. The “lady” was covered by a long black veil and had a five-starred crown which “glowed like a sun.” The landowner “knew her to be the Blessed Mother.” His friends, however, ridiculed him when the story was told.

However, their clumsy jests would soon come to an end when reports surfaced of “a very beautiful lady in black,” who appeared and caused children to kneel and pray with their arms outstretched. The children were none other than Antonia and Andrés, who had continued to visit the location on Mount Anduaga where the initial contact had taken place.

Unlike Fátima, the miraculous visitations would not be restricted to the young. Less than a week later, a man known as Patxi, a carpenter who scoffed at the notion of apparitions and decried the foolishness of his fellow townsmen, claimed to have seen the woman in black himself. She had appeared to him wielding a bloody sword, addressing him in his native Euskera instead of Spanish. Her warnings were dire: there would be a civil war between Catholics and non-Catholics in the Basque Country, but the Catholics would prevail in the end despite the death toll.

A married woman named Maria Recalde had visited Mount Anduaga to pray the Rosary and was engulfed by a brightness she described as being “greater than that of the sun.” She too saw a beautiful young woman, clad in black and holding a rosary, with her heart pierced by swords. María was shown horrific visions of desolation, rains of fire and poisonous gases killing thousands.

The sword motif would appear in a vision experienced by nine-year-old Benita Aguirre. She would tell clergyman Juan Bautista Altisent that she “could see the Holy Virgin ... with two swords, one piercing her heart and another in her left hand, its point bloodied.” The girl asked the apparition if she was bleeding for mortal sins, and the reply was affirmative.

So far we have a list of elements that are common to any Marian apparition, but there are details to Ezkioga, according to Carmen Porter, which suggest phenomena other than divine: some of the worshippers present at the Basque peak thought to have seen “a witch” rather than a beautiful woman; others saw a headless figure of the type reported in paranormal chronicles worldwide. Still another

claimed to have seen the devil himself, describing the fearsome apparition as tall, red-headed and black, with fangs like those of a wolf. The man wanted to scream out in sheer terror, but managed to make the sign of the Cross and the apparition vanished.

In his book, *Las Apariciones del Escorial*, Salvador Freixedo wrote: "There are in Spain two regions which have distinguished themselves throughout history for being the centers of witchcraft of the entire Peninsula. One of them is the region of the Basque Country and Navarre (Zugarramurdi, Berrocoberro)." Church authorities in the 16th century believed that at least thirty thousand witches existed in the Basque country. Could there have been other forces at play?

Summer had turned into harsh fall over Ezkioga, but the inner fire that inspired the believers did not waver. On October 15, 1931, another visionary named Ramona Olazábal informed the congregation that they should bring handkerchiefs with them because the Virgin was about to induce stigmata in her. At five o'clock, Ramona raised her hands, standing at the site of the apparitions, and blood began to stream from the backs of her hands. The cry of "blood!" rent the air, as the faithful swooned and others hurried forward to dip their napkins in the seeress's vital fluid. A church hearing soon followed and Ramona's stigmata were questioned, especially when witnesses claimed having seen a razor blade on the ground beside her.

Even though this new aspect of the Marian phenomenon was called into question, the number of visionaries now soared past one hundred and fifty, and up to eighty thousand people had visited Ezkioga to partake of the holy event. Church authorities were beginning to look into the events to ascertain whether they were other than natural, such as the healing of a stomach cancer patient whose recovery amazed physicians, or the curing of a paraplegic woman who walked downhill to the echoed cries of "Milagro!" Even as eminent a physician as Gregorio Marañón visited Ezkioga and unequivocally stated that the phenomena were beyond the realm of the pathological

sciences. "They belong to other disciplines that are beyond my competence," he stated.

The Church was not quite so sanguine. Religious authorities like Jose Antonio Laburu, a fiery preacher of the times, stood foursquare against the miracles, saying the predictions had been false, that fraud was prevalent throughout the sightings, and that gift-giving had stimulated many of the seers "to keep having visions." Other believers, like Amado Bruguera, struggled to separate the true visionaries from the impostors, and to ferret out the impostors with inquisitorial zeal. He firmly believed that Satan had played a role on Mount Anduaga, deceiving the unworthy with false visions. His misplaced zeal would later win him a jail sentence and ecclesiastical censure.

By 1933, even as the political situation within Spain grew more precarious, Bishop Múgica of the city of Vitoria wrote the Vatican, denying the presence of any paranormal phenomena and forbidding Catholics from keeping "any photographs, images, hymns" or other material regarding the apparitions. The decision was approved by Rome in a letter by Cardinal Sbarretti, in which the "alleged apparitions and revelations of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Ezkioga are shorn of any supernatural character." The ruling also banned three books discussing the events.

The government was also finding the events in the village of Ezkioga tiresome. Pedro del Pozo, governor of Guipúzcoa, was given the order to put an end to the commotion over the Marian apparitions. The governor ordered the image of the Virgin removed, along with the souvenir stands which had cropped up at the site. If this was not done voluntarily, he cautioned, he would order workmen to demolish the chapel with dynamite.

Although workmen had refused to manhandle the statue, having been cautioned by the visionaries that to do so would mean their deaths, the image was removed to a cluster of houses for safe-keeping. The authorities cut down the large cross which had been erected at the site, and the premises were fenced off to

keep any further multitudes from congregating. Even more medieval-sounding was the decree issued by the mayor of Ezkioga under pressure from his superiors: the punishment prescribed for anyone having visions in public would range from heavy fines to imprisonment, internment in an insane

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asylum, or deportation. Many of the visionaries indeed wound up institutionalized, and others served jail time.

Was Father Laburu right about all of the prophecies being fraudulent? Interestingly, most of the revelations concerning “a war in which much blood would be spilled within Spain” would come true, and would begin with the closing of churches in Catalonia, the event which would unleash the Spanish Civil War.

In 2001, Spanish film filmmaker Gutiérrez Aragón directed *Visionarios: La Virgen de Ezkioga*, starring Ingrid Rubio as one of the visionaries involved in the actual events. Although the production was not well received by contemporary audiences despite having been shot on location, it nonetheless served to rekindle interest in this all but forgotten paranormal event.

Headless at the Holy Sites

Strange creatures, some of them far from having a divine or holy aspect, are often reported at the sites of Marian apparitions. In the early 1990s, for instance, a Bigfoot-like creature was reported at the Marian shrine of Montaña Santa on the island of Puerto Rico. Believers like Ezkioga’s Amado Bruguera shared the conviction that the devil’s minions were at work at some of these locales, trying to frighten the faithful away from holy ground.

Most prevalent among these apparitions are the “headless” ones: the headless woman at Ezkioga had been preceded by a similarly decapitated figure—also female—which sent Lucía, Francisco and Jacinta, the young shepherds of Fátima, running for cover in 1915. The girl returned to her house and told her mother that she had seen “a white thing hovering over the trees which looked like a headless woman, having neither hands nor eyes.” This presence was seen on two more occasions during the Fátima apparitions and became known as the “angel.”

Journalist J.J. Benítez, writing in his landmark *La Quinta Columna* (“The Fifth Column”), makes the curious note that strange headless entities are contained in the lore of Spain’s Las Hurdes region—at one time so inaccessible and poor that it became the source of countless legends—which is scarcely one hundred kilometers away from Fátima and Leira, across the Portuguese border. A mere coincidence or a fact filled with hidden significance?

Not to belabor the point about disturbing, seemingly

non-angelic, entities seen at Marian apparitions, but it is curious to note that the rituals of the ancient Coptic church (one of the oldest branches of the Christian faith) contain explicit prayers against the presence of “headless demons,” such as the one appearing in the Zereteli-Tiflis collection, described as “a text containing a spell to provide protection against headless demons and powers that are bothering the



person invoking angels and archangels.” To make the link between Marian apparitions even more confusing, another such amulet invokes the virgin Mary’s protection against a headless dog: “because I am having a clash with a headless dog, seize him when he comes and release me...” (*Ancient Christian Magic: Coptic Texts of Ritual Power*, Princeton: 1999). One wonders if this orison would have worked against the bat-winged, headless “Mothman” of West Virginia or a similar entity seen landing on a field in Britain in 1965.

Beatings from Beyond?

In his book *Las Apariciones del Escorial* Salvador Freixedo noted another strange negative feature that seemed to afflict many of these Marian apparitions: the appearance of “persons unknown” who inflict bodily harm upon the seers, or others involved with the miraculous phenomenon taking place at the site.

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In October 1980, Amparo Cuevas, a fifty year-old mother of seven, became known as *la Vidente de El Escorial* (the Seeress of El Escorial) for her part in these Marian apparitions. Cuevas was first visited by indescribable pain and voices that told her the suffering “was that of Christ on the Cross.” From that moment on, Cuevas displayed the full range of manifestations that accompany the phenomenon: stigmata, including a curious image of a heart pierced by a sword on her chest, bilocation, levitation, and speaking in tongues. She was able to take on the maladies of others, exhibiting the symptoms in her own body. Upon the onset of the pain, Cuevas supposedly “saw a beam of light heading straight toward her,” which signaled the start of the mystical communion. During these ecstatic periods she would see the Virgin as

a figure swathed from head to toe in a black mantle, with a white veil, as well as an image of the crucified Christ.

While looking into the controversial El Escorial apparitions, Salvador Freixedo discovered that a gang of unidentified men—their faces conveniently covered by hoods—had inflicted a severe beating on Cuevas. The authorities considered the culprits to be members of some right-wing clique heavily opposed to any deviation of the Catholic doctrine, but the paranormalist drew an interesting conclusion of his own, based on his research into another little-known Marian phenomenon of the 1970s.

Ladeira do Pinheiro, a small farming community not far from Fátima, became the focus of miraculous activity centered around visionary, Maria da Conceicao Mendes. Mendes had startled members of the community and visitors with sixteen separate levitations, being transported—on one occasion—high into the air and losing herself among the clouds. Three thousand communion wafers rained out of the heavens during one of the outdoor manifestations (their provenance was later determined to be the churches in the immediate vicinity), while other wafers manifested in her hands. The UFO phenomenon was also partial to Ladeira and its surroundings during the events, and some of these unknown lights outshone the full moon in their brilliance.

However, one particular evening, while Maria da

Conceicao Mendes held a nocturnal vigil with other worshippers, a group of men with clubs showed up out of nowhere to kick and batter the congregation. One of the worshippers died of a savage kick to the chest and Mendes lost her front teeth in the attack. The official explanation was that local roughs from Fátima—incensed at the thought that Ladeira was “muscling in on the sweet deal” of the miracle business—took matters into their own hands, possibly abetted by the clergy, who had declared the Ladeira incidents “demonic” from the onset.

“The resemblance between these incidents,” writes Freixedo in *Las Apariciones del Escorial*, “and what occurred at El Escorial is undeniable. Forces, whether human or non-human, appear to be always alert and active. These were not right-wing fanatics ... but rather entities created by the apparition itself. In other words, they belong to the non-human montage behind the phenomenon. Absurd though it may seem, I suspect that the very entity that appears is the one responsible for the beatings.”

The Devil at Garabandal?

So much has been written about the utterly inexplicable events at Garabandal—another town lost in the mountains of the Basque country—that nothing can be added to it that will either make matters clearer or keep devotees of these apparitions, which ran from 1961 to 1970, from becoming enraged. Four girls from the small town of Garabandal, near Santander, had repeated visions of both the Virgin and St. Michael and were given prophecies to disclose to the rest of the faithful. On June 18, 1961, while picking apples at a local orchard, the girls heard a “thunderclap” and saw a beautiful figure enveloped in light, which they thought was an angel sent to punish them for stealing fruit.

Over the course of the following twelve days, the girls would have visions of the same angel, dressed in blue and with pinkish wings, whom they took to be St. Michael the Archangel. The angel told them that they would soon be seeing the Virgin, and they did so after the eighth visitation. The Blessed Mother appeared in garb that would be immediately recognizable to any school-age child in a Catholic country: a white dress with a blue mantle, a starry crown, and a scapular at her waist. The heavenly patroness told the girls to inform their elders that sacrifice and penance would avert imminent punishment.

Thousands gathered in Garabandal to see the miracle, hoping for something more substantial. In the wee hours of October 19, 1961, those present saw the famous miracle of the communion wafers manifesting in Conchita's opened mouth. Theologian Luis Andreu had seen the four girls in their ecstatic trances and had been forced to proclaim aloud the miraculous nature of what he was seeing.

When asked exactly what the miracle was, he told his friends that he was overwhelmed with joy at what the Virgin had shown him and that it was the happiest day in his life. Shortly after, he fell silent, much to the concern of those around him. The priest had died. When news of Father

Andreu's death reached the young visionaries, they claimed that they had seen the Virgin looking at him at one point, as though saying: "you shall soon be with me."

The death of this respected theologian caused the bishopric of Santander to forbid members of the clergy from visiting Garabandal without permission from Church authorities. Worshippers were advised that they too must cease their visits, and the tide of pilgrims to the mountain village was stemmed for a while.

In 1965, Monsignor Puchol assumed the bishop's crook at Santander and was even more stringent in his prohibitions against any veneration of Garabandal, issuing a terse pronouncement: "there has never been any apparition of the Blessed Virgin, nor of the Archangel Michael, nor of any other heavenly personage. There has been no message, and all of the events which have transpired at said location have a natural explanation."

It was this rejection of the miracle of Garabandal that many believed cost the bishop his life: Puchol died while driving his car, allegedly screaming "God, what's wrong with me!" before the collision. The car crash occurred on the same day as the feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Jesuit José Warzawski wrote a comprehensive study on the phenomenon entitled *El Mito de Garabandal* ("The Myth of Garabandal") accepting the reality of the events which occurred at the site but ascribing them all to demonic forces. Does the Church know something else it isn't sharing? **P**

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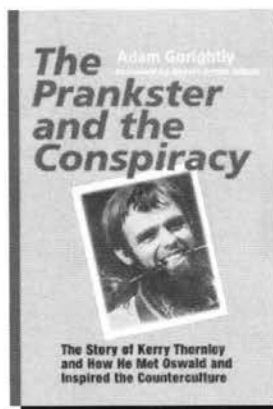
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The Prankster and the Conspiracy



The Story of Kerry Thornley and How He Met Oswald and Inspired the Counterculture
by Adam Gorightly
Foreword by Robert Anton Wilson

One of the 1960s counterculture's most fascinating characters was Kerry Wendell Thornley—a writer, philosopher, Zen dishwasher, enlightened prankster, founder of the Discordian Society, and, possibly, an Oswald double with disturbing ties to the Kennedy assassination.

It's a fact that the two served together in the Marines. But did they keep in touch later, in New Orleans? And were they both used by foes of JFK? Jim Garrison investigated their relationship—and so does Adam Gorightly in *The Prankster and the Conspiracy*, an account of Thornley's tragic yet hilarious life, the JFK conspiracy, and the chaos caused by worshipping the goddess of discord.

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How the criminal elite hijacked science and transformed it into a weapon against the masses!



The Ascendancy of the Scientific Dictatorship

by Phillip Darrell Collins and Paul David Collins

In the past, the elite manipulated the population through mystical belief systems, such as Sun worship. However, as antiquity gave way to modern history, this system of control began to lose its effectiveness. During the 16th century, the ruling class managed to co-opt a relatively new methodology of truth discernment: science. Over the years, they would contaminate this institution with their own virulent strains of thought: metaphysical naturalism, radical empiricism, Malthusianism, Darwinism, and behaviorism. Many of these paradigms were derivative of their own occult doctrines, thinly veiled to appear as objective science. All of these concepts correlate in some way and, at some point, coalesce. Together, they are gradually paving the way for the re-introduction of the hidden god of the Ancient Mysteries.

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by Robert Guffey

The Mass Psychology of Fascism in the United States

Wilhelm Reich, Adolf Hitler, and the Parallels of Propaganda Between Nazi Germany and Recent U.S. History



I'm the commander, see. I do not need to explain why I say things. That's the interesting thing about being the president. Maybe somebody needs to explain to me why they say something, but I don't feel like I owe anybody an explanation.

— President George W. Bush, Nov. 2002



In 1933 Dr. Wilhelm Reich fled Germany due to the storm of controversy caused by the publication of his book, *The Mass Psychology of Fascism* (Boadella 90). The Nazis decried the book and its author as a threat to the security of Hitler's Germany. This was an accurate statement, for the book studied the hidden core of German mass psychology which, according to Reich, helped the National Socialist Party develop.

In the book, Reich applies his sex-economic theory to the rise of fascism in Germany. Reich was well aware that this theory was directly opposed to that of Sigmund Freud, who believed economic considerations were completely irrelevant to studies of sexuality and mass psychology (Freud 67). Reich, on the other hand, viewed fascism as the end result of a society whose sexual needs have been stamped out beneath the collective boot of Church and Family. Ironically, Reich's books were later burned en masse (Sharaf 460) by the very same nation from which he sought refuge, i.e., the United States of America, another country well known for its hypocritical, and often contradictory, sexual taboos.

Many schools of psychology and philosophy, such as those promoted by intellectual luminaries like Sigmund Freud, Herbert Marcuse and others, theorize that sexual repression inevitably causes a highly regulated, patriarchal society. Reich maintained that sexual repression is the result of such restrictions. What Freud would have attributed to a death instinct in the Germans, Reich attributed to outside repressive forces working in tandem with the fascist ideologies imposed upon the German people by both a male-dominated family structure, as well as a religion that draws its most "holy" of inspirations from the image of an innocent man bleeding on a cross. With an icon like that, it's no mystery why Hitler was such a rabidly enthusiastic supporter of "positive" Christianity (Shirer 234).

Recently, modern historians and psychologists have reevaluated both the positions of Wilhelm Reich and traditional psychoanalysis on the subject of fascism. Writers like Janine Chasseguet-Smirgel and Béla Grunberger have supported some of Reich's conclusions about fascism, but take umbrage with his anti-Freudianism stance. They imply that Freud is a destroyer of illusions, a realist, whereas the people who support Reich are merely idealists with their heads in the clouds. Meanwhile, a behaviorist might claim that Freud's theories are equally fanciful considering the fact that the "id," the "ego," and the "super-ego" are theoretical constructs that cannot be traced back to the central nervous system.

Such arguments are virtually endless, and will no

doubt continue for a long time. However, it should be pointed out that Reich is not as idealistic or "illusionary" as writers such as Chasseguet-Smirgel and Grunberger seem to believe. His theories of fascism do not lay the blame of Nazism solely on Hitler's shoulders. He does not claim that Hitler waved a magic wand and hypnotized the German people into following his every order; far from it. He decries those who would use the term "Nazi-psychosis" to explain the horrors of World War II.

Reich claims that the success of a fuehrer can only be possible if his point of view strikes a responsive chord in the ideology of the middle class. Obviously, if a broad category

of individuals finds someone like Hitler repugnant, the potential fuehrer will simply wither on the vine, never having reached his full blossom.

In 1982 Ira H. Cohen published a re-evaluation of both Reich and Freud, called *Ideology and Unconsciousness*, in which he agreed with Reich's unique observation that the middle class is usually the least likely to resist the authority of dictators like Hitler, who attempt to exploit all classes—but some more than others. In a capitalist society, Reich said, division of labor requires a certain amount of cooperation among work-



ers, whereas middle class employees are more separated from each other, alienated in their high-security, gingerbread houses. Thus, they develop a far more rigid personality, one that almost yearns for an authoritarian figure like Hitler to draw it out of isolation from behind a cocoon of fear and hatred shielding it against the "taint" of anyone who does not fit the status quo.

Paul A. Robinson, in his 1969 study *The Freudian Left*, claimed that Reich's controversial theories were "insane." Robinson is not alone in this opinion. In a 1995 review of *Beyond Psychology*, a collection of Reich's letters, Rosemary Dinnage referred to him as "an interesting lunatic" (Dinnage 13). A similar view was held by Richard Morrock in a 1992 article for the scientific journal *The Skeptical Inquirer* (Morrock 237-9). *Psychology Today*, in a kindlier mood, simply referred to him as "troubled" (Simon 70-1). Not surprisingly, after scouring more than a dozen recent reviews, the few publications that gave Reich any serious attention at all were *Flatland*, *New Dawn*, *Paranoia*, and *Steamshovel Press*, magazines that have all been accused of being outlandish "conspiracy tabloids" by the mainstream press.

German Propaganda

For proof that Reich was not “insane”—or even “troubled”—when he identified sexual repression as a significant factor in the rise of fascism, a mere cursory study of the propaganda used during World War II will suffice. Sexual overtones were evident in the propaganda used by the Axis powers as well as by the Allies. Reich never limited his criticism to just Germany. He found the patriarchal paradigm in most of the “civilized” world. Reich believed that fascism was possible anywhere. Perhaps this was his most important message, the one that perplexed his critics above all others. He was not willing to condemn the German people as uniquely “sick,” nor did he relieve them of their guilt by claiming they were victims of the Nazis’ propaganda. The fact that the propaganda techniques used by the Nazis were essentially no different from the ones used by the Americans shows that Reich was correct. As Walt Kelly once wrote, “We have met the enemy, and he is us.”

So let’s peer into the face of the enemy . . .

You’re an American GI and you’re stationed far from home. You haven’t eaten a decent meal in months. Off in the distance, enemy artillery pierce the night with the obnoxious abruptness of crude machinery. You’re crouched in a foxhole and the taste of dust coats your mouth. Beside you lay the bodies of men no older than yourself. They were living and breathing only moments before. Though you really don’t want to, something forces you to glance at your fallen compatriots out of the corner of your eye. What you see are empty sacks of flesh stained with the slick brightness of blood. What’s all this for?, you think. What the hell is all this for? You want to be far away from here . . . for a moment you close your eyes and try—try so *hard*—to imagine that you’re flying far, far away from this place . . . but a loud concussion nearby jerks you out of your

reverie, as if you were a puppet pulled to a fighting stance by flimsy strings. In this case, those strings are called fear and patriotism.

If you’ve been properly indoctrinated by the propaganda of your country, you will not run away from that foxhole—you will not fly away—no, you’ll stay there and fight to the death for “God and country.” That is, if the patriotism overrides your fear; if the strings have been sufficiently tightened around your joints . . . tightened ever so slowly since the day of your birth.

How does the state ensure the tightness of your strings?

Through propaganda, of course. As William Burroughs stated in his 1959 novel *Naked Lunch*, whoever controls the Reality Studio controls the perceptions of the masses. During wartime, the operators in the Reality Studio must begin working overtime. Reality is reduced to its most primal level; it’s transformed into an ideological stance between binary

opposites. White is Us and black is Them and there is no room for discussion, because discussion might lead to reason and reason might lead to a joining of forces and a mass raid on the Reality Studio. That’s the last thing the operators of the Studio want. So they furtively push their buttons and crank their levers and churn out juicy material like—

This: You’re an American GI staring at a full color painting reduced to the size of a small flyer. It depicts an Anglo female staring up at the heavens with woeful, imploring, doe-like eyes. Her hands are tied behind her back. Her Nazi captors are marching in the background. Behind them stand more females, all of whom are completely naked and huddled together behind a wire fence like cattle. However, the most eye-catching aspect of the painting is the fact that the rope-strewn woman in the foreground possesses an improbably large pair of milk-producing glands that defy all the laws of gravity and probably a number of other laws not under discussion at the moment. These glands are strategically hanging out of her torn blouse (presumably after having undergone the brute attentions of the Nazi soldiers behind her) and are pointing downward at four bold-faced words: **DELIVER US FROM EVIL.**

As author Sam Keen has pointed out, the most ironic aspects of this flyer are its psychological contradictions. On one hand its intended viewer (a U.S. soldier) is supposed to feel disgust and anger toward the violent and prurient activities of the German soldiers depicted in the flyer, and yet on the other hand the viewer is also supposed to be drawn to its message by the pornographic “bait” of the half-dressed woman waiting for ol’ G. I. Joe to “deliver” her from the German rapists. Fear and patriotism are effective and binding puppet strings. The operators of the Reality Studio know that sex must be entwined about these strings in order to enforce their hold on the subject, which any successful advertiser of the modern age could tell you—as could Wilhelm Reich.

Of course, one might accurately point out that since this



is ostensibly a study of German propaganda, the preceding example—a product of fine, star-spangled, “Amurican” minds—could be considered slightly off-base and irrelevant. However, it could just as easily be said that studying German propaganda while ignoring its American counterpart would be tantamount to separating inextricably linked forces like yin and yang, good and evil, fire and water, King Kong and Fay Wray. Even little kids playing “Cow-boys and Indians” know that the act of choosing sides is merely an arbitrary gesture, a necessary ritual that precedes the *real* game.

Which brings us to two pivotal events of propaganda in Hitler’s Germany. What follows are archetypal examples of provocation that transcend national boundaries. These methods did not die with Nazi Germany. If the reader manages to draw any point at all from this essay, it should be the eight words that preceded this sentence. What advertisers know better than anything else is that if something works, plow it into the ground; the public won’t ever grow tired of it. Propaganda (or “international communications,” as the cryptocrats like to call it) techniques never grow out of style. They’ve changed little, if at all, since 1933 when Hitler was furiously attempting to push the Weimar Republic into fascism.

In 1933 the National Socialist Party manipulated the paranoid fear the German aristocratic establishment had for the Communist threat, persuading them to hop in bed with Uncle Adolf, who was quickly handed the chancellorship that he needed in order to retain the devotion of his followers. No doubt, when the royalists agreed to make Hitler the Chancellor they were probably already looking ahead to some indefinite point in the future when they could oust this rascalion with the funny moustache and replace him with someone who would be far less troublesome. Unfortunately, the royalists were unable to see the Reichstag fire looming in their future.

Reichstag Fire and Operation Canned Meat

On the evening of February 27, 1933, the Reichstag (the Weimar Republic Seat of government) exploded into flames with the generous help of the Nazis. The building was devastated into ash within a matter of hours. Hitler blamed a Communist sympathizer who quickly “confessed” after being subjected to the gallant and cavalier questioning methods of the Nazis. Hitler then used the fire as an excuse to exterminate every political dissident in the country. Next, he persuaded the now panicked members of the Reichstag to pass a series of laws that suspended all Constitutional protections. Soon after, on March 23, 1933, the Reichstag voted itself into non-existence, thus transfer-

ring all political power into the hands of the Fuehrer (Harris Lecture).

The Reichstag fire was a brilliant act of provocation, not unlike the Nazis’ subsequent Operation Canned Meat. Under this operation one hell of an unlucky group of concentration camp inmates were clothed in Polish military uniforms and marched to a town bordering Poland where they met a bloody fate at the hands of their S.S. guards, some of whom (appropriately enough) were then shot by other guards in order to create the illusion that Poland had attacked Germany. German radio announced this brash act

of “Polish barbarism,” soon after which the Nazis, no doubt with brassy Wagnerian strains echoing between their Aryan skulls, Valkried into the “invading” country and wiped out the imaginary perpetrators of an imaginary crime (Emory). Clearly, this is the archetypal example of terrorist provocation/propaganda that seeks to justify imperialistic expansionism.

The reason Hitler was able to successfully pull off an act of psychological warfare like Operation Canned Meat was because the German people had essentially allowed him to burn down the Reichstag. The lies of propaganda tend to support each other in intricate ways that are

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The most puzzling aspect of these operations is how the German people—or any population, for that matter—could allow themselves to be deceived by such obvious acts of psychological warfare. Inadequate is Hitler’s famous dictum that the bigger the lie, the easier it will be believed. It doesn’t matter if this comment is valid or not, for if the people had simply asked themselves the time-honored question memorized by any political scientist, “Cui bono?” (i.e., “Who benefits?”) they surely would have arrived at the core truth hiding behind both the Reichstag fire and Operation Canned Meat. Unfortunately, they never even allowed themselves to ask such a question. A fascist government has total, final power when it can control not the answers, but the *questions*.

According to Reich, it's not enough to say that Hitler had excellent propaganda and, therefore, the essentially Pollyanna-like populace fell for Hitler's illusions like a tourist losing cash to a street corner card shark. After all, there's no such beast as a victim who doesn't play a part in his own victimization. It is easy for someone who was not alive during World War II to sit back, lift his feet up onto his mahogany desk, plant his hands behind his head and say wonderingly, "Gee, I can't figure out how those stupid Germans allowed themselves to be fooled by that monster, Adolf Hitler. What a terrible aberration in human history. Hmm, I wonder what's on CNN tonight."

Eerie Parallels

The propaganda techniques that Hitler used, all of which were masterfully constructed to appeal to the same repressive elements that Reich correctly identified in his study, have changed very little since 1933. The rhetoric, the costumes, the lights, the parades, the sound and the fury, are all standard elements of any political rally found in the world today. The hateful rhetoric has been stripped down to its bare essentials, of course, but not by much.

Examples are abundant. You can simply dip your hands into a pile of headlines and come up with a number of eerie parallels between the Weimar Republic of 1933 and the recent history of the United States. Just the phrase "Homeland Security" alone is enough to dredge up nightmarish, genetic memories of Dachau and Belsen pumping black smoke into an overcast German sky.

Can't happen here? It already has. The U.S. government has used the events of 9/11/01 to illegally round up all manner of immigrants, particularly Arabs, Muslims, and people of South Asian origins. Make no mistake, these people are political prisoners. The prime example of this state-supported racism is the case of Farouk Abdel-Muhti, a Palestinian activist well known in New York for his work in support of immigrant rights and in opposition to the perpetual U.S. military presence on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques. Immigration and Naturalization Services arrested Abdel-Muhti on April 26, 2002. He was held in jail for almost exactly two years, despite the fact that he was *never charged with a crime*. On April 12, 2004, after 718 days "in detention," Abdel-Muhti was finally released only due to the public attention brought to the case by a massive media campaign fueled in part by Pacifica Radio and the website www.freefarouk.org. But what about the thousands of other political prisoners still being held "in detention"

on Guantanamo Bay? Who's bothering to bring attention to their plight?

Amnesty International has called Guantanamo Bay a "legal black hole" in which "fundamental human rights principles" have been routinely "betrayed" since 9/11/01, in which detainees have been imprisoned in undisclosed locations and denied access to lawyers, doctors, and family members for years on end, with no hint of release in sight. (see <http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGPOL300182004>)

Historians who specialize in the last days of the Weimar Republic are very familiar with this form of mass roundup of political prisoners. This is exactly what happened to the Jews and the Poles following the Reichstag fire and Operation Canned Meat.

Readers who have been bothered by the niggling suspicion that recent events in post-9/11 America bear a curious resemblance to the aftermath of the Reichstag

burning might be interested in the revelatory work of Eric Hufschmid. If one sees his 2003 documentary *Painful Deceptions*, one will realize how improbable the mainstream view of 9/11 really is. Hufschmid demonstrates, via the basic tenets of chemistry and architecture, the simple fact that two Boeings could never have brought down The World Trade Center Building; furthermore, that the "plane" that rammed into the side of The Pentagon was no plane at all, but either a missile or a predator drone. (see www.erichufschmid.net)

Much of the available evidence points to the disturbing possibility that the architects of the Patriot Act were the very same people who engineered the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. The subsequent war in Iraq points toward an

obvious motive. Critics will say, "Oh, but the Bush Administration wouldn't kill 3,000 American civilians merely to shore up their oil interests, would they?" That's a question well worth asking. Before you do, however, pause a moment and consider how many civilian Iraqis have been slaughtered during this most current war in Iraq: somewhere between 8,900 and 10,800 (an exact figure doesn't exist). Think about it, what's 3,000 American lives compared to even the lowest figure of 8,900 dead Iraqi civilians? Perhaps the real question is, "How many people *wouldn't* they kill?" (see www.iraqibodycount.net)

More often than not we can't properly gauge what's happening in the present without taking a close look at the past. Let's pause a moment to consider the intriguing case of Dubya's grandfather, Prescott Bush. How many people are aware of the fact that Prescott Bush was convicted in



1942 under the Trading with the Enemy Act for his enthusiastic—and illegal—collaboration with Nazi Germany? According to attorney John Loftus and award-winning investigative journalist Mark Aarons:

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, word leaked from Washington that affiliates of Prescott Bush's company were under investigation for aiding the Nazis in time of war [. . .]. Once the government

First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This type of jingoistic distraction is very similar to Dubya's recent proposal to create an amendment rendering homosexual marriages unconstitutional, thus reinforcing Reich's theories concerning the repression of heterodox sexual activities within fascist regimes.

Study closely what's happening in California these days. In the early 1990s, Governor Pete Wilson's

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had its hands on Bush's books, the whole story of the intricate web of Nazi front corporations began to unravel [. . .]. The U.S. government found that huge sections of Prescott Bush's empire had been operated on behalf of Nazi Germany and had greatly assisted the German war effort (Loftus and Aarons 360-61).

It is clear now that the architects of the Patriot Act have used the events of 9/11 as an excuse to repeal America's most basic civil rights. In April of 2003 Hollywood producer Ed Gernon was fired by CBS because he dared to compare the climate of paranoia in the final days of the Weimar Republic—a climate that helped propel Hitler to power—with the paranoia running rampant in George W. Bush's post-9/11 America. Appropriately enough, Gernon had just completed a drama for CBS about Hitler's rise to power when he made this statement (*L.A. Times* 4-14-03).

This current lockdown has been brewing for a long time; indeed, for exactly as long as the Bush family has been a major player in American politics. In 1988 Presidential candidate George Herbert Walker Bush used almost identical language to that of Hitler when he successfully stirred up a cacophony of nationalism around the flag-burning debate. Like Hitler, the first President Bush believed that flag burning should be a federal crime, punishable by serious jail time. He believed this so fervently that he proposed a constitutional amendment to render flag burning illegal, thus contradicting the

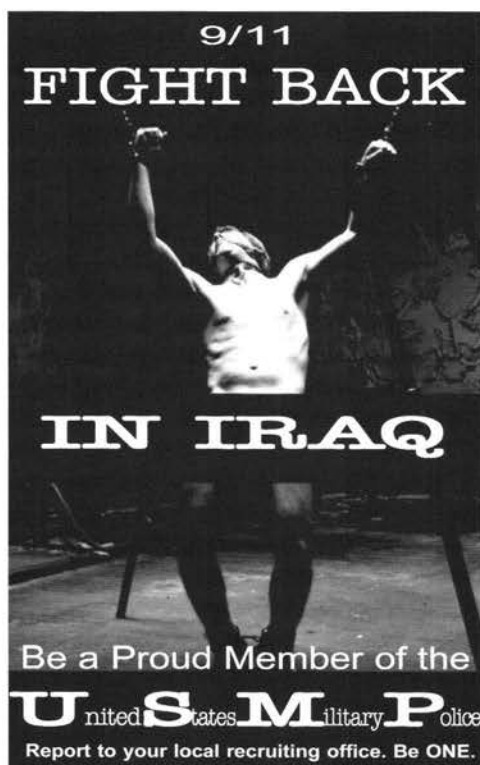
scapegoating of illegal immigrants under Prop. 187, an initiative to deny schooling and health care to the children of the undocumented in California, was a mirror reflection of Hitler's tirades against gypsies and Jews. Wilson is now one of the main “advisors” to the current Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, taking on the same kind of “behind the scenes” policy-making role that Dick

Cheney has assumed within the Bush administration. The racist initiatives Wilson failed to push through into law during his time as Governor, Schwarzenegger is now successfully enacting.

It should be noted that Gustav Schwarzenegger, the Governor's father, was a member of the Sturmabteilungen, also known as the “Nazi storm troopers” or “brownshirts.” The Governor's father was definitely not a reluctant Nazi. As the *L.A. Times* recently reported, “one had to apply to join the SA,” it was not compulsory (*L.A. Times* 8-14-03). Like Dubya himself, Schwarzenegger is not far removed from the very same Nazi regime with which Dubya's grandfather was convicted of collaborating. Schwarzenegger, of course, was a strong supporter of both Bush Presidential campaigns

Arnold Schwarzenegger's and Pete Wilson's targeting of welfare

programs incorporates Hitler's concept of “useless eaters” into their exclusionary agenda. But it's important to remember that such movements are not new to America. After all, Hitler derived his T-4 program—which led directly to the Final Solution—from America's own sterilization and euthanasia laws advocated by infinitely



wise and oh-so-learned social scientists who were the darlings of the American intellectual establishment at that time (Kuhl). Compounded with that sad fact is the U.S. military's infamous research into the development of chemical-biological weaponry targeted toward specific ethnic groups (Larson 3-11).

With racist programs like these inextricably woven into the social fabric of the United States, it doesn't take a Nazi rocket scientist to deduce the true roots of the hate crimes against Blacks, Jews and homosexuals that have risen dramatically in L.A. county over the past few years (*L.A. Times* 8-24-01). Nor does it take a tenured psychologist to diagnose the pathological masochism that led the people of California to elect the imported progeny of an Austrian Nazi to "govern" them with a gentle but iron-firm fist, to take each of them by their trembling hand and lead them out of a spiraling recession by eliminating almost all funding for education and social programs intended to help that vast section of the populace known as the "working poor."

Finally, is it any surprise that the same country which recruited hundreds of Nazis into its Office of Strategic Services after World War II for purposes of supplying the Pentagon with intelligence on the Soviet Union (Simpson *Blowback*) should also become increasingly obsessed with militarizing every aspect of its civilian life, whether it be "The War On Drugs" or "The War On Cancer" or "The War On Domestic Violence" or "The War On Guns" or "The War On Terrorism?" As Peter Drucker has pointed out in *The End of Economic Man*, the rise of fascism in Germany was preceded by a similar social trend. Sadly, we could go on with such examples all day. Why don't we just stop now and forget all this? Let's bury our heads in the oil-soaked sands of Iraq instead . . . Ah, that's much more comfortable.

Any historical analysis of the mass psychology of Nazi Germany must obviously be viewed in terms of the mass psychology and propaganda of the society in which the historian finds herself. If not, she will become blind to the true significance of the information gathered before her. Or as William Faulkner once wrote, "The past is never dead and buried. In fact, it's never even past." **P**

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Why You Shouldn't Vote for Bush

Reason 21: He's a Psychopathic Killer



50 Reasons Not to Vote for Bush

by Robert Sterling

MARK CRISPIN MILLER, the *DYSLEXICON* author who studied Bush's speech pathologies in detail, concluded that "Bush is a sociopathic personality... incapable of empathy. He has an inordinate sense of his own entitlement, and he's a very skilled manipulator." Miller would add, "He has no trouble speaking off the cuff when he's speaking punitively, when he's talking about violence, when he's talking about revenge... It's only when he leaps into the wild blue yonder of compassion, or idealism, or altruism, that he makes these hilarious mistakes." In other words, Bush's inarticulateness arises from darker inadequacies than did Dan Quayle misspelling "potato."

Case in point: in Sept. 2002, Bush was handed a script with the following: "Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me." What he actually mouthed was this: "Fool me once, shame ... shame on ... you. [Long, uncomfortable pause.] Fool me—can't get fooled again!" The gaffe got a few laughs, but Miller observes, "What's revealing about this is that Bush could not say, 'Shame on me' to save his life. That's a completely alien idea to him."

Is Miller reading too much into this? Take a look at the twisted smirk on Bush's face when he talks about warfare in Afghanistan and Iraq. Also revealing: while preparing to declare the start of war against Iraq, he pumped his fist and said, "Feels good." Or look at Donald "Redrum" Rumsfeld, his Secretary of Defense (who seems to be a caricature out of *Dr. Strangelove*). Rummy used the word "Kill" nine times during a 3 minute press conference, with disturbing glee. Consider the cruel treatment of Afghan POWs held at Guantanamo, Cuba in Camp X-Ray, who

have been filmed dressed up in kinky gear more suited to an S&M fantasy out of Robert Mapplethorpe than to a military camp.

The first signs of something wrong in little Georgie came when he was a child. In a May 21, 2000 *New York Times* puff piece, Nicholas D. Kristof quoted Bush's childhood friend Terry Throckmorton: "We were terrible to animals," recalled Mr. Throckmorton, laughing. A dip behind the Bush home turned into a small lake after a good rain, and thousands of frogs would come out. "Everybody would get BB guns and shoot them," Mr. Throckmorton said. "Or we'd put firecrackers in the frogs and throw them and blow them up."

Cut to his years as governor of Texas, when he signed the death warrants of 154 prisoners in six years. In the entire history of the USA, no governor of any state has authorized more executions than Bush. Among the dead were Karla Faye Tucker, who became a born-again Christian on death row. He refused to commute her

sentence, despite an appeal from Pat Robertson that would've made it politically viable. He would later mock her plea for life in a *Talk Magazine* interview: "Please, don't kill me," he whimpered, his lips pursed in parody. The interviewer, Tucker Carlson (the *Crossfire* conservative and usually a political ally of Dubya) was so shocked by the warped gag that Bush stopped in mid-smirk (Carlson's description of his facial expres-

sion) and took on a more serious veneer, suddenly realizing he was behaving inappropriately.

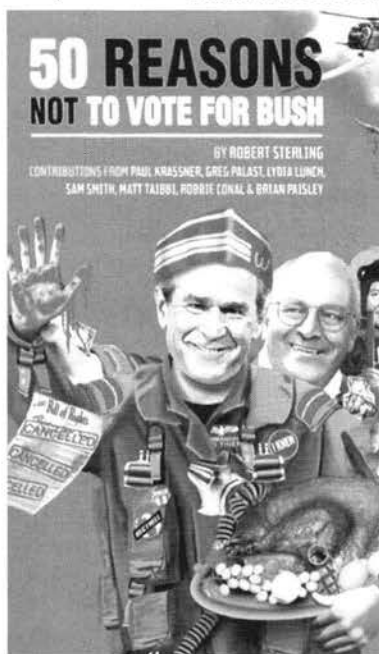
Also among the snuffed: Gary Graham and David Wayne Spence, two men whose guilt is in serious doubt, and Betty Lou Beets, a 60-year-old grandmother convicted of killing her chronically abusive husband. Bush did issue a solitary stay of execution

to Ricky Nolen McGinn in June 2000, when questions about the accuracy of death penalty justice suddenly became a political issue for Mr. Compassionate Conservative. (Indeed, the *USA Today* article on the stay had this title: "Execution Stay Helps Compassionate Image.") McGinn was later lethally injected, on September 27, with little media attention.

Oddly, the only person whose death sentence he did commute was Henry Lee Lucas, one of the most notorious serial murderers-rapists-pedophiles-cannibals in U.S. history. (The movie *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer* was loosely based on his exploits.) Shrub's supposed reason: "Henry Lee Lucas is unquestionably guilty of other despicable crimes [for] which he has been sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison. However, I believe there is enough doubt about this particular crime that the state of Texas should not impose its ultimate penalty by executing him." Though there were questions about the murder Lucas was set to be executed over (indeed, Lucas had originally confessed to over 600 murders, which seems highly unlikely), there are multiple murders he almost certainly did commit, as he claimed, in service of a well-financed Satanic cult. Further, as the Graham, Spence, and Beets cases show, Bush chose to ignore serious doubts about others. Why the sudden, compassionate conservatism about Lucas?

Whatever the reason, Dubya has shown little concern for the other deaths he has caused or facilitated, whether of U.S. soldiers, Afghani and Iraqi people, or death-row inmates. And considering how his plans for the Middle East have backfired, he will likely become increasingly desperate. Desperate people with little compulsion over killing are a very dangerous lot. In *The Dead Zone*, Stephen King describes a future president who begins nuclear Armageddon because of his unbalanced, sociopathic nature. Of course, that was just a novel, and a far-fetched tale—in the prologue, the future president kicks a dog to death. **P**

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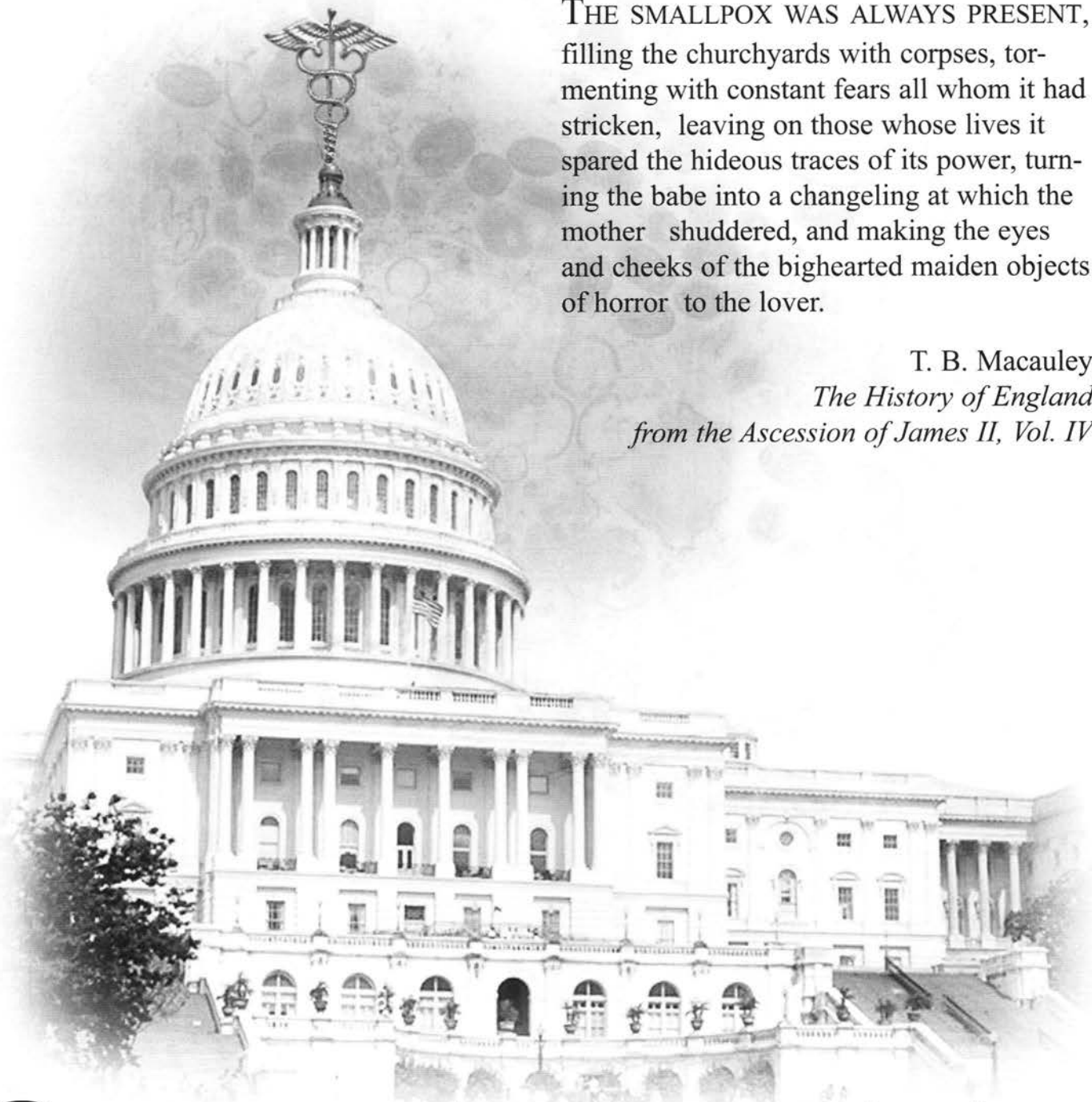
Drugging America to Death

Fast Tracking the Smallpox Plague

by Lynne Born

THE SMALLPOX WAS ALWAYS PRESENT, filling the churchyards with corpses, tormenting with constant fears all whom it had stricken, leaving on those whose lives it spared the hideous traces of its power, turning the babe into a changeling at which the mother shuddered, and making the eyes and cheeks of the bighearted maiden objects of horror to the lover.

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The Bush administration's policies in the "war on terror" are substantially enriching the pharmaceutical corporations while subjecting the public to dangerously explosive consequences. The pharmaceutical industry spent over \$262 million to bring Bush to power during the 2000 election, investing more than any other industry to solidify their power in both Congress and the White House.¹

Pharmaceutical companies have recouped their investment many times over as Bush has signed into law the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 and the BioShield Project², providing over \$7 billion to develop and warehouse millions of doses of new vaccines and drugs as "countermeasures" to biological weapons such as ebola, plague, anthrax, and smallpox.

These new drugs and vaccines are exempt from the regular approval process and can be fast tracked to market *with no human testing at all*,³ an unprecedented step for an industry already responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths per year. The fact that the current system that produces "standard" pharmaceutical drugs is the third leading cause of death in the United States has been completely overlooked in the rush to bring the pharmaceutical industry into the biowarfare business.⁴

While the drug companies would like us to believe that these deaths are the unfortunate side effect of a careful and caring industry, they are actually the direct result of the ways in which pharmaceutical companies manipulate drug trials and skew research data to produce the positive efficacy and safety results they need to bring new products to market. Building a new class of drugs and vaccines on the foundation of the current flawed and corrupt system, combined with the fact that the pharmaceutical companies will be working with ever-more infectious and lethal biowarfare agents, has the potential to "fast track" the creation of catastrophic epidemics of the very diseases they are attempting to prevent.

The Homeland Security Act

While the bioterrorism laws provide a new and guaranteed income stream to the pharmaceutical companies, Bush's Homeland Security Act of 2002 completes the giveaway by making any bioterror countermeasures mandatory for the entire population of the United States at the sole discretion of the president or the secretary of health and human services.⁵ In combination with state laws titled "Model State Health Emergency Powers Act" (MEHPA),

the government is authorized to quarantine, isolate, imprison, or fine anyone who refuses to take these untested drugs and vaccines.⁶

Detailed plans have already been drawn up by the Pentagon and Department of Defense to use the military to enforce these compulsory injections and medical treatments.⁷ State public health departments have used portions of their bioterrorism budget to identify large sites such as stadiums, malls, and cinemas to hold mass vaccinations.⁸

Despite the creation of a massive new market, paid for with guaranteed government subsidies and exempt from the usual approval process, the pharmaceutical companies pushed for and received even more special treatment. The Homeland Security Act provides full liability protection for the vaccine manufacturers in the first pilot program to be sponsored by Bush under the legislation: the smallpox vaccination program. This liability protection was clearly needed, as the vaccine has caused a vastly higher rate of death and injury than was officially anticipated. With such blanket liability protection, what incentives remain for the pharmaceuticals to develop biowarfare drugs and vaccines that are safe for human use?

Dangers of "Standard" Pharmaceutical Drugs

Pharmaceutical drugs already kill well over 100,000 people every year from *correctly prescribed drugs in the hospital alone*.⁹ This does not include deaths occurring outside the hospital or from incorrectly prescribed medications, or the millions of disabilities caused each year. To

Annual Causes of Death in the US

Estimated U. S. Deaths in 2000 attributed to:

Tobacco (Average 1990 - 94):	430,700
Alcohol (1996):	110,640
Adverse Reactions to Prescription Drugs (1982 / 1998):	106,000
Suicide (1998):	30,575
Homicide (1998):	18,272
All licit and illicit drug-induced deaths (1998):	16,926
Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (1992):	7,600
Smallpox	ZERO

Figures taken from: www.reconsider.org/issues/public_health/estimated_deaths_.htm

further put this in perspective, the death rate from illegal drugs is 20,000 per year; the initial death rate from the Union Carbide chemical disaster in Bhopal, India, was 20,000; and 64,000 Americans died in the Vietnam War.

Contrary to what most people believe, drug companies (not the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or independent researchers) finance and control virtually the entire process of testing and bringing new drugs to market. Pharmaceutical companies finance the vast majority of all drug trials, design and structure the studies, select and pay researchers, choose the patients, analyze the test results, closely oversee the writing and publication of the final

studies, and release the drugs through their massive sales network to the medical profession. No independent source confirms or oversees the research, analysis, or final conclusions.¹⁰

The subjects of drug trials are generally young, healthy men, even though the target market for the drug may be women, children, or the elderly. Many of the paid subjects are "regulars" who supplement their income by hiding their participation in multiple drug trials when not enough time has passed for the previous drugs to fully leave their systems. The fraud begins at the onset of the drug trial, as drug companies will frequently drop large numbers of subjects who show what the industry classifies as a "sensitivity" or "bad reaction" to the drug. In other words, test subjects who experience exactly the kind of toxic reaction the trial is supposed to be tracking are dropped from the results simply because it occurs early in the trial.

Drugs are frequently tested on much smaller numbers of people and for shorter periods than is generally thought. Psychiatric drug trials typically last only four to six weeks, and no psychiatric drug has ever been shown (i.e., tested) to be safe for long-term use. In many drug trials, only one or two dozen subjects actually finish the trial. Doctors who regularly prescribed Prozac believed that the drug had been tested on more than 10,000 patients before they prescribed it to their patients, a figure they had read in Eli Lilly marketing material. In fact, Dr. Peter Breggin went to great lengths to count the actual number of patients who had completed the trials and found the total number to be 286, a far cry from the thousands that the public had been led to believe.¹¹

While most people believe that a drug that gains FDA approval has gone through many successful drug trials that have proven it to be substantially more effective than the placebo, in fact, the entire drug trial system works on a simple "pass/fail" basis. When the company submits the trial results to the FDA and the FDA finds the drug insufficient or even harmful and rejects it, the company can simply drop and manipulate portions of data from *the very same trial*, submitting different permutations of the numbers over and over again until the FDA finally accepts the drug. It takes only two successful trials, even with small numbers of patients (including trials that had been previously rejected by the FDA but later passed with reworked numbers), for the FDA to approve a drug. Further, the drug does not have to show a substantial benefit over the placebo, only that it is "marginally" better than the placebo.¹²

Drug companies also systematically obscure adverse drug reactions and even deaths that occur during the trials by simply deleting or mislabeling them in the data submitted to the FDA. Suicides that occurred during the testing of Prozac were systematically mislabeled as "no drug effect" or "depression," so that when the FDA examined the drug data, patient suicides could not be

found and counted.¹³ Suicide was one of the first major problems encountered when Prozac was released on the market, leading to multiple deaths and lawsuits. Most of the very symptoms fueling the current debate about the dangers of anti-depressant drugs were known and documented by the drug companies during the trials, but the drugs were released anyway.

Fraudulently Manipulating Research Results

Until 1991, 80 percent of drug testing was done by medical university research departments, giving the pharmaceutical companies "brand names" such as Harvard or Stanford Medical School to associate with their research data. Since the 1990s, however, the pharmaceutical companies are cutting costs by using commercial for-profit centers to perform the majority of all drug testing.

It is well documented that if for-profit centers do not produce positive results for pharmaceutical companies, the companies take their lucrative contracts to another of the hundreds of

competing centers. An analysis of 70 studies of specific cardiac drugs showed that 96 percent of authors with ties to the pharmaceutical company produced favorable results, while only 37 percent of independently funded studies of *the same drugs* showed favorable results.¹⁴

Additionally, many of these centers have been found to have financial stakes in the outcome of their own trials, standing to benefit financially from a drug's approval and subsequent marketing. Many centers have been sued for deaths and injuries that occurred during fraudulently structured drug trials, which produced poor-quality data and used inadequately trained investigators. The subjects were not informed of the drugs' known dangers or of the financial conflicts of interest.¹⁵



Drug companies retain the right to stop the publication of any study that does not show favorable results, including studies that show dangerous or deadly reactions. Should a company-funded study show negative results, drug companies have been known to delay the publication of the negative study, quickly fund a new study that produces a favorable response, and then publish only the positive results.¹⁶ Dr. James O. Kahn conducted a study that concluded an AIDS vaccine didn't work and had a multimillion dollar lawsuit initiated against him by the corporate funder of the study after it tried unsuccessfully to block publication of the data.¹⁷ Since both negative drug data studies and information on the frequency of these heavy-handed tactics are suppressed, we have no way of knowing how many drug studies with negative results have been censored by the very pharmaceutical companies that sponsored them in the first place, even if the drug's release ends up causing multiple injuries and deaths.

Adverse Reaction Reporting System Designed To Fail

Most people don't know that the release of a new drug is actually the final phase of the drug trial—Phase IV. After the drug has been approved by the FDA, thousands and even millions of patients taking the newly released drug are unknowingly participating in the largest, most poorly controlled medical experiment in the world.

The fraudulent and deceptive practices of the pharmaceutical companies continue during Phase IV, when adverse reactions of injury and death are supposed to be tracked and reported to determine if the drug should be pulled from the market. However, not only is the adverse reporting system entirely *voluntary*, but *90 to 99 percent of all adverse reactions are never reported*, according to the head of the FDA for most of the 1990s, David Kessler.¹⁸ Imagine the true death rate if this fact were taken into account. Forty percent of all doctors don't know that an adverse reporting system even exists. When a group of doctors was studied to determine how many adverse reactions they reported, it was found that only 6 percent of all reactions were reported, and these doctors *knew* that their rate of reporting adverse reactions

was being monitored. Further, no program or oversight of any kind exists to ensure that reports made directly to the pharmaceutical companies are then reported to the FDA. The process is run entirely by the "honor system."

On the rare occasions when adverse reactions are reported, as much as 50 percent of the basic information, such as age or sex, is simply left blank. Additionally, the reporting system is divided into thousands of highly

delineated classifications, such as "insomnia," "restlessness," "hyperactivity." In fact, 160 different terms exist for central nervous system symptoms alone. While it may be good science to have a record of all the various gradations of side effects, this system artificially lowers the percentage of side effect occurrences so the FDA or drug company can say that "less than 1 percent" suffer from any given symptom, making the probability of side effects seem very small.

A more accurate use of the classifications would be to tally related symptoms in a family of side effects, for example, adding together "insomnia, restlessness, and hyperactivity" for a total percentage of nervous system side effects that would result in higher but more accurate numbers. Eli Lilly classified sexual side effects for Prozac as "decreased libido 1.6%, ejaculatory problems 1.9%, impotence 1.7%," etc., but if you add the numbers of sexual side effects together, the total is closer to 18 percent, a vastly higher number. However, even those numbers are inaccurate, as subsequent studies of Prozac have shown the real percentage of sexual side effects is between 50 and 70 percent of all users.¹⁹

Although the number of dangerous effects and deaths are vastly underreported by the drug companies, *people* notice the problems and stop

taking their medications. Fifty to seventy-five percent of patients quit taking their blood-pressure and cholesterol-lowering medications within one to two years, but the FDA and drug companies keep no record of the vast numbers of patients who drop their medications due to adverse effects.

Marketing Department Controls Drug Recalls

These problems are built into the system itself, as the pharmaceutical companies have used their considerable financial muscle to defang the FDA through their powerful congressional lobby, reducing its role to a minimum.

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Because it works on an "honor system," the FDA simply assumes that the drug companies are giving it accurate information. The FDA reviews only a small sample of data, asks a few questions, rarely checks the original data from the trials, accepts the drug label as written verbatim by drug company executives, rarely issues warnings of dangerous effects, and has to be bullied and pushed by consumer groups into pulling a drug off the market, even after multiple deaths have already occurred.

The obvious conclusion is that because drugs involve the health and welfare of the public, reporting and tracking adverse drug reactions should be mandatory and all data from the drug trials open to public scrutiny. Currently, only the laborious process of a Freedom of Information Act request will open the drug trial data to the public. Even then, much of the information on adverse reactions or deaths is blacked out by the drug companies as "proprietary trade secrets."

In a profound conflict of interest, as the marketing department attempts to bring sales of a new drug to "block-buster" status for potential billions of dollars per year, this same marketing department is responsible for tracking and reporting any evidence of harm or death that would take their multimillion-dollar investment off the market. Clearly, this is a system designed to fail with no incentive for change, since the end result has been to produce massive profits for the pharmaceuticals, even at the expense of our very lives.

Forced Vaccination and Drugging

The existing dangers of standard pharmaceutical medicines can only exponentially increase with the lack of human testing and fast track to approval of the newly created class of bioterror drugs and vaccines. Bush's Homeland Security Act allows any untested drug and vaccine to be forced on the public, making refusal a crime. Along with the MEHPA laws²⁰ and already existing public health laws, the government is then authorized to enforce the quarantine of individuals and entire cities, confiscate property from anyone who resists, and take control of roads into and out of your city and state, in case anyone might try to leave town to avoid being medicated or vaccinated. The government can also confiscate all communication devices such as telephones or computers, and can seize your house, car, food, clothing, and firearms.

The military is authorized to enforce the law, presumably holding down anyone who resists vaccination and escorting resisters or those too ill to take the shots to jail or the quarantine area for isolation, with the length of time to be determined by the state. An "actual" event of bioterrorism isn't even necessary; a "potential" emergency will suffice, and the power to declare this emergency resides entirely with the secretary of health and human services and the president.

Bush's Smallpox Debacle

The first program deployed through the draconian Homeland Security Act was Bush's smallpox vaccination program. While not mandatory for civilians, vaccination was mandatory for military personnel under threat of court martial, dishonorable discharge, or jail. With great fanfare, Bush announced that 500,000 healthcare workers would be vaccinated beginning in January 2003, to be followed shortly by 10 million emergency personnel. Right from the start, hundreds of hospitals and health care unions across the nation refused to participate, citing concerns about adverse effects and compensation problems. By summer 2003, the program had ground to a halt. Numerous states had suspended it due to the high number of deaths and injuries and a lack of volunteers willing to subject themselves to the very real danger of the vaccine with no credible threat of an actual smallpox attack.

While the public was repeatedly told that the expected death rate from the vaccine would be one to two per million, in fact, there have been three deaths among the approximately 36,000 civilians vaccinated (including the few hundred embedded reporters). This makes the actual death rate *80 times higher* than what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) told the public to expect. Serious adverse reactions such as brain swelling, heart inflammation, heart attacks, uncontrolled

ulceration of the skin, and more, are one in 583, seven times higher than the CDC's original guesstimate of one in four thousand. It is virtually certain that even these numbers are vastly underreported since, once again, the adverse reporting system for the program was not mandatory, mirroring the same shoddy and incomplete tracking system that benefits the pharmaceutical industry.

Before the program began, many healthcare professionals expressed grave misgivings about reintroducing the live virus in the smallpox vaccine into the population and accurately predicted the higher rates of death and injury.

The Homeland Security Act provides full liability protection for the vaccine manufacturers in the first pilot program sponsored under the legislation: the smallpox vaccination program.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has called the smallpox vaccine the most dangerous of all vaccines ever produced, because it contains a live virus of unknown origin. In fact, while the virus in the vaccine is supposed to be cowpox, even the CDC admits that it is not. Several independent labs have analyzed the vaccine and cannot identify the virus, a terrifying fact that is actually verified by the CDC while simultaneously ignored by mainstream medicine.²¹

Historically, the smallpox vaccine was responsible for so many side effects and deaths during its use that a medical diagnosis "Vaccination Disease" was actually created during the 1800s. Vaccination Disease was diagnosed when the vaccinated patient exhibited exactly the same kinds of skin, heart, and lung problems that we see today in Bush's vaccination program. These historical facts are readily uncovered from 200 years of medical literature and were cited by the many voices expressing concern about reintroducing the smallpox vaccine into the public body before the program began.

Bush and the CDC continue to deny the extent of deaths and injuries even at the expense of people's lives, and the media began to minimize and censor the actual

of dollars in eight to ten additional treatments for smallpox itself, money that increases pharmaceutical profits at the expense of the real and urgent healthcare needs the public faces.

Bad Drugs On Steroids

The deadly manipulation and fraud so prevalent in the current pharmaceutical system could lead to explosive consequences when fewer safeguards, less testing, and the intentionally fraudulent adverse tracking system are

combined with the terrible power of deadly pathogens such as ebola, plague, and anthrax. One of the many hazardous provisions of the BioShield Project calls for a massive expansion of America's biological and chemical warfare production by building a network of several



Man with smallpox. Public Health Images Library (PHIL) id# 131. Source: CDC/Barbra Rice

dozen new bioweapons laboratories all over the United States. This would turn pharmaceutical companies into bioweapons factories, but without the government oversight and safety regulations normally accorded these

The government is now authorized to quarantine, isolate, imprison, or fine anyone who refuses to take these untested drugs. Detailed plans have already been drawn-up by the Pentagon ... to enforce these compulsory injections.

death and injury rates only weeks after they occurred. As the deaths followed one after another in March and April 2003, headlines read "First death: Nurse dies after smallpox vaccination"; "Second worker dies of heart attack after smallpox vaccination"; and "Coroner rules [smallpox] vaccinations contributed to reservist's death." Yet, by June 2003, mainstream media articles were not only ignoring the earlier deaths, they continued to use the old, inaccurate figure of one or two deaths per million rather than the newly updated, more truthful numbers.

Even if the program were to end, it is clear that the pharmaceutical industry and the White House have invested considerable political capital in the future of smallpox vaccinations. The first countermeasure the BioShield Project calls for is the development of millions more doses of yet another smallpox vaccine. Mysteriously, the National Institutes of Health is also investing millions

dangerous pathogens. Because the pharmaceuticals will have to create and store these infectious agents, the drug companies in partnership with the U.S. government are endangering the public, and a groundswell of resistance from the cities where the new labs are to be built has already begun.²²

It is an unfortunate fact that the pharmaceutical companies cannot protect us from chemical and biological warfare attacks. Any number of agents could be used, from small releases of readily available chemicals to complex, genetically engineered viruses against which no vaccine could ever be created and mass produced in time, even if the vaccines worked. The only effective way to reduce or end the threat of biological and chemical attacks against the United States is to develop right relations with other nations around the world by stopping America's ceaseless march toward imperialist domination.

The next phase of the pharmaceutical "war on terror" will take place in the media and the minds of the public, where more and more "emerging diseases" will be sensationalized in an atmosphere of hysteria and fear, justifying the giveaway of billions of dollars to the drug companies. From using the smallpox vaccine for the monkey pox outbreak (when the vaccine has never been proven to stop monkey pox infection), to the quarantine of individuals who had only a cough and a mild fever out of fear of SARS, every new cough can be classified as a deadly disease. Every new fever will create fear of an unknown illness and will move the public one step closer to acceptance of vaccinations or drugs never before tested on humans.

For Bush to purchase millions of doses of a 30-year-old, untested, ineffective, and deadly smallpox vaccine, without even a threat of a smallpox attack, jeopardizing the lives of uninformed citizens, is a criminal act of biowarfare directed against the American public. Unfortunately, the next round of "protection" from biowarfare agents may not be voluntary, and the newly created pharmaceutical war machine will needlessly drug the American public to death for corporate profits. **P**

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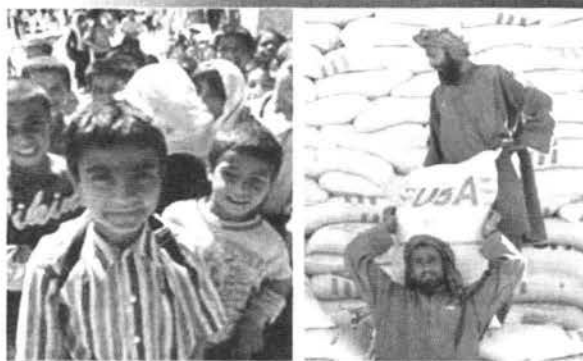
by Chaim Kupferberg

THIS ARTICLE OUTLINES a media campaign that took place in the years leading up to 9/11 that presented al-Qaida as a plausibly sophisticated nemesis with the motive, means, and opportunity to destroy the World Trade Center. In the immediate aftermath of its destruction, the finger of guilt was directed toward the only plausible author for such a sophisticated and ruthless act of terror: Osama bin Laden.

Throughout the late 1990s, we were informed that bin Laden had declared war on America by reason of the American military presence on Saudi soil in the wake of the Persian Gulf War. We were told how bin Laden, ensconced in Afghanistan, headed up a world-wide terror franchise, the sophistication and global reach of which dwarfed that of the Iranian-financed Hizballah or Islamic Jihad (previously, the most widely known of the terror organizations among the masses in the Middle East). Bin Laden's organization, al-Qaida, was presented to us as something entirely new in the annals of terrorism—a far-flung, sophisticated empire of terror, possessing—possibly—weapons of mass destruction, while having no clear or viable state sponsor behind it (as the Afghani Taliban were merely its resident protectors). In short, by September 11, the United States now had a bona fide enemy and, as they say in criminal justice parlance, a suspect with motive, means, and opportunity.

While I was a bit taken at how quickly and confidently the fingers were pointing only hours after the 9/11 bombings, I was positively shaken by the first red flag that popped up. His name was John O'Neill, or more precisely, he is the seam that shows. Dated September 12, a *Washington Post* article by Vernon Loeb revealed that O'Neill, who died in his capacity as head of security for the World Trade Center, was formerly the New York FBI Counterterror chief responsible for the investigation into Osama bin Laden.

This could perhaps have been written off as one of those



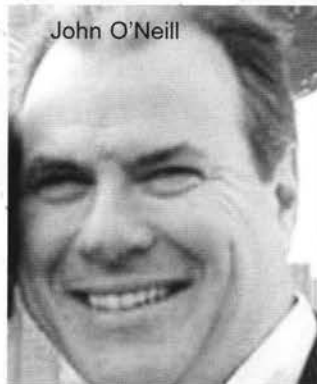
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freak synchronicities, but there were the other items, reported quite blandly, in that "there's nothing to see here, folks" tone, that gave me that sinking feeling. Apparently, O'Neill had had a falling-out with the Ambassador to Yemen over his investigative style and was banned from returning there. Then there was that other nugget I had trouble digesting, that O'Neill had resigned from a thirty-year career in the FBI "under a cloud" over an incident in Tampa, and had left to take up the security position at the WTC only two weeks before.

The seam that shows...

For the bulk of his career, like most of his FBI colleagues, **John O'Neill** was largely unknown to the public, respected in his circle, to be sure, yet scarcely meriting much mention in the media, beyond being referenced now and then as an expert on counter-terrorism. Yet in the few months leading up to September 11, O'Neill was suddenly the subject of a series of seemingly unrelated controversies. The first, in July, 2001, involved his dispute with the State Department over the conduct of the bin Laden investigation in Yemen. The second came in August, when he was reported to be under an FBI probe for misplacing a briefcase of classified documents during an FBI convention in Tampa.



John O'Neill

The documents were found "untouched" a few hours later—one wonders why this seemingly minor news would merit such lengthy coverage in the *Washington Post* and *New York Times*. Keeping in mind the fact that these latter articles on O'Neill appeared a mere three weeks before he was to die in the rubble of the Twin Towers, one wonders if this wasn't a well-orchestrated smear campaign against O'Neill, with a bit of unintended "blowback," as this now-discredited counterterror chief in charge of all bin Laden bombings would finally make the news as a casualty of bin Laden's final bombing. Coincidence?

My gut told me that, in the months preceding September 11, somebody was out to either discredit John O'Neill or, alternatively, to plant disinformation that could later be used to divert any investigator from a fruitful reconstruction of the forces behind 9/11. Or, quite possibly, could we spot the telltale fingerprints of a propaganda campaign preceding 9/11?

As they say, a hypothesis is only as good as its usefulness in ferreting out reality. My hypothesis: the events of September 11 were planned by those who not only had the motive, means, and opportunity to carry out the plan, but also were best placed to manage the consequences stemming from it, as well as the flow of information. If this were an "inside job," the first thing would be to look at who conveyed specific information on bin Laden before 9/11, for they were most likely involved, wittingly or not, with those who masterminded it.

The first "smoking gun" was presented the day after 9/11, when Vernon Loeb and Dan Eggen reported in the *Post* that **Abdel Bari Atwan**, editor of the *Al-Quds al Arabi* newspaper in London, "received information that he [bin Laden] planned very, very big attacks against American interests" only three weeks before 9/11. Moreover, the article reported that Atwan "was

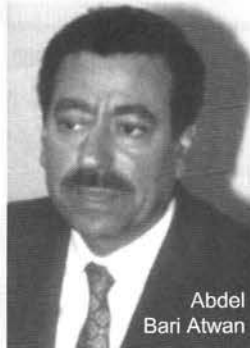
convinced that Islamic fundamentalists aligned with bin Laden were 'almost certainly' behind the attacks." Atwan had personally interviewed bin Laden in Afghanistan in 1996. As reported by Michael Evans in the August 24, 1998 issue of *The Times*, Atwan "is trusted by bin Laden."

Atwan seemed to be one of the major "point men" used in elaborating the Osama bin Laden "legend," as they say in intelligence parlance. In a *U.S. News* article dated August 31, 1998, Atwan informs us that bin Laden "is a humble man who lives simply, eating fried eggs, tasteless low-fat cheese, and bread gritty with sand. He hates America." No flash in the pan, this interviewer. Apparently, bin Laden kept Atwan's business card tucked away in his toga pocket. "Bin Laden phoned this newspaper, phoned me last Friday," Atwan revealed in an ABC News LateLine Transcript dated August 25, 1998.

While solidly implicating bin Laden the day after 9/11, Atwan was also the media's "go-to" guy back in 1998 when he informed us, after President Clinton bombed tool sheds in Afghanistan, that bin Laden issued this threat against the United States: "The battle has not started yet. The response will be with action and not words." In the same article (which I took from *Nando Times*), ABC News is the source for an additional threat called in by Ayman al-Zawahiri, a senior bin Laden aide: "The war has just started. The Americans should wait for the answer." Only a few months before that, ABC had conducted its televised interview of bin Laden. By the summer of 1998, primed by Atwan, ABC News, and a surprisingly small clique of well-worn sources, we had come to know bin Laden as America's latest "Saddam," "Qaddafi," "Noriega," take your pick and set your bomb sites.



By October 2000, when the **U.S.S. Cole** was bombed in Yemen, in case there was any doubt, Atwan offered Reuters his helpful analysis with regard to the source of blame: "I do not rule out that this was undertaken by Osama bin Laden. Yemeni groups don't have the experience to carry out this kind of operation." Atwan informed Reuters that bin Laden "was unlikely to claim direct responsibility for Thursday's attack for fear of U.S. reprisals." One can imagine, then, that Atwan gave his trusting phone mate cause for many a sleepless night. With friends like these ...



Abdel Bari Atwan

Leading up to 9/11, by the Spring of 2001, an incriminating wedding videotape, apparently implicating bin Laden in the Yemen bombing, was circulating around the Middle East after being broadcast on the ubiquitous al-Jazeera television station. In the video, bin Laden, according to the Saudi-owned *al-Hayat*

newspaper, recited a poem celebrating the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole. ABCNews.com on March 1 reported: "*Al-Hayat*, which carried a photo of bin Laden and his son at the wedding, said its correspondent was the only journalist at the ceremony, also attended by bin Laden's mother, two brothers and sister who flew to Kandahar from Saudi Arabia."

Atwan offers his thoughtful review of the bin Laden video, courtesy of PTI, datelined London June 22, 2001: "[Atwan] said the video was proof that the fugitive Saudi millionaire [the Bruce Wayne of terrorists] was fit, well equipped and confident enough to send out a call to arms." Why this sudden need for proof? According to Atwan in the same article: "There have been rumours that [bin Laden] is ill and that he is being contained by the Taliban in Afghanistan. It is quite clear from the film that he is in good health to the point where he can fire a rifle, and is free to operate as he chooses." In other words, limber enough for his starring role in the months ahead.

The bin Laden Legend

So who is Abdel Bari Atwan and why is he anxious to tell us so much? According to the Winter 1999 issue of INEAS (Institute of Near Eastern and African Studies), Abdel Bari Atwan, a Palestinian, was born in a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip in 1950. Educated at the American University of Cairo, Atwan moved to Saudi Arabia and worked as a writer for the *al-Madina* newspaper. In 1978, he moved to London, where he became a correspondent for the Saudi-owned *Asharq Al-Awsat* newspaper. In 1988, after shuffling around between Saudi-owned papers, Atwan was offered a position as editor of *al-Quds al-Arabi*. By his account, he was offered a position as the executive editor of the Saudi-owned *al-Hayat* (of the bin Laden wedding video coup), yet turned it down to produce a more independent newspaper as a challenge to the "empires" of the Saudi-dominated dailies.

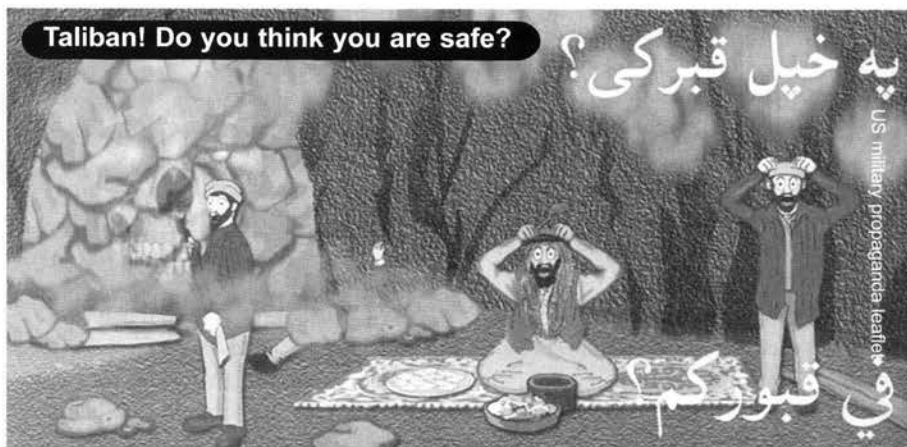
Al-Quds began production in April 1989. A little more than a year later, Saddam invaded Kuwait and *al-Quds* stood alone as the only Arab newspaper opposed to the Persian Gulf War—at least by Atwan's account. According to Atwan: "Without the Gulf War, we wouldn't have taken such political lines, which made us well recognized and well respected." In November 1996, Bari-Atwan braved a twelve-hour car ride through muddy roads, attired in shabby Afghani rags in below-zero weather, and gave us the early scoop on bin Laden, conducting a one-on-one interview in bin Laden's [bat]cave. From then on, the mainstream media—CNN, ABC, BBC, Sky News—looked to Bari-Atwan and *al-Quds* as the "independent" voice of the Arab street.

I contend that al-Qaida and bin Laden are elaborate "legends" set up to promote a plausibly sophisticated and

IN THE MONTHS before 9/11, the U.S. Justice Department curtailed a program called "Catcher's Mitt" to monitor Al Qaeda suspects in the United States, after a federal judge chastised the FBI for improperly seeking permission to wiretap terrorists. (Newsweek)

ferocious enemy to stand against American interests. I am not, however, implying that bin Laden himself is a total fabrication. Rather, it is my contention that confederates, believing themselves to act on behalf of bin Laden, are being set up in a "false flag operation" to perform operations as their controllers see fit. And who are these controllers? If they're anything resembling the folks who brought you Hizbullah and Hamas, you wouldn't be sweating the suitcase nukes (made in America), the Ames strain anthrax (made in America), the MI5-like "sleepers" and coded "go" messages. Instead, you would be dodging primitive nail bombs and road mines, and not needing Abdel Bari Atwan to feed you the lowdown on the blame.

In view of the fact that bin Laden is of Saudi origin, that much of the "evidence" on the Arab side initially originated from Saudi-owned or Gulf Anglo-client state sources, and that Saudi Arabia is the major financial sponsor of the Taliban brand of fundamentalism in Afghanistan (as a counter-point to Iran), I believe it is fair to say that Saudi Arabia might possibly be implicated. Most



likely, the Saudis performed their roles as subservient proxies.

To fill out the picture further, it is necessary to name an equally essential partner as proxy: Pakistan, or, more specifically, Pakistan's version of the CIA: the ISI (Interservices Intelligence Directorate). This is where we begin to "close the circle" on our close-knit pre-9/11 propaganda clique.

Returning to the *Post* article of September 12, we're offered in a powerful little side-bar more critical evidence implicating bin Laden for the attacks the day before. This time, the bombshell is offered by Palestinian journalist Jamal Ismail, Abu Dhabi Television's bureau chief in Islamabad. According to Ismail, a bin Laden aide called him "early Wednesday on a satellite telephone from a hide-out in Afghanistan," praising the attack yet denying any responsibility for it.



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As it turns out, Ismail was also among the select few to conduct his very own bin Laden interview, published by *Newsweek* in its April 1, 1999 issue. Here is how *Newsweek* described Ismail’s good fortune: “Palestinian journalist Jamal Ismail’s mobile phone rang just before prayers on December 18. ‘Peace be upon you,’ said the voice on the line. ‘You may not recognize me, but I know you.’” And thus was Jamal Ismail invited on his own mud-soaked incursion to the bin Laden [bat]cave.

An obscure article penned by respected Pakistani journalist Rahimullah Yusufzai in *The News Jang*, dated May 3, 2000, details the detention of two men of Kurdish origin, accused by the Taliban of spying for American and Israeli intelligence. Yusufzai states he spoke to the only journalists allowed by the Taliban to interview the detained men: Jamal Ismail and his cameraman. Apparently, Ismail had a special relationship with the Taliban, allowing him this rare privilege. As we shall shortly see, so did Yusufzai.

One wonders who debriefs these journalists at the end of a workday, but more interestingly, by May 5, as reported by Kathy Gannon for the Associated Press, the story acquires—as they say—“new legs.” Not only are the basic elements of the Yusufzai story mentioned, but the article leads off with the bombshell that one of the detained men revealed that he was recruited by the United States to find Osama bin Laden. It finishes with a little coda implicating bin Laden in the 1998 embassy bombings. In the space of two days, Yusufzai’s Pakistani “spy” article sprouts a bin Laden addition when fertilized by the Associated Press, and nicely provides a plausible explanation as to why a Kurd would be prowling around Afghanistan on behalf of the United States. Yusufzai, incidentally, moonlighted as an ABC News producer, charged with guiding ABC News correspondent John Miller through the Afghani marshes to the bin Laden [bat]cave, one of few American journalists to be accorded such an honor.

Rahimullah Yusufzai, regarded by *New York Times* reporters John Burns and Steve



LeVine as “one man who has seen more of the Taliban than any other outsider,” is also named by *The Nation*, in its article of January 27, 1997, as “one of the favourite journalists of [Pakistan’s] ISI ... one of the organizations funding and arming the Taliban.” It’s a small world after all. In a September 29, 2001 article of *PressPlus*, Yusufzai’s ABC colleague, John Miller, mused about running into his buddy John O’Neill in Yemen while reporting on the U.S.S. Cole bombing the year before. “He said, ‘So this is the Elaine’s of Yemen.’”

“There is a terrible irony to all this,” Miller said. I’ll say. Miller, one of the very few Americans who can give a first-hand account of bin Laden, bumps into his friend, bin Laden’s chief investigator, while both are investigating a bombing in Yemen that will later be tagged onto bin Laden. A year later, O’Neill dies at the hands of, allegedly, bin Laden.

Following the logic of my hypothesis, if the bin Laden threat was, pre-9/11, a close-knit propaganda campaign, one would expect to find the same names showing up repeatedly in combination with one another. This, too, applies to the American commentators. Let us return to the August 1998 American bombings of bin Laden’s tool sheds as an example. The night of the bombing, Rahimullah Yusufzai received a call from bin Laden aide Ayman al-Zawahiri, in a report from the Associated Press.

Later, Yusufzai obtained for ABC News exclusive photos of the damage to bin Laden’s camp. Further commentary describing the layout of the bin Laden camp was furnished to the *Washington Post* by former CIA analyst and terrorism expert Kenneth Katzman, as well as Harvey Kushner of Long Island University. Only little more than a week before that, Katzman and Kushner were offering their assessment of bin Laden’s culpability for the embassy bombings in Africa in a *Washington Post* article penned by Vernon Loeb and Walter Pincus.

They were joined in this effort by **Vincent Cannistraro**, the ABC News analyst who also escorted John Miller to his bin Laden interview, and provided running commentary in the days immediately following 9/11. Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorism chief, provided covert aid to the Afghani mujaheddin in the late 1980s, as well as supervised CIA operations with the contras. He was also one of the point men in the notoriously circumspect investigation at Lockerbie. In the Loeb and Pincus article, in which bin Laden is quoted from the ABC News Miller and Yusufzai interview, Cannistraro assesses the embassy bombings: “I believe Osama bin Laden is the sponsor of this operation, and I think all of the indications are pointing that way.”

Soon after the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen, a Loeb *Post* article, dated October 13, 2000,



proceeded to implicate bin Laden through the detailed information provided by Kushner, Katzman, and Cannistraro. Earlier, in a Loeb *Post* article dated July 3, 2000, Yusufzai, Kushner, and Cannistraro unveiled bin Laden aides Ayman al-Zawahiri and Muhammed Atef as bin Laden's likely successors.

Psychological Warfare by Any Other Name

None of the above is offered as the "smoking gun," nor are my chosen examples exhaustive in evidencing this point. According to Felicity Barringer, in a *New York Times* article dated September 24, 2001: "A good deal of the public information on bin Laden comes from the journalists who went to Afghanistan to interview him, including [Peter] Bergen, ... Peter Arnett, John Miller, Rahimullah Yusufzai, and Jamal Ismail." The article references Vernon Loeb, Atwan, Judith Miller, Al Jazeera, and Brian Jenkins (formerly of Kroll Associates, the security firm that obtained the WTC position for John O'Neill by way of Jerry Hauer).

I have not mentioned other experts who worked assiduously toward building our knowledge base on bin Laden: Steven Emerson, Daniel Pipes, Yossef Bodansky, and various British and EU elites. However, these examples show how the information flow on bin Laden could have been plausibly managed by the skillfully placed revelations of a relatively insular clique of "experts" called upon repeatedly by the mainstream media.

Here is how it would work: A relatively few well-connected correspondents provide the "scoops" that get the coverage in the relatively few mainstream news sources—the four TV networks, plus *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *CNN*—where the parameters of debate are set and the "official reality" is consecrated for the bottom feeders in the news chain. In other countries, this is what is known as propaganda, or put less politely, psychological warfare.

An example of "news management" that is revealing for what is omitted is the "smoking gun" of Pakistani ISI involvement in the events of 9/11. On October 9, 2001, the *Times of India* dropped this little bombshell: "Top sources confirmed here on Tuesday that [ISI Chief Mahmud Ahmad] lost his job because of the "evidence" India produced to show his links to one of the suicide bombers that wrecked the World Trade Centre. The US authorities sought his removal after confirming the fact that \$100,000 was wired to WTC hijacker Mohammed Atta from Pakistan by Ahmad Umar Sheikh at the insistence of Gen. Mahmud."

What makes this piece so devastating is that only days before the media was touting the news of a "key link" in

the chain of evidence linking bin Laden to the events of September 11, namely, a \$100,000 wire transfer to the hijackers from a shadowy operative linked to bin Laden. Yet once this operative was "outed" as being linked to the Pakistani ISI chief, any propaganda gains initially made through this evidence would now crumble. One possible reason might stem from this Karachi News item, released only two days before September 11:

[Pakistani] ISI Chief Lt-Gen Mahmood's week-long presence in Washington has triggered speculation about the agenda of his mysterious meetings at the Pentagon and National Security Council. Officially, State Department sources say he is on a routine visit in return to [sic] CIA Director George Tenet's earlier visit to Islamabad... What added interest to his visit is the history of such visits. Last time Ziauddin Butt, Mahmood's predecessor, was here during Nawaz Sharif's government the domestic politics turned topsy-

turvy within days. That this is not the first visit by Mahmood in the last three months shows the urgency of the ongoing parleys ...

This was a propaganda piece that went disastrously wrong. After October 9, bin Laden's alleged paymaster could now be linked to a U.S. "ally" who spent the days before 9/11 in deep consultation at the Pentagon. The US authorities immediately went into damage control mode by insisting on the quiet retirement of the "outed" ISI chief. Thus removed from the public eye, the ISI chief's role in all this could be effectively ignored and an American media blackout could be safely assumed.

Such a scenario certainly fits in snugly with my hypothesis, which I will now proceed to elaborate. The events of September 11 were masterminded by those in the best position to manage the consequences, namely, those most able to

manage the flow of information, those most able to coordinate all the elements necessary for the perpetration of a successful operation (subverting airport security, guiding the planes to their specific targets), and most significantly, those who stood to reasonably benefit in the aftermath. Conspiracies, by their very nature, are not crimes of passion. They may involve rational, cold-blooded, attempts

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take your pick
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bomb sites.

to achieve a desired end by employing the most effective means available. It is for this reason that “mainstream” terror groups like Hamas and Hizbullah largely avoid attacking American interests where such attacks would serve no practical interest.

For all their talk of Jihad, these terror groups tend to plan their specific attacks with an eye to the consequences that could reasonably be expected to follow.

Thus, knowing the moral and political constraints of Israeli deterrent strategies, they calibrate their attacks to elicit consequences that are most tolerable for them and, hence, manageable. Yet surely, in light of the cult of suicidal martyrdom, such considerations no longer hold sway. Perhaps. But then, in the case of such a far-flung anti-Zionist movement as al-Qaida, one would expect at least a little more exertion against Israeli interests than has heretofore prevailed—unless, of course, the “point” of al-Qaida was to provide a plausible dire threat to American interests where none had then existed. In any case, as nobody has noticed this particular anomaly, there was no need for any needless exertion of resources in order to bolster a credibility that needed no bolstering.

Motive, Means and Opportunity

While I present the Saudis and Pakistani intelligence as clear-cut proxies, the only motive these elements would have to benefit from a crime of this nature is an assurance that no punishment would be forthcoming but rather, they would be on the right side of power and wealth among those in a position to determine the booty.

Another anomaly: on the very day the ISI chief was in deep consultation at the Pentagon,



Ahmed Shah Massoud, the head of the Afghani Northern Alliance—a cultishly popular figure within that group, and a mortal foe of Pakistan’s ISI—was assassinated by two terrorists posing as cameramen. Keeping in mind the fact that, throughout the 1990s, American leaders such as

Clinton, and American companies such as Unocal, were largely throwing their support to the Taliban in opposition to the Northern Alliance (or United Front), it seems rather convenient that, in the aftermath of 9/11, the way was cleared for the Northern Alliance to be co-opted as an instrument for setting up a more pliant Afghani government (now headed by a former consultant to Unocal).

So who are the ultimate controllers? To begin with, the circumstantial evidence seems to point to an operative clique primarily based out of New York City and the State of Florida. This clique appears to consist of subservient agents involved in laying the preparations. John O’Neill serves as an effective Rosetta Stone in interpreting the raw outlines of this operative clique, which is by no means a

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“rogue” clique. The FBI and CIA elements involved in counterterrorism have a checkered past.

In the 1980s, Oliver North served as Counterterrorism Chief while he used his office as a cover to deal with such narco-terrorists as Monzar al-Kassar (who figures in the crash at Lockerbie investigated by Cannistraro). In the late 1990s, O’Neill was transferred from the federal office of Counterterrorism to the New York Counterterrorism Office of the FBI. The New York branch was then designated as the primary investigator of all overseas investigations involving bin Laden. Moreover, this branch was also involved in the somewhat suspect investigation of TWA 800, investigated by O’Neill and reported upon by

ABC’s John Miller, who was formerly the Deputy Police Commissioner of Public Relations for the NYPD before he joined up with ABC.

The connection with the state of Florida is obvious, for not only was the first anthrax mailing directed to the Florida offices of the *National Enquirer*, but many of the accused hijackers were reported to receive their pilot training from flight schools in Venice and Tampa. Notably, it was a Florida bank account to which hijacker Mohamed Atta allegedly deposited his 9/11 pay cheque. Moreover, Florida, by way of the MacDill Air Force Base, is also Central Command for the war in Afghanistan. In addition to its function as Central Command for the war on terrorism, MacDill is, aside from Langley, a major base of the CIA.

Thus, in the CIA’s own backyard, we find the infrastructure and financial support that went into the planning for the events of 9/11. Gloria Irish, the woman who

reportedly found an apartment for one of the alleged hijackers, was the wife of the senior editor of the *National Enquirer*. Moreover, her husband, Michael Irish, also happened to make use of an airfield that reportedly served as flight training for some of the hijackers. I emphasize the word "reportedly," as the possibility always exists that this "reported fact" may be nothing more than disinformation, strategically placed to divert attention from a possibly more subtle truth. In intelligence operations, foreign assets are often placed with resident "controllers" whose job it is to supervise the asset as well as provide accommodations as the need arises.

It appears that the events of September 11 were planned years in advance, with the groundwork being carefully laid by a propaganda campaign orchestrated to convince the public that the US has a plausibly sophisticated nemesis with the motive, means, and opportunity to perpetrate a devastating act of terror against Americans. Toward that end, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have been used as the primary proxy agents to run a "false flag" operation, setting up and financing the infrastructure of al-Qaida in Afghanistan. Through madrassas (Islamic religious schools) based in Pakistan, Saudi and Yemenite militants were instructed in the Saudi brand of Wahabbi Islam, and subsequently "graduated" to the camps that were set up in Afghanistan, under Saudi and Pakistani sponsorship.

Stateside, the operative agents were mostly based out of New York City and Florida. In the aftermath of 9/11, elements in the American government are now widely disseminating information in vast quantities, overwhelming the populace and lending credibility to the government's version of events. Thus, post-9/11, the actions of this formerly insular propaganda clique are no longer perceptible. Information is now being doled out in generous portions to credulous reporters who are outside the loop, yet perform their unwitting service as "bottom feeders" in the downward flow of information.

The actions of these proxy agents and operative planners are sufficiently distanced and compartmentalized from the true masterminds to create a condition of "plausible deniability." The proxies have been set up as possible patsies with evidence that has been carefully laid to incriminate them should cracks in the "official story" become too discernible. Moreover, the groundwork has already been carefully laid to cast aspersions on another convenient patsy: the Jews, by way of the State of Israel and its supporters.

For those prone to perceive Jewish conspiracies, the reliable vein of anti-Semitism, combined with anti-Zionism, has been mined to distract the masses and "muddy the waters" should the true masterminds be threatened with exposure. In other words, the present difficulties in the Middle East work perfectly to set up the State of Israel as a plausible alternative suspect with motive, means, and opportunity. Toward that end, a low-level "buzz" began circulating over the Internet (especially in Europe) of an

Israeli spy ring that was rounded up in the days after September 11.

Whether or not these reports are credible is not the point. Most likely, there was a spy ring operating, and various Israelis were unwittingly set up as patsies, to be exposed should the need arise. Thus, while evidence may be marshaled to taint the Saudis, Pakistanis or Israelis, the real guilt must inevitably lie with those in the best position to manage the flow of information and benefit from the new order created, primarily, the political and corporate elites of the United States, the United Kingdom, and the European Union. That is, the very parties orchestrating the global war on terrorism. **P**

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Who Killed Nick Berg?



LIKE A MODERN-DAY ZAPRUDER film, the horrific video of the April 2004 Nick Berg beheading quickly became the subject of numerous analyses by Internet commentators. The tragic Berg story is, in fact, full of anomalies. A sampling (from www.kuro5hin.org):

The video refers to Iraqi prisoner torture photos, but those photos weren't released until after the Berg killing. Berg is wearing an orange jumpsuit of the type issued to those in U.S. military custody. When Berg is "decapitated," there is little, if any, blood. The chair Berg is shown sitting in is the same kind of white plastic chair used at Abu



Ghraib Prison. Berg's scream sounds like it was dubbed in later, and his head and mouth don't appear to move. Executioners have Western pos-

tures and mannerisms, light skin, and appear fat by Iraqi standards. Abu Masab Al-Zaraqawi, the Jordanian who the CIA says performed the beheading, has a prosthetic leg and tattoos on the back of his left hand, neither of which appear to be the case with the man in the video. Berg's email account was used by the alleged "20th hijacker" Zacarius Moussaoui (Berg told the FBI he had given his password to an acquaintance of Moussaoui who he met on a bus in 1999 in Oklahoma.)

News reports say that Berg wanted to leave Iraq because he couldn't find work, but Berg's own emails to his family suggest a fairly busy work schedule—including work on the radio tower at Abu Ghraib Prison. Finally, an analysis of the video at www.aztlan.net shows what could be a light-skinned man in an Army-type green cap and jacket entering the frame at the very end of the video. One possible explanation:

Berg died while in U.S. military custody, and his staged "beheading" was designed to (1) cover up his death while in U.S. hands, and (2) gain badly needed propaganda points in response to the Abu Ghraib prisoner torture scandal.

Osama Won, But No One Noticed



WHY DID OSAMA BIN LADEN allegedly launch the 9/11 attacks? Most thinking people reject the Bush administration's feeble explanation that he "hates our freedom." Somewhat closer to the truth is that bin Laden hates our decadent Western society and its spread to the Islamic world. However, President Bush saying bin Laden did it because he "hates Britney Spears" wouldn't have quite the same dramatic effect. A more significant motive, though not widely discussed, might be America's support of Israel. However, by his own account, bin Laden's top grievance was the presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia, a place of much greater religious significance to Muslims than Israel.

Well, in May 2003, the United States announced it had decided to end military operations in Saudi Arabia by removing most of its forces from the kingdom. Sounds like giving in to terrorists to me, though no one seems to be making that connection. In fact, Osama must also be applauding the FCC's recent post-Janet Jackson crackdown on Howard Stern and media indecency. Also, though the United States will never end its support of Israel, it has now expressed its support for a Palestinian state.

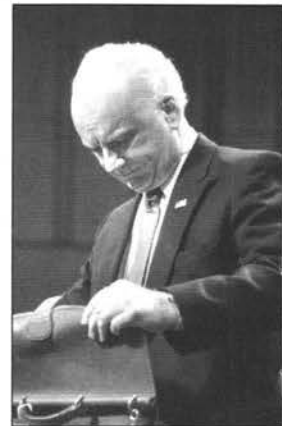
Lastly, even if bin Laden's motive was that he "hates our freedom," the erosion of our civil liberties since 9/11 suggests that here, too, the Bush administration is doing just what he wanted. Great job. It's no wonder there hasn't been a terrorist attack on U.S. soil since 9/11—it worked the first time.

Terrorism Hardly a "Top Priority" Prior to 9/11



THERE ARE SO MANY SMOKING guns regarding the Bush administration and 9/11, it's a wonder the 9/11 Commission hearings haven't set off a smoke alarm. Despite National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's assertion that terrorism was a "top priority" prior to 9/11, the Bush administration virtually ignored al Qaeda, as former White House counter-terrorism advisor

Richard Clarke made clear in his 2004 book *Against All Enemies*. One example: "On January 24th, 2001, I wrote a memo to Condoleezza Rice asking for, urgently—underlined urgently—a Cabinet-level meeting to deal with the impending al Qaeda attack. And that urgent memo wasn't acted on." Then, on September 12, 2001, President Bush personally pushed Clarke to find evidence that Iraq was behind the attacks.




Furthermore, in June 2001 the Bush administration instituted an incredibly lax Saudi immigration policy called "Visa Express." Three of the 9/11 terrorists were able to enter the U.S. under this policy, whereby Saudis could obtain U.S. visas without being photographed or having to apply in person. In addition, on September 10, 2001, Attorney General John Ashcroft cut the FBI's counter-terrorism budget by \$59 million. (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*) Finally, the State Department's annual terrorism report from April 2001 barely mentioned bin Laden, as had been the case in previous years. At that time, a senior State Department official told CNN the Bush administration believed it was "a mistake" to focus "so much energy on Osama bin Laden."

So, the Bush administration virtually ignored the al Qaeda threat, cut its anti-terrorism budget, and made it incredibly easy for three of the terrorists to enter the country.

Then, its response to 9/11 was to try to pin it on Saddam and, at least in part, to give in to all of **Osama bin Laden's** demands. Meanwhile, there have been more al Qaeda-related attacks globally in the 30 months since 9/11 than there were in the 30 months preceding it, according to Richard Clarke, and al Qaeda's ranks have reportedly swelled to 18,000 worldwide. Yet, despite all this, President Bush has made his so-called "War on Terrorism" the centerpiece of his reelection campaign.

Bush Assassination Plot on 9/11?

 SPEAKING OF 9/11, THERE MAY have been a plot to assassinate George W. Bush that day. A report by Shay Sullivan from the September 26, 2001 *Longboat (FL) Observer* suggests as much, though the story quickly dropped from sight and apparently is not being investigated by the 9/11 Commission. At about 6 a.m. September 11, 2001, a van occupied by men of Middle Eastern descent had pulled up to the Resort where Bush was staying, and its occupants stated they were a TV news crew who had a poolside interview with the president. The men then asked for a Secret Service agent by name. A Secret Service agent told the men in the van he knew of no agent by that name, nor did the president have an interview on his itinerary. The agent told the occupants of the van to contact the White House public relations office, and the van drove away. Significantly, Taliban assassins had used the same ruse just two days earlier to kill the Afghan Northern Alliance leader Shah Masood. He was giving an interview to two self-proclaimed TV journalists when their camera exploded, killing him and the two "journalists."



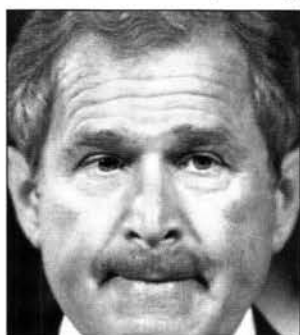
Furthermore, according to investigative journalist Daniel Hopsicker (www.madcowprod.com), three nights before President Bush's arrival, several

credible eyewitnesses reported 9/11 ringleader Mohammed Atta at a hotel just two miles down the beach. What was Atta doing in Longboat Key?

Could he have been coordinating the planned assassination attempt? Who was the "Secret Service agent" the men in the van had asked for? Clearly, there are many questions about 9/11 that will never be answered by the 9/11 Commission, though the work of independent investigators like Daniel Hopsicker may yet bring us closer to the truth.

I-Spies, Part II

 READERS OF MY ARTICLE "I-SPIES, Espionage and 9/11" [PARANOIA Issue 31] are familiar with the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad's alleged use of a moving company as a cover for operations within the United States. In particular, on the morning of 9/11, a group of Israelis in a moving van were seen videotaping and celebrating the 9/11 attacks. One of the men even suggested foreknowledge when he stated, "We were there to document the event." Well, Israeli movers are back in the news, again under suspicious circumstances. As reported by Daniel Hopsicker as well as some mainstream media, in May 2004, in two separate incidents, Israelis in a moving van were detained near U.S. nuclear and military facilities.



The first incident began on a lightly-traveled highway near the North Carolina state line, where County Sheriffs noticed a rental moving truck traveling at high speed. The chase went on for over three miles before the Israelis finally pulled over. During the pursuit, a container of liquid was thrown from the

van. "My biggest concern was finding out what it was," Sheriff Kent Harris stated in an interview after the men's release. "I still can't understand why they didn't admit to throwing the stuff out." The FBI didn't seem too concerned about the liquid. In fact, according to Harris, "The FBI never tested it (the liquid). We took some samples for them but the FBI never even sent anyone over to pick them up." Presumably, if the men in the moving van had been Arabs, the FBI would have been less lackadaisical. A scientist at the nearby nuclear lab told Harris the liquid could possibly be used as a culture for a biological agent.

Another oddity was the "Learn to Fly in Florida" flight school business card found on one of the men. Given the role of Florida flight schools in the 9/11 attacks, "I got a sick feeling when I saw it (the business card)," Harris told the Associated Press. He also cited the proximity of the Nuclear Fuel Services plant, the nation's sole provider of fuel for the Navy's nuclear subs.

Finally, one of the movers listed an address in an expensive area of Miami Beach, and had more than \$12,000 in his personal bank account. "That sort of caught my attention," said the Sheriff. In addition, this man happens to be the son of a top Israeli Likud party official, according to Hopsicker. It would be as if the son of a high-level Republican official was found speeding around a remote part of Israel in a moving van. Nevertheless, William B. Lawson, one of the lawyers appointed to represent the Israelis, says the men rented the truck and were hauling furni-

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The Van Dyke Letters

Letters from the author of *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars*, Part II

In the Spring of 2003 (issue 33), *Paranoia* excerpted a pamphlet entitled *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars*, asking readers for any information they might have on the author of the work, which claimed to have been originally found in a surplus copy machine purchased at McChord AFB by a Boeing employee. The following December, *Paranoia* received a letter, mailed from a federal prison, from one Hartford Van Dyke, claiming to be the author of the work. Being confident that he is the true author of *Silent Weapons* (SWFQW), we wish to share letters from Hartford Van Dyke wherein he exposes the circumstances surrounding his authorship of this infamous pamphlet. This is the second installment of this feature.

Dear *Paranoia*:

SWFQW is a collage, an overlay and paste-up of the works and words of many authors. I was the author only in the sense that I compiled and linked the gems of other writers. **The book is not a hoax.** Wassily W. Leontief proved the content of SWFQW by his article in the September 1980 issue of *Scientific American*, entitled "the world Economy in the Year 2000." Leontief was the father of the Silent Weapons System, and was awarded the 1973 Nobel Prize in Economics long after his creation (1948) became recognized by the elite to be a weapon (1965).

Years do not change the invariant truths of science, not even of economic science. The elite were never fully named in SWFQW. It was not necessary to name them specifically. They are always among us, and they always will be among us.

SWFQW was a study in human nature; of motivation, psychological impulse and momentum, and force of habit; of control of social energy by influence, suggestion, and hypnosis; of the use of sociopathic processes to induce paranoid behavior.

The cover design of SWFQW was taken from a military training manual because many of the sources are military or military oriented think-tank-like sources. "Operation Research" was suggested by *A Report from Iron Mountain On the possibility and desirability of peace* by Leonard C. Levin (c1967), hereafter referred to as *The Report*. *The Report* was the basis of the section subtitled "Security" on page 3 of SWFQW. On page 4 of SWFQW, "74-1120" is my signature as author of *The Skeleton in Uncle Sam's Closet*, an anagram of 41/12/07, the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Page 8, 9, *Descriptive Introduction of the Silent Weapon*, describes the use of a sociopathic weapon to induce paranoia, achieved by economic subversion of the means of survival, which also works to brainwash individuals.

A very telling phrase exists in the preface to *Studies in the Structure of the American Economy* by Wassily Leontief. It is a long dangling sentence, giving a series of objectives of the Harvard Economic Research Project of

1948, and it passes to the future use with something like "and the forces which make for changes in the structure of the economy."

It is the way in which it is stated that reveals the ulterior purposes of the Project. When this phrase is understood in relation to the phrases presented before and after it, it suggests a group of interrelated mathematical relationships and equations, which when integrated yield the actual expression of the cause and effect factors. It is this relationship to which Earl Ubell referred, and which caused the USAF to withdraw its funding from Leontief's project during the Eisenhower Administration.

Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars contains a timeless, eternal message to human civilization to be eternally vigilant, to be well informed, to accept responsibility for the conditions of the world, to be sovereign, to appreciate the inner workings and thinking of Nature and Nature's God, to listen for that "still small voice," and to know that "Divine Mind always has met and always will meet every human need." (M.B.E.)

How SWFQW came to be

In about October 1967, I asked my father about a vague memory of something I had heard him say about an aircraft being shot down in our neighborhood in Honolulu. As he told me about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, he broke down in grief. I don't recall ever seeing my father cry before that incident.

My father needed some kind of release from the mental burden he was carrying. I told him that I wanted to publish something about the Pearl Harbor attack with respect to what he had just told me. But he asked me to not publish anything about it because his uncle, Mason Van Dyke, was still getting a pension and medical benefits and the release of the information to the public might jeopardize Mason's benefits. My father had promised Mason he would not publish anything about the Pearl Harbor incident until Mason had died.

I obeyed my father for two years, but when the Mi Lai massacre in Vietnam occurred, and our government officials began lying about what happened, I decided to publish the Pearl Harbor story, to expose and end at least some of the lying and the damage that lying causes. I immediately put a writing together about the Pearl Harbor attack and sent it to the US House of Representatives and



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the US Senate (535 copies). Then I wondered how accurate it was and if I could get the story again. I connected a tape recorder to the telephone line and called my father after providing to him a copy of what I had sent to the Congress, House and Senate. I asked my father to criticize my work, which he did. As a result of that conversation I got a tape recording for posterity about the real history of the Pearl Harbor attack.

I then sent a corrected printed copy of the story to Congress, House and Senate, another 535 copies. I attempted to confirm my father's story by calling people he had mentioned. After recording those conversations, I made copies of my father's conversation and sent them through the mail.

In late October 1972, I met a man who gave me a copy of the book *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*, by Gary Allen. The book inspired me to write my own book about Pearl Harbor entitled *The Skeleton in Uncle Sam's Closet*, published in August, 1973. I sent a copy of the book to each US Representative and Senator, including Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. During the last phases of the book's production, I began reading a book called *Report*

from Iron Mountain (on the possibility and desirability of peace) by Leonard C. Lewin (1967). I got about half way through that book before other things got more demanding and I laid the Report aside.

I set up a school in downtown Vancouver, WA, for high school students called the Technical Training Club, in late September or early October of 1973, and by spring of 1974 it was moved to a house at 8105 NE St. Johns Blvd., where I then lived and taught.

In the winter of 1974, I was going through some math books while researching a math problem (I think a problem on cubic equations), when I referred to my old college textbook *College Algebra*, by Lyman M. Kells of the US Naval Academy (1956 or

1958). I came across the footnote in that book and noticed that they exactly corresponded to the ideas in *Report from Iron Mountain*. I had discovered the mathematical methodology of the Silent Weapons System, and I had the key to finding more information on the subject. I located *Studies in the Structure of the American Economy* at the Multnomah County library in Portland, Oregon.

The Rockefeller Foundation had financed Wassily Leontief's Harvard Economic Project with a grant of \$100,000 (in 1948), and Nelson Rockefeller was trying to become vice president of the United States. So I again sent

a warning message to every member of Congress and Senate trying to warn them of the Rockefeller's ulterior motives. This writing was titled, *Warning, Surprise Attack Imminent!*. It was sent on or about December 7, 1974.

I did not know at that time that *American Biography* of 1967 under the subject "Leontief, Wassily (W.)" had already carried an article about this ulterior motive. The USAF had financed Leontief's Harvard economics project beginning in 1949, but quit the financing "during the Eisenhower administration because, according to Earl Ubell in the *New York Herald Tribune* (May 9, 1965), some officials felt that the technique smacked too much of a planned economy." The Silent Weapons System is the central control system of the New World Order.

The work on *SWFQW* began about October 1978 and was published in December 1979. Initially, about 65 copies of the book were sent out to various people and organizations. I do not know what happened to most of the copies, but I can fairly well account for one of the copies, which was given out by hand in early 1980. It was given to a military person, who was late for duty (or was going to be late), at McChord AFB in the state of Washington. He was hitchhiking through Vancouver on I-5 in uniform. Even though I was traveling in my own locality, I drove him to McChord (a two hour trip each way). On the way, I told him about the book *SWFQW*, and when he stepped out of the car to go onto the base I handed him a copy. I did not make any further general effort to publicize *SWFQW* until after 1986. I did give out copies to local friends between 1979 and 1986.

In November 1986, the America's Promise Newsletter (APN) ran an advertisement for *SWFQW*. It claimed that a Boeing Aircraft employee bought a surplus copy machine at auction from McChord AFB and inside it he found a copy of *SWFQW*. It was very probably the copy I gave to the hitchhiker. The Boeing employee passed the book along to the APN of Phoenix, AZ. From that time on *SWFQW* got the attention it deserved. It was a wake-up call to America, and perhaps even the world, if we can believe Leontief's *Scientific American* (Sept. 1980) article about The World Economy in the Year 2000, wherein he says that by the year 1973, the year he received the Nobel Prize in Economics, sixty nations were already using his system to analyze their economies.

I am very grateful to William Cooper and APN for giving *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars* to the world.

—Hartford Van Dyke, 12/17/2003



December 16, 1985

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ture when they accidentally got off the interstate and got lost.

The second May incident took place at the Kings Bay Naval Submarine

Base, near Sea Island, GA, which was to host the G-8 Summit in June. Perhaps significantly, Attorney General John Ashcroft named the Summit as a possible terrorist target in a press conference on May 24. "Security scare shuts Kings Bay," reported the *Jacksonville Times-Union*. "Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base was locked down for security reasons Friday after two

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Israelis were detained for questioning." Two Israeli men had attempted to enter the base on the pretext that they had been hired by a moving company to pick up household goods at an address on the base, the paper reported. When one occupant of the vehicle was unable to provide security personnel with proper credentials, the men were held and the van inspected. A bomb squad was called in after the van tested positive for traces of a bomb, and all roads leading to the base were shut down. However, a second bomb sniffing came up negative, and the two Israelis—whose names were not released—were taken into custody by federal immigration officers in Savannah for possible deportation.

So, what were the possible I-Spies up to? Perhaps they were doing basic intelligence gathering on the security of potential American terrorist targets. A more sinister scenario is that they were involved in a planned "terrorist" attack that would be blamed on Arab perpetra-

tors. Given the FBI's lack of interest in these events, answers aren't likely to be forthcoming.

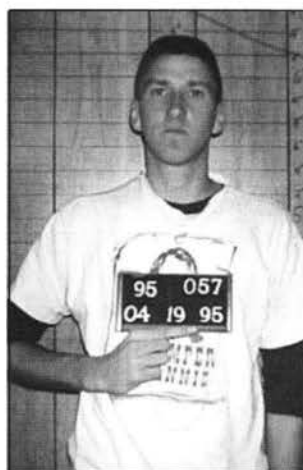
McVeigh May Have Had Accomplices

IN MAY 2004, AN OKLAHOMA state jury convicted Terry Nichols—previously sentenced to life in prison on federal charges—for multiple murders in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, though he was not at the scene. However, a Secret Service report obtained by John Solomon of the Associated Press in April 2004 suggests that convicted Oklahoma City bomber **Timothy McVeigh** had other accomplices at the scene. The document also refers to security video tapes of the 1995 bombing, the existence of which the government has long denied. "Security video tapes show the truck detonation 3 minutes and 6 seconds after the suspects exited the truck," according to the report. [Emphasis added.] McVeigh's companion may well have been the infamous "John Doe No. 2," whose sketch the FBI initially circulated as a second suspect, and who bore a strong resemblance to the alleged al Qaeda "dirty bomber" Jose Padilla.

Furthermore, the report refers to a witness to the explosion who claimed to have seen "a woman on the corner waving to the truck." The report suggests, "It is speculated that the woman was signaling the truck when a slot became available." Other documents obtained by the AP indicate the Secret Service gave federal prosecutors intelligence files on several suspects other than McVeigh, as well as other possibly exculpable evidence, that may not have been provided to McVeigh's defense team, as required by Court rules. The documents obtained by the Associated Press may be viewed at www.wid.ap.org/documents/okc/okcdoc2.pdf.

The Amazing Invisible Recovery

WE'RE TOLD THE U.S. ECONOMY is doing much better, with more jobs and low inflation. The facts behind the numbers, though, tell a different story. First, regarding inflation, we all know the cost of such basic necessities as energy, food, health care, and housing have been going through the roof. Real estate, for example, is up 16.7%. Yet the official consumer price index stands at 1.8% (2.3% if energy and food are included, which they often, conveniently, are not). Regarding jobs, not only has there been a net loss of jobs since Bush took office, but also the jobs being created tend to be menial and low paying. As *Business Week* has noted, "Most of the big growth areas will be low skill and low paying." Indeed, in February 2004, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that seven of the ten occupations with the largest projected



growth are low-paying jobs: Janitors, waiters and waitresses, nursing aids, cashiers, food preparers, customer service representatives, and retail salespersons.

What about America's supposed dominance in the "high tech" economy? The trend here, too, is ominous, though not widely reported. In late 2003, for the first time, the U.S. had a trade deficit in advanced technology products and services. This contributed to a trade deficit that continues to grow at a record rate, as does the U.S. budget deficit, as the U.S. dollar continues its freefall. Meanwhile, low interest rates—one of the few positive economic indicators for the average American, if going into greater debt is considered a good thing—are rising. All in all, the economic numbers don't add up for the president. But in a nation where many still believe the U.S. invaded Iraq to avenge 9/11, one wonders if the poor economy will convince enough voters to put George W. Bush in the unemployment line.



American Troops on Hallucinogens?



BRAND NEW DARPA BIO-TINKERING tools called "war fighter enhancement" are being used on troops in Iraq. The program involves injections with hormonal, neurological and genetic concoctions, microchip and electrode implants, and drugs that reduce the need for sleep, and quell fear of death and antipathy toward killing. "This program is really out of the box," says John Carney, director of DARPA's Continuous Assisted Performance program.

In fact, eyewitnesses in Fallujah reported in April, 2004 that US troops were laughing during combat, even as enemy forces were firing on them and their comrades were being killed. The strange phenomenon was reported by a *Mafkarat al-Islam* correspondent, who noted that American troops were laughing as they stormed districts in al-Fallujah. He stated he saw "two American soldiers laughing, such as to arouse pity for them, despite all the Resistance gunfire being poured at their position and their comrades dying around them. Both of the Americans were later killed in the battle." The *Mafkarat al-Islam* also reported that interrogations of captured American Marines disclosed that "the US military medical service distributes a type of hallucinogenic pill to the troops that prompts laughter and reduces the sense of fear in combat conditions."

U.S. Non-Lethal Weapon Reports Suppressed



WITH A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC meltdown looming, increasing opposition to the war in Iraq, and a potential return of the draft (see Senate Bill S.89 and House Bill H.R. 183), our rulers are planning new high-tech ways to neutralize public protest. (Already, the feds are enforcing Orwellian "Free Speech Zones" during presidential appearances, protest areas located far from the president and the media.) According to the May 2, 2004 *New Scientist*, the government has been funding the development of so-called Non-Lethal Weapons that could be used domestically. However,

the U.S. National Academy of Sciences is refusing to release dozens of reports proposing or describing their development, even though the documents are supposed to be public records. The Academy is justifying its decision by citing post-9/11 "security concerns."

Critics say the real reason is that the research may violate both U.S. law and international treaties on chemical and biological weapons. One group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee has proposed using intense electromagnetic fields to produce effects "ranging from the disruption of short-term memory to total loss of control of voluntary bodily functions." The withheld documents also include proposals to use stink bombs, sound waves, and opium sedatives to deal with an angry populace.

U.S. Senators Honor Rev. Sun Myung Moon



IN THIS TROUBLED WORLD, IT'S good to know that our Congressional leaders have their priorities straight. On March 23, 2004, more than a dozen lawmakers attended a congressional reception honoring the Rev. Sun Myung Moon at which he declared himself to be the Messiah, and said his teachings have helped Hitler and Stalin be "reborn as new persons."

At the bizarre ceremony, held in Washington's Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rep. Danny Davis, D-Ill., wore white gloves and carried a pillow holding an ornate crown that was placed on Moon's head. The controversial cult leader then delivered a long speech saying, "Emperors, kings and presidents...have declared to all heaven and Earth that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is none other than humanity's savior, Messiah, returning Lord and true parent." Among the attendees at the ceremony, first reported by Salon.com writer John Gorenfeld, was Sen. Mark Dayton, D-

Minn., who now says he did not know Moon would be there. Alarmed constituents have demanded to know if Dayton is "a Moonie," which he has denied. Most reports of the event failed to note that Moon has been a longtime financial benefactor to conservative politicians. In fact, in the 1990s, Moon's organization paid former President George H.W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush to give speeches at Moon-sponsored events. During one such speech in Argentina in November 1996, former President Bush declared, "I want to salute Reverend Moon," whom Bush praised as "the man with the vision."

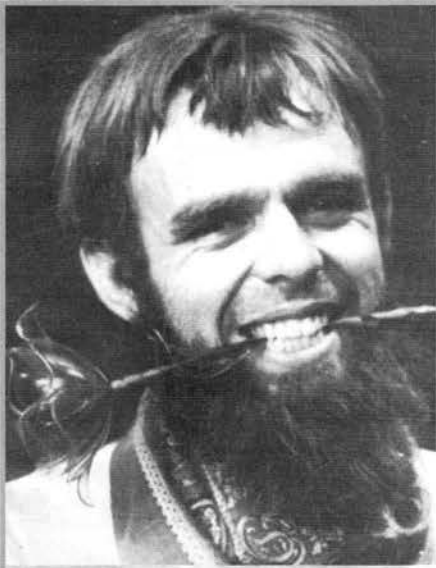
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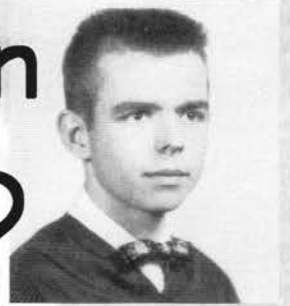
ON MARCH 23, 2004, THE FDA finally warned that ten popular antidepressants—Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, Luvox, Celexa, Lexapro, Effexor, Wellbutrin, Serzone and Remeron—could cause deepening depression, suicidal thoughts, anxiety, and violent behavior in children. The FDA directed manufacturers' warnings be placed on labels, the first seven of which are "serotonin reuptake inhibitors." "We do not know whether or not the treatment ... causes these changes. It may just be the natural course of the disease," said Dr. Russell Katz of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation

and Research. However, some researchers would argue with the language of this comment, which indicates a known medical condition underlying depressive symptoms. In addition, SSRIs don't work for depressed kids, says University of Connecticut psychologist Irving Kirsch. The FDA's Tom Laughren seems to agree, saying studies of SSRIs have been "strikingly unsuccessful" in showing a benefit in kids. "We expect (manufacturers) to be very cooperative," stated Katz, and, presumably, seen and not heard? **P**





Prankster or Manchurian Candidate?



The Strange but True Story of Kerry Thornley

by Adam Gorightly

KERRY THORNLEY WAS BORN on April 17, 1938 in Los Angeles, California. A friend who knew Thornley growing up once characterized him as a "free thinking nerd." An odd kid with odd interests, Thornley made the acquaintance of Greg Hill at CalHi School in East Whittier, with whom he soon discovered he shared similar odd interests, including a fondness for "crackpot" cults. One of their first outings together was a visit to one such cult, a flying saucer group called Understanding.

The lads also had a fondness for bowling alleys, and it was in one particular bowling alley that they discovered—or created (depending on your point of view)—the spoof religion, Discordianism.

The Bible of Discordianism, titled *The Principia Discordia*, was first published in the mid-60s and recounts a revelation experienced by Thornley and Hill, which led to the founding of the Discordian Society. As related in *The Principia Discordia*:

Suddenly the place became devoid of light. Then an utter silence enveloped them, and a great stillness was felt. Then came a blinding flash of intense light, as though their very psyches had gone nova. Then vision returned.

The two were dazed and neither moved nor spoke for several minutes. They looked around and saw that the bowlers were frozen like statues in a variety of comic positions, and that a bowling ball was steadfastly anchored to the floor only inches from the pins that it had been sent to scatter. The two looked at each other, totally unable to

account for the phenomenon. The condition was one of suspension, and one noticed that the clock had stopped.

There walked into the room a chimpanzee, shaggy and grey about the muzzle, yet upright to his full five feet, and poised with natural majesty. He carried a scroll and walked to the young men.

"Gentlemen," he said, "why does Pickering's Moon go about in reverse orbit? Gentlemen, there are nipples on your chest; do you give milk? And what, pray tell, Gentlemen, is to be done about Heisenberg's Law?" He paused. "SOMEBODY HAD TO PUT ALL OF THIS CONFUSION HERE!"

And with that he revealed the scroll. It was a diagram, like a yin-yang with a pentagon on one side and an apple on the other. And then he exploded and the two lost consciousness. They awoke to the sound of pins clattering, and found the bowlers engaged in their game and the waitress busy making coffee. It was apparent that their experience had been private . . . (p. 1-2, 4th edition).

During the course of their divinely inspired revelation, they were "born again" into their Discordian personas of Omar Khayyam Ravenhurst (Kerry) and Malaclypse the Younger (Greg).

Over the next few years, Omar and Mal spent endless hours researching the cryptic meanings behind the obscure symbol that appeared on the chimpanzee's parchment. On the fifth night following "the Revelation," Omar and Mal shared the same dream in which Eris appeared to them and declared: "I am chaos. I am the substance from which your artists and scientists build rhythms. I am the spirit with



which your children and clowns laugh happy in anarchy. I am alive, and I tell you that you are free." Ensuing visions revealed to Mal and Omar that the symbol—revealed to them via the chimp's parchment—was called the Sacred Chao, and for further information they would need to consult their pineal glands.

Discordianism—for the uninitiated—is a "spoof" religion dedicated to the worship of Eris, the Greek goddess of chaos, known in Latin as *Discordia*, although some would contend that Discordianism is more than a mere spoof, and is, in fact, the world's first true religion. Furthermore, the Discordian Movement has been described as a Non-Prophet Irreligious Disorganization which some claim is a complicated joke disguised as a new religion. Discordians themselves contend that it's actually a new religion disguised as a complicated joke.

Thornley Meets Lee Harvey Oswald

While in high school, Thornley had been a Marine Corps reservist. After graduation in 1958, he spent a year as a journalism major at the University of Southern California. Deciding he wasn't cut out for college, Thornley elected to fulfill his active two-year duty and enlisted in the Marines. He was first stationed at El Toro Marine base in southern California, and it was here that his path crossed that of Lee Harvey Oswald. Thornley spent a total of three months with Oswald, and during this period the two engaged in lengthy conversations dealing with politics, philosophy and a shared interest in Marxism.

After his three-month stay at El Toro, Thornley was shipped overseas to Atsugi, Japan, where Oswald had been previously stationed. On his boat trip over to Japan, Thornley began working on a novel about the disillusionment of a Marine serving overseas, entitled *Idle Warriors*. The protagonist of *Idle Warriors* was named Johnny Shellburn, a composite character based on Thornley, Oswald and several other Marines. While Thornley was in Atsugi, Oswald was discharged, and soon after defected to Russia. The news of Oswald's defection caused an immediate shift in focus to *Idle Warriors*, as the lead character, Johnny Shellburn, now became based entirely on Oswald. In essence, Thornley was writing a book about Oswald three years before the Kennedy assassination!

After Thornley was discharged from the Marines, he moved to New Orleans where he met a couple of shady characters named Slim Brooks and Gary Kirstein (aka "Brother-in-law") who were involved in the New Orleans underworld, and claimed to have connections with the intelligence community. Thornley had many lengthy conversations with Kirstein and Brooks on topics ranging from philosophy and politics to espionage and criminal activities. At one point, a theoretical conversation ensued about how to kill a president; in particular, President

Kennedy. Although Thornley detested Kennedy, he considered this conversation, at the time, nothing more than a morbid intellectual exercise. These conversations would come back to haunt him.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson formed the Warren Commission to investigate the Kennedy assassination. Thornley testified before the commission on his association with Oswald in the Marines. In 1965, Thornley published his first book, *Oswald*, which was basically an endorsement of the Warren Commission report, and examined how a person who had delved into left wing politics could evolve into a political assassin. Later that year, Thornley was contacted by Warren Report critic David Lifton, who had taken offense with his book, *Oswald*. The two arranged a meeting at Thornley's apartment in Culver City, California,



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where over the course of an evening Lifton presented enough evidence to cause Thornley to do a 180-degree shift in his view of the Kennedy assassination. Thornley now believed that Oswald was innocent and that there had been a conspiracy behind the assassination.

As the 1960s progressed, Thornley got involved with the burgeoning counterculture, experimented with psychedelics, joined a free love group into mate swapping called Kerista, helped organize the Griffith Park Human Be-Ins and began formulating his own philosophy called Zenarchy.

Meanwhile, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison launched his JFK assassination probe, later depicted in Oliver Stone's *JFK*. Garrison contended that a cabal of rogue intelligence agents had masterminded the Kennedy assassination and that its base of operations had been the Guy Bannister Detective Agency in New Orleans. However, before Garrison was able to bring his case to trial, both Bannister and David Ferrie, another suspect in the case, mysteriously died. At that point the key suspect in the case became Clay Shaw, director of the New Orleans Trade Mart and former CIA operative.

At the same time that the Bannister operation was active, Lee Oswald had been in New Orleans involved in various communist organizations. Garrison claimed that

Oswald had been directed in these activities by rabid right-winger Guy Bannister, and had been working as an infiltrator to gather information on subversive organizations for Bannister's operation. Garrison went on to theorize that Bannister had set up Oswald as a fall guy in the Kennedy assassination by creating the illusion that Oswald was a radical communist.

In early 1968, Kerry Thornley was indicted by Garrison as part of the New Orleans assassination conspiracy that had been directed, or so Garrison claimed, by elements of the CIA. The principal witness against Thornley was a self-proclaimed "witch" named Barbara Reid, who was a voodoo worker and bohemian scene maker in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Reid claimed that she had seen Oswald and Thornley together prior to the Kennedy assassination, although Thornley denied this allegation, insisting that the last time he'd been in contact with Oswald was when the two served together in the Marines.

Oddly enough, Barbara Reid had been a member of the New Orleans branch of the Discordian Society. Reid even went so far as to claim that she

was the Goddess Eris herself! Whatever the case, Reid certainly brought a high degree of chaos into Kerry Thornley's life, as he was now a key suspect in the crime of the century due to her testimony.

In 1966, *The Second Oswald*, by Dr. Richard Popkin, presented the theory that there had been multiple Oswald impersonators running around New Orleans and Dallas prior to the Kennedy assassination, portraying Oswald as a loony tune communist sympathizer, with the intent of later setting him up as an assassination patsy. When Oswald was apprehended, a photo surfaced showing Oswald at his Dallas apartment, holding the rifle that

allegedly killed Kennedy. When Oswald was presented with the "backyard" photo, he insisted it had been doctored, and that he knew how the photographic alterations had been made. He charged: "That is not a picture of me; it is my face, but my face has been superimposed—the rest of the picture is not me at all. I've never seen it before . . . someone took a picture of my face and faked that photograph." This led Garrison to speculate that the photo had been fabricated by Kerry Thornley and other accomplices.

Oswald researcher John Armstrong has recently uncovered FBI documents at the National Archives which purportedly demonstrate that neighbors of Oswald had identified Thornley as a frequent visitor to Oswald's New Orleans apartment. The problem with these witnesses, who identified Thornley by way of photographic identification, was illustrated by a series of incidents where Garrison's

investigators went around showing prospective witnesses half a photograph in which Thornley appeared, informing them that the missing half was of Marina Oswald.

A *Los Angeles Free Press* staff member later identified this photo as the same one that appeared in an edition of the January 1968 *Tampa Times*, showing Thornley standing outside a courtroom after his extradition hearing with his arm around his wife, Cara. The negative had been flipped in the print used by Garrison's investigators, but even his most fanatical supporters had to admit that it was the same photo that appeared in *The Tampa Times*. It has also been documented that Garrison investigator Harold Weisberg had photos of Thornley altered to make him appear more like Lee Harvey Oswald, which were later used to influence potential witnesses to testify against Thornley.

Thornley's other activities, his more anarchic, Discordian ones, would also be linked to Garrison. As synchronicity would have it, an early Discordian manuscript, titled *How the West Was Lost*, had been reproduced after-hours on a mimeograph machine in Garrison's office. This clandestine copying operation had occurred a

couple of years before the Kennedy assassination, and was the work of Greg Hill and his friend Lane Caplinger, who worked as a typist in Garrison's office. Later, Garrison theorized that the Discordian Society was a CIA front, an idea that Thornley—ever the surrealist prankster—heartily encouraged. Little did Garrison suspect that he was an unwitting dupe in this Discordian conspiracy by the covert use of his own office mimeograph machine.

The Illuminati "Connection"

Sometime in 1968, Thornley discovered that one of Garrison's aides, Allan Chapman, believed that the JFK assassination had been the work of the Bavarian Illuminati, that ancient and fraternal order much ballyhooed by ring-wing conspiracy theorists (such as the John Birch Society) as a centuries-old secret society that was behind communism and damn near every other socialist-inspired ill then corrupting the world and "poisoning our precious bodily fluids."

In response to all of this Bavarian Illuminati paranoia, Thornley—in the midst of Garrison's probe—began sending out spurious announcements suggesting that he (Thornley) was an agent of the Bavarian Illuminati. These communiqués were sent under the auspices of the Discordian Society. The more he read about the Bavarian



Illuminati, the more fascinated he became. Eventually, Thornley and his fellow Discordian conspirators started planting stories about the Discordian Society's age-old war against the Illuminati, accusing everyone under the sun of being a member of that sinister and sneaky organization, from such politicians as Nixon, LBJ, Daley, and William Buckley to Martian invaders and various conspiracy buffs—plus members of the Discordian Society itself—which made it all very confusing and extremely hilarious.

Robert Anton Wilson—who in due time became an expert authority on the history of the Bavarian Illuminati—contributed to the formation of this Illuminati/Discordian mythos, feeding his own unique perspective and knowledge into this twisted loop of conspiratorial high weirdness. What became known as “Operation Mindfuck” was in full swing by late 1968, when Wilson—in cahoots with Thornley—composed a letter and answer in the Forum section of *Playboy*, which Wilson was then editing. This spurious correspondence put forth the theory that the wave of political assassinations taking place in America had been orchestrated by the Bavarian Illuminati.

Under the auspices of “The Bavarian Illuminati,” Thornley invented a Do-It-Yourself Conspiracy Kit, which included stationery containing dubious letterheads. As Wilson noted, “Omar [Thornley] would send a letter to the

Christian Anti-Communist Crusade on Bavarian Illuminati stationery, saying, ‘We’re amused you’ve discovered that we’ve taken over the Rock Music business. But you’re still so naïve. We took over the business in the 1800s. Beethoven was our first convert.’” As Wilson noted in *Cosmic Trigger*, these Illuminati/Discordian hijinks set in motion a new mythology:

The Discordian revelations seem to have pressed a magick button. New exposés of the Illuminati began to appear everywhere, in journals ranging from the extreme Right to the ultra-Left. Some of this was definitely not coming from us Discordians. In fact, one article in the *Los Angeles Free Press* in 1969 consisted of a taped interview with a black phone-caller who claimed to represent the “Black Mass,” an Afro-Discordian conspiracy we had never heard of. He took credit, on behalf of the Black

Mass and the Discordians for all the bombings elsewhere attributed to the Weather Underground.

Other articles claimed the Illuminati definitely were a Jesuit conspiracy, a Zionist conspiracy, a banker’s conspiracy, etc., and accused such worthies as FDR, J. Edgar Hoover, Lenin,

(FOR ROBERT ANTON WILSON
AND BROTHER IN LAW)

TOGETHER, LOVE,
WE CONSPIRED TO
ILLUMINATE THE OPPOSITION ~
AND IT TURNED
OUT TO BE EACH OTHER!

—OMAR KUNDSAM
RANENHURST,
THE FIRST.
4-20-77

Aleister Crowley,
Jefferson and even
Charlemagne of being
members of it, whatever it was (p. 64).

In a recent interview, Wilson remembered: “I appointed myself the head of the Illuminati, which led to a lot of interesting correspondences with other heads of the Illuminati in various parts of the world. One of them threatened to sue me. I told him to resubmit his letter in FORTRAN, because my computer wouldn’t accept it in English and I never heard from him again. I think that confused him.” Eventually, the operation started to run amok, as Wilson noted in *Cosmic Trigger*: “We were all having a lot of fun with Discordianism. None of us were aware, yet, that [it] could get out of hand.”

The Three Tramps

In the mid-1970s, revelations concerning a conspiracy of rogue intelligence agents involved in the Kennedy assassination appeared in a book by A.J. Weberman and Michael Canfield entitled *Coup d’Etat in America*. Weberman and Canfield brought to light the story of three tramps, who were picked up by Dallas police in Dealey Plaza following the assassination and released shortly afterward. The authors contended that these three tramps were actually intelligence agents in disguise who were part of a Kennedy assassination hit team.

Weberman and Canfield presented photographic evidence indicating that one of the tramps, known as the “old man tramp,” was actually **E. Howard Hunt, renowned CIA agent** who had been involved in various capers including the Watergate burglary and the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

When Thornley came across this evidence, he immediately recognized Hunt as the shadowy character he’d met in New Orleans over a decade before named Gary Kirstein, a.k.a. “Brother-in-law.” This evidence opened up a floodgate of memories for Thornley. He began to suspect he’d been hypno-programmed as a substitute fall guy in the Kennedy assassination in the event that the Oswald set-up went awry, and that Hunt had been one of his “handlers.”



If Hunt was "Brother-in-law," then who was Slim Brooks? Thornley speculated that Slim Brooks was, in reality, Jerry Milton Brooks, a former Minuteman and employee of Guy Bannister. Furthermore, Thornley suspected that Slim had acted as navigational advisor for the Bay of Pigs invasion, and had been assigned to keep an eye on Thornley during the period when he lived in New Orleans.

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Only a few years prior, Thornley had considered Jim Garrison's investigation a McCarthy-like witch-hunt; now he began to suspect that Garrison might have been on the right track. Suddenly a string of evidence—which had once seemed but mere coincidences—were now beginning to line up, one after another, to form in his mind a conspiratorial domino row, with Thornley at center stage surrounded by a web of conspirators manipulating his and Lee Oswald's movements prior to the Kennedy assassination. Thornley began sending out affidavits to friends, law enforcement officials and politicians, outlining his conversations with Kirstein and Brooks in New Orleans during the early 1960s and how he felt he had been sucked into the JFK assassination.

One day, **Bob Wilson** got a letter from Thornley saying: "I am the most important man on the planet—I am the only one who knows all about the Kennedy assassination!" Due to this knowledge, Thornley insisted that his life was threatened by a sinister cabal of conspirators who wanted him silenced. Wilson tried to rationalize the situation, reminding him that there was a distinct difference between "theory" and "proof."

Much to Wilson's surprise,

Thornley now suspected him of being involved as part of an "assassination conspiracy team" and, furthermore, that Wilson was Thornley's CIA baby-sitter, covertly employed by the Agency to keep a watchful eye on him.

Wilson insists he and Thornley actually met only once, in Atlanta in 1967. As Wilson recalls: "[Kerry] had the impression that I came to Atlanta more than once and that I had given him LSD and had removed the programming the Navy had put into him when he was in the Marines—and

that I was one of his CIA handlers." When Wilson informed Thornley that he didn't remember any of this taking place, Thornley said that was because they had brainwashed him, too. Because of these suspicions, the two eventually ceased communications because, as Wilson explained in a recent interview, "It's hard to communicate with somebody when he thinks you're a diabolical mind-control agent and you're convinced that he's a little bit paranoid."

In Thornley's worldview, the Operation had come full circle, biting him square on the derriere. As Wilson ruminated in *Cosmic Trigger*:

Thornley's letters to me became increasingly denunciatory. He now believed that the Discordian Society had been infiltrated very early by CIA agents (probably including me) who had used it as a cover for an assassination bureau. The logic of this was brilliant in a surrealistic, Kafkaesque sort of way. Try to picture a jury keeping a straight face when examining a conspiracy that worshipped the Goddess of Confusion, honored Emperor Norton as a saint, had a Holy Book called "How I Found Goddess and What I Did to Her After I Found Her," and featured personnel who called themselves Malaclypse the Younger, Ho Chi Zen, Mordecai the Foul, Lady L, F.A.B., Fang the Unwashed, Harold Lord Randomfactor, Onrak the Backwards, et al. . . .

Thanks to Thornley (as well as conspiracy researcher Mae Brussell) Bob Wilson gained the reputation as some sort of CIA super-spook, as legend grew that both he and compatriot Timothy Leary were Illuminati ringleaders who had masterminded the Kennedy assassination dance party. Of course, Wilson found such nonsense outlandish and somewhat hilarious, as it was surrealistically reminiscent of just the type of conspiratorial hoax that he and Thornley had promulgated throughout the late 60s and early 70s. As Bob related: "Mae Brussell claimed I was an agent of the Rockefeller Conspiracy, and I confessed in a magazine called *Conspiracy Digest* that David Rockefeller came around every two weeks with gold bars to keep me well stocked . . . I thought this would help improve my credit rating, but unfortunately no one seemed to believe it, but Mae."



Paranoia or Mind Control?

Before becoming paranoid himself, Thornley had very eloquently addressed the subject of paranoia, and often parodied groups and individuals who had created elaborate conspiracy theories which mirrored their own muddled minds. Later, he became like the very people he'd parodied,

such as Garrison, for instance, who seemed to accept many a half-baked theory as long as it fit his worldview, which oddly enough included Thornley as a principal player in the crime of the century. As writer Bob Black once said to Thornley: "You used to satirize conspiracy theories; now you believe in them." To that observation, Thornley solemnly agreed.

Thornley later came to believe (as did Bob Wilson, though in a somewhat different context) that the Discordians had swung open the doors of some spooky psychic realm—a realm with a sometimes twisted sense of humor—ostensibly inviting in a host of mad gods and hobgoblins, no doubt encouraged by the chaotic forces invoked by Eris. As Greg Hill told an interviewer during this period: "[Kerry] has recently been in a state of extreme discord. We were talking about Eris and confusion and he said, 'You know, if I had realized that all of this was going to come *true*, I would have chosen Venus.'"

As Thornley delved ever deeper into his own conspiracies, an increasingly bizarre picture began to emerge. Initially, in the mid-70s—when these sinister figures first starting flitting in the shadows—Thornley came to the conclusion that he'd been "wired"—implanted with a mind control device—during his service in the Marines. Later, Thornley came to believe that this insidious mind zap had started much earlier, perhaps even before birth, and that he was a product of what he termed a "German breeding experiment"; an experiment that presumably used both he and Oswald as guinea pigs.

Thornley even came to suspect his own parents were Axis spies who had cut a deal with Nazi Occultists conducting eugenics experiments, the ultimate purpose of which was to create a Manchurian candidate. Of course, some would suggest that Thornley feigned mind control victimization and/or mental illness to conceal his role in the Kennedy assassination twister game. Jonathan Vankin wonders, in *Conspiracies, Coverups and Crimes*:

Is Thornley's intricately conspiratorial autobiography an elaborate mind-game he plays with himself and anyone who'll join in? Or is he really an intelligence agent, with a macabre cover story for his role in the John F. Kennedy conspiracy? Or ... is Kerry Thornley a helpless pawn in a game beyond anyone's comprehension, who somehow figured out what has been happening to him? (p. 5-6).

Thornley once admitted that—in some surreal way or another—he owed everything he'd become to the ominous specter of mind control, and that it wasn't necessarily a bad thing. For good or ill, this arcane path that Thornley had been led down (or which he *believed* he'd been led down) had made him, in essence, all that he was, and had not these malevolent behind-the-scenes machinations transpired, Thornley would have never written *The Idle Warriors* and *Oswald* nor would he have led such a colorful, though

complicated, life. So, in this respect, mind control had been a blessing in disguise. Or, as Thornley explained in a *SteamShovel Press* interview:

Kerry: I harbored the conceit, up until I discovered I was a mind control subject, that I was a particularly independent thinker. And so it came to me rather hard that I owed much of my thinking and much of my independence, or what looked to me like my independence [to mind control], which was actually not independence at all. . . . I'd probably have become an Elder in the Mormon Church if I hadn't become a mind control subject—it probably would have been the most perfectly boring life you would imagine.

Kenn Thomas: So you've been saved by mind control?

Kerry: [laughs] Yeah, right . . . not that I think it's a nice thing—it's a hideous thing for your identity to be stolen from you.

While Thornley occasionally addressed his alleged mind control in a lighthearted and/or Zen-like manner, I don't believe that his mind control revelations were total put-ons, although at times he probably felt that all the metaphysical jokes he'd played on others over the years had come back to bite him.

After years of battling a rare kidney disease, Kerry Thornley died on November 28, 1998. Up until the very end, he believed that the kidney disease that led to his death was the result of a conspiracy. **P**

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A Field Report on the 9/11 Commission Hearings

LIST in TRANSLATION by Len Bracken

Richard Clarke's polemical *Against All Enemies* might have been the "elephant in the room" at the March 24, 2004, 9/11 Commission hearings in Washington, DC, as one commissioner put it, but that didn't prevent the suspicious clues, once described by a German expert as the tracks left by "a heard of stampeding elephants," from being followed into the hallway outside the Senate chamber.

Just after CIA Director George Tenet received a light grilling by the commissioners on the second day of this made-for-television political drama, FBI whistleblower Sibel Edmonds gave an improvisational press conference, telling reporters the bureau had "real, specific" information regarding the 2001 attacks before they happened.

"President Bush said they had no specific information about September 11, and that's accurate," Edmonds said. "But there was specific information about use of airplanes, that an attack was on the way two or three months beforehand and that several people were already in the country by May of 2001." Edmonds, a Turkish-American translator who has passed an FBI polygraph, calls Condoleezza Rice's denial that there was information about a domestic threat using airplanes "an outrageous lie," adding "documents can prove it."

Sibel Edmonds reviewed the translation of documents regarding the hijackers' location in the U.S., their plot to use airplanes as missiles, and their financial activities. When asked if she thought the FBI had been infiltrated by a foreign intelligence service—her co-workers had apparently recruited her for an organization that was a target of bureau surveillance—and whether or not the terrorist cells had been infiltrated, Edmonds said she wished she could go into those areas but they had been placed under the Justice Department's "State Secret Privilege." This prevents her from telling the public what she told the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Kean Commission.

Edmonds did, however, tell the assembled news cameras that she has testified, and the commission still feigns ignorance, about "very specific plots, dates, airplanes used as weapons, and specific individuals and activities." This contradicts Clarke's testimony

later that day: "I don't think the FBI would know whether or not there was anything going on in the United States." Clarke was asked a hard-hitting question about who signed off on the evacuation of the bin Laden family, but he deceptively responded by saying he couldn't recall who brought him the request.

The April 2004 Commission Hearings

The FBI pretends it knew less than the record suggests about the 9/11 operation, and the Kean Commission is playing along with the cover-up. FBI Director Robert Mueller's April 14, 2004 testimony made no reference to the memo that had been sent to FBI headquarters by an FBI field agent expressing alarm at Arabs training at flight schools. While at the Department of Justice, Mueller covered up the illegal arming of Iraq. History will record that it was his bureau that covered up the 9/11 attacks.

The biggest and most indicative gaff in the two days of hearings, April 13-14, 2004, occurred when Clinton adviser Sandy Berger was asked about bombing Afghanistan. His response was marked by a startling slip in which he amended "CIA oper..." to "al-Qaeda operatives." Richard Clarke asserted that 9/11 would be rightly seen by Americans as a Saudi attack, but failed to mention the funding from al-Qaeda operatives in the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) to Mohamed Atta in the summer of 2001. The fact that the CIA met with bin Laden in Dubai in the summer of 2001, and that he was reportedly in the Pakistani ISI's hospital in Rawalpindi around the time of the attacks, demonstrates deeply suspicious links between the intelligence services and al-Qaeda.

When Omar al-Bayoumi was captured in London, British officials couldn't understand how their American counterparts could just release him. Here was a Saudi who had abetted the 9/11 hijackers in San Diego. He is suspected of being an asset of the United States or Saudi Arabia or both. The notion that the events were the sole work of Saudis, as Richard Clarke would lead the public to believe, is refuted by the last-minute authorization and funding Atta received, respectively, from Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Saeed Sheikh, both associated with the Pakistani ISI.



PARAnoids

...on the go

A Boston newspaper article on June 18, 2004, disclosed that: "Cheney in a below-ground White House facility received Bush's approval for pilots to shoot down aircraft deemed hostile. The vice president conveyed the order. At midmorning, more than a half hour after the order had been given, Cheney told Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld he thought it had been carried out."

When Saeed Sheikh was indicted by Ashcroft for the Daniel Pearl murder, his financing of 9/11 was not mentioned, and reports state that when he was jailed in Pakistan he was not immediately interviewed by U.S. authorities, even though he had been bin Laden's financial manager. Saeed's controller, ISI General Mahmoud Ahmad, was meeting in Washington at the time of the attacks—the perfect alibi—and is deeply implicated but was nonetheless allowed to retire and live at home.

There are so many anomalies in the establishment version of 9/11 that alternative narratives seem much more credible. The most likely scenarios have benefited from whistleblowers such as FBI translator Sibel Edmonds and

immense power. As a result of town hall meetings in Lynchburg, Virginia, surrounding an aviation maintenance contract, reporters linked Hilliard to the intelligence community and to the Christian far right—the people who, as the record shows, are bent on a crusade.

Where Was Israel?

What was ostensibly a Saudi-ISI-al-Queda jihad operation was facilitated and perhaps ultimately masterminded by the CIA and closely monitored and perhaps infiltrated by Israel. Cover was provided by the FBI and DEA. Several high-ranking Pakistanis have pointed the finger at Israel. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, in an attempt to dispel the 9/11 association generated by a spy dragnet in the U.S. and innuendos from Bush, showed to journalists in his embassy in Washington the prime Israeli reports, which were sent to U.S. authorities in August 2001, that prove fair warning was given.

Israel must have known specific details in advance and appears to have been willing to sacrifice one of its own: The FAA wrote a now disputed but clearly authentic memo regarding the shooting of Daniel Lewin of the Israeli Defense Forces' Sayeret Matkal division, which is charged with tracking terrorists outside of Israel, by terrorist Satam al-Suqami. Israel reaped political gains from the attacks, obtaining a green light to attack Palestinians, which offsets the few shots it took from the far right which occurred mostly below the major media radar, and are rebutted by charges of anti-Semitism or "urban myths" whenever they surface.

Tell-Tale Signs

Some of the hijackers may not have known the Americans were in on the plot, some may have had dual or mixed loyalties, and others, such as Atta, or perhaps all of them, must have known of U.S. complicity and left heavy-handed clues, such as picking a fight in the garage at Logan Airport so the car would be found with the tell-tale copy of the Koran and flight manual in Arabic.

Those who dispute the state-terror thesis often raise the question about how the government could induce someone to commit suicide. Atta and Marwan al-Shehhi, who were better pilots than the public has been led to believe, may or may not have flown the hijacked planes, and may not have had much jihad ideology in their heads. It's possible that they marshaled the cells into order with help from people behind the scenes and boarded the planes with another hijacking plan in mind. In the ranks of pilots who flew for Air America or one of the other CIA cover operations, there were bound to be a handful of potentially suicidal cases.

According to his girlfriend, Atta and his friends were on cocaine and drinking heavily, which means they could have been slipped suicide-inducing drugs. Perhaps they were not

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president of the Hispanic Victims Group, who held the master key for the North Tower and was the last person pulled from the rubble. At the 9/11 CitizensWatch press conference prior to the hearings, Rodriquez and others raised disturbing facts. State Department whistleblower Michael Springmann stated that while working at the U.S. Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, he was compelled by the CIA to grant visas for associates of Osama bin Laden who had no legitimate business in the States. Many of the hijackers received their visas from this office.

Investigative journalist Daniel Hopsicker reports in his book *Welcome to Terrorland* that these Arab "student pilots" flocked by the hundreds to several highly suspicious flight schools on Florida's Gulf Coast in 2000 and 2001. He follows the money behind these schools to an aviation executive with pilots who fly aircraft around the world and who have been caught with drugs on their planes. According to Hopsicker's sources, this executive, Wally Hilliard, was the friend of presidents and held the most cards in Florida, but he was periodically pressured by someone with

fully aware of how they were controlled, and perhaps were led to believe they were shrewdly fooling the Americans. However, they behaved as though they could act with impunity, as though they were protected. Perhaps they were in financial trouble and were assured that payment for their suicides could provide atonement to loved ones.

The public is now aware that antidepressant drugs can induce suicide because regulations require it say so on the label. With this in mind, it seems that it can't be so difficult for spies to chemically induce suicidal feelings when they know everything about a person. Atta, for example, suffered from an immense inferiority complex due to the small size of his penis, which he compensated for with outbursts of violence. Hopsicker reports that Atta lived with his girlfriend for a week while she slept with another man in the bedroom. When she finally booted him, not only did he beg to be insulted about his member, he came back and butchered her cats. Someone with his peculiarities, it seems, could be turned by spies in such a way that a fiery death appears glorious.

Stand Down Order

On the other end of the hierarchy, on September 11, 2001, Vice President Richard Cheney was in charge of the Presidential Emergency Operating Center in the White House. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta testified to the commission in May 2004 that he was with Cheney when a young man came in and said, "The plane is 50 miles out ... the plane is 30 miles out," referring to the plane headed for Washington. Mineta described a situation in which the young man entered again saying, "10 miles out" and asked, "Do the orders still stand?" Cheney turned and said, "Of course the orders still stand. Have you heard anything to the contrary?"

John Judge, assassination researcher and co-founder of 9/11 CitizensWatch, notes that these statements and the

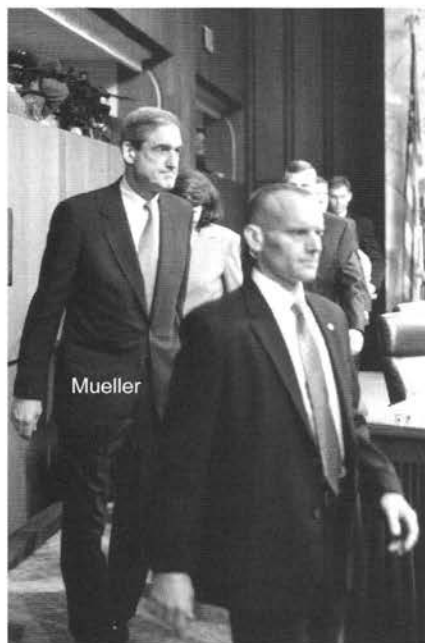
military's inaction are more indicative of orders to "stand down" rather than shoot down. Questions about basic facts like the shoot-down order prompted 9/11 CitizensWatch to launch an advertising campaign in the *Washington Post* and local subways, coinciding with and after the March 2004 commission hearings. Their ad and posters made the public aware of what looks like a massive cover-up.

Standard procedure in any air emergency is to scramble jets, Judge notes, adding that he was shown anti-aircraft missiles on the roof of the Pentagon in the late 1990s. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld could not say in his testimony if the shoot-down order was communicated to the pilots, but the question indicates that the commissioner who asked it may know the order was not transmitted. Commissioner Jamie Gorelick was dismayed that nothing was done to protect the nation's military headquarters. Researcher Paul Thompson suggests that the order to shoot may only have been given after the Pentagon crash, when flight 93 was being wrestled away from the hijackers, hence running the risk of witnesses and evidence remaining alive and intact. Numerous accounts contend, contrary to the government's assertion that it crashed in a struggle between hijackers and passengers, that flight 93 was shot down.

A new timeline emerged in the last batch of staff reports, but it did nothing to clarify the order that Cheney had given to the young man around 9:26 a.m., coinciding with the FAA's unprecedented national ground stop, as flight 77 approached Washington. The Commission's new timeline says the shootdown order was given after flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. What order had Cheney given that the young man questioned? It may be too early to judge, but it is not too early to ask questions that will inevitably be weighed by the court of universal history. Were U.S. government personnel or their assets in any way complicit in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks? Failure to repeatedly and pointedly ask this question, much less attempt to answer it in a systematic and comprehensive way, is a major dereliction of duty by America's Fourth Estate, which seems to have forgotten that liars have always been in power.

Bush has largely been given a pass despite significant evidence that his administration has engaged in a cover-up and indications that he may be guilty of historic crimes. It's almost understandable in this case. In contemporary public discourse, the question of complicity runs the risk of turning against the questioner. At his December 15, 2003, press conference the president responded to a question about warnings he received of an imminent attack prior to September 11 by stating that even asking the question was to make "an absurd insinuation."

On the contrary, it would be absurd to accept the administration's assertions, or those of their apologists,



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BIN LADEN & BUSH: BUSINESS PARTNERS?

President Bush and the bin Laden family have been connected through various business deals since 1977, when Salem, the head of the bin Laden family, invested in junior Bush's start-up oil company, Arbusto Energy, Inc. The White House claims Salem's business representative made the investment with his own funds and not bin Laden's. (American Free Press)

about the facts regarding what happened on 9/11 because they have been proven wrong repeatedly. Rice knowingly misled the public when she said no one suspected using planes as weapons, although she appears to be retreating on this limited point.

General Richard Myers, the man in charge of the military response on 9/11, gave highly erroneous testimony at his confirmation hearing as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and managed to leave the final June 17, 2004, hearing before all the commissioners could ask their questions. He and Rumsfeld did little to clear up basic facts about who knew what, when, and why nothing was done. The principal of any school would have evacuated the building with as much foreknowledge, but no one did that for the Pentagon employees.

The Complete 9/11 Timeline (www.cooperativeresearch.org) cites warnings from eleven nations, along with warnings from FBI agents in Phoenix, Minneapolis, and Chicago, and from FBI informant Randy Glass, among others. Yet amid all these warnings the alert level was lowered. This is reminiscent of the way infiltrators were pulled off the Oklahoma City and first World Trade Center cases as they approached the exploding point. Journalist William Norman Grigg interviewed FBI agents for *The New American*, who stated that information about an impending attack was widely known, as was the way headquarters ignored warnings and blocked intelligence-gathering efforts.

The public knows that Attorney General John Ashcroft had stopped flying commercial flights and that Pentagon officials were warned not to fly on September 11. The public and media refuse to believe that Cheney and Rumsfeld could have approved this absurd plan for a "New Pearl Harbor," which they, and Paul Wolfowitz, so passionately desired as a pretext for the imperialist ambitions outlined in their Project for a New American Century. Is it really so hard to imagine that Rumsfeld, after all the public has heard from former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neil and former terrorism adviser Richard Clarke, wanted to wage war in Afghanistan and then Iraq? A former Enron spokesman states that a pipeline through Afghanistan was a high priority. Moreover, Cheney could be assured that his defense contractor base would get the initial spoils of war and right-wing Christians would have their crusade.

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regard 9/11 is reminiscent of what the Chinese call *ku rou ji*, a self-inflicted wound intended to trick a foe; only in this case the injury was perpetrated by individuals operating under a false flag and the enemy was the American people. In my book, *Shadow Government: 9/11 and State Terror*, I call this an indirect defensive attack because, unlike the offensive use of terror by groups to challenge a state, the established power made a defensive attack: It indirectly attacked what it should defend, namely its citizens, as a pretext to go on the offensive. The subsequent anthrax attacks give the whole affair the aura of a massive psychological warfare operation.

More support for this scenario comes from the news that the Department of Justice would rather dismiss the 9/11 cases against Zacarais Moussoui at home and Mounir el-Motassadeq in Germany than to depose certain witnesses, such as Ramzi bin al-Shibh, lest they disclose too much.

Operational Levels of the 9/11 Attack

The multiple hijacking and subsequent crashes in 2001 must be considered as an inside job or else all objectivity is lost. The case against Osama bin Laden, who denied responsibility, is so thin as to hardly exist. The U.S. government did not, because it could not, make a legal case against bin Laden to the Afghan government prior to invasion. In fact, the Congressional Joint Inquiry Report has a section called "The Case Against Bin Laden," the infamous cave-dwelling terrorist, but it comprises a

mere two paragraphs.

The entire case is based on bin Laden associate Khallad (after the former CIA-FBI photo identification was corrected) having attending the Malaysian planning session in January 2000. No mention is made in this crucial section of the report about the notorious videos in which bin Laden purportedly claimed responsibility because he was in a Pakistani military hospital at the time of the attacks. Indeed, both the joint inquiry report and the staff reports from the 9/11 Commission conveniently omit what is widely known and now amounts to a public secret: Mohamed Atta received his final big payment and go-ahead



Former "terrorism czar" Richard Clarke drew a blank about who gave the go-ahead to evacuate the bin Laden family on 9/11. His assertion that 9/11 was the sole work of Saudis is refuted by funding received by Mohamed Atta from the Pakistani ISI.

from the ISI, which is closely allied with the CIA, in August and September 2001.

Only the hopelessly naïve can rule out the possibility that people in the U.S. government knew about the operation and were involved with it, or that it was infiltrated probably at the highest levels by U.S. or Israeli operatives. The possibility that Americans betrayed and attacked fellow citizens under a false flag makes a much stronger case than the one against bin Laden.

In my book *Shadow Government: 9/11 and State Terror*, historical evidence demonstrates that statesmen routinely use terror in deceptive ways to further their crimes in other areas. Rather than directly deploying terrorist tactics to defend themselves and their regimes, as was the case in the Terror of the French Revolution, statesmen oft prefer to indirectly attack their citizens, shifting the blame. They then use the attack to justify controversial measures, such as foreign wars and a curtailment of civil rights in favor of state power.

Indirect defensive attacks in a “strategy of tension” comprise one of the most shopworn pages in the playbook of power. The classic historical case for the strategy of tension is the Gladio Conspiracy in Italy, which I present in my book, *Arch Conspirator*. The evidence shows that Mario Maretti, the man held most responsible for the assassination of Prime Minister Aldo Moro, infiltrated the Red Brigades on behalf of Italian military intelligence, which was operating closely with NATO, and that he made numerous trips to the CIA station in Paris. Only a public that is unaware of such historical events—including the infamous COINTEL operations in which these sorts of provocations were directed against American citizens—would fail to recognize that Mohamed Atta is another incarnation of Mario Maretti.

Negative Agent Mohamed Atta

In his book *Welcome to TerrorLand: Mohamed Atta and the 9/11 Cover-Up in Florida*, Daniel Hopsicker convincingly demonstrates that Atta began working for the U.S. government in Hamburg in 1992. Atta showed signs of a false conversion to radical Islam on the one hand, and later, on the other hand, he was enrolled at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama in an elite international officer training course. Like Maretti’s sudden conversion from a right-winger to union supporter, Atta’s transformation is suspicious in light his decadent behavior. Through

eyewitness interviews, Hopsicker informs the public that the team leader of the 9/11 plot drank heavily, snorted cocaine and had a strong foot fetish. This is not the type of man that U.S. intelligence services would cultivate as a positive asset, say, as a pilot on a Saudi airline or in the Egyptian Air Force.

Atta appears to have been instead a negative agent, cultivated for years to attack the U.S. under the flag of radical Islam. Recent history shows that rather than not knowing about terrorist activity, the FBI often *pretends* not to know about it as guilelessly as the monkeys who can’t see, hear or speak any evil because of their own hands. To mention one example, the FBI pretends it was caught off guard when it had an infiltrator deep inside the terror cell that attacked the World Trade Center in 1993. The infiltrator recorded his handlers saying that it could have prevented the attack, and these remarks were published in the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*.

In another example, the FBI destroyed documents relating to Tim McVeigh’s close ties to the Aryan Republican Army, calling into question the legitimacy of his trial. The group threatened on video to blow up the Murrah building, and some of its neo-Nazi members gave indications of being agent provocateurs. The FBI claims McVeigh didn’t know the group, whereas some of its members publicly contradict this assertion. The bureau discounts the many indications

that McVeigh robbed banks with this gang.

The American public should be aware that the FBI intimidates witnesses who know the truth about Atta’s ties with suspicious people and their flight schools in Florida. Hopsicker convincingly links the terrorist ringleader to a drug-running operation connected to U.S. intelligence. Numerous eyewitnesses characterize Atta’s relationship with flight school executive Rudi Dekkers in terms that shatter the image painted by the Dutchman for a congressional panel. These eyewitnesses, real Americans who should be heard from in public hearings, place Atta in Dekkers’ company in Venice, Florida in the weeks before the attacks when the FBI says Atta was somewhere else.

Stanley Hilton, former legislative assistant to Senator Bob Dole, who has “inconvenient” evidence, was not called to testify before the Kean Commission. In the course of building a case against the government on behalf of some victims’ family members, he deposed a woman who was married to a hijacker. She claims they were controlled by the U.S. government and present at other domestic terror events.



FBI translator Sibel Edmonds testifies about specific plots, dates, airplanes used as weapons, and specific individuals and activities. Asked if she thought the FBI had been infiltrated by a foreign intelligence service, Edmonds couldn’t “go there” due to invocation of State Secret Privilege.

The Case Against bin Laden

The case against Osama bin Laden in the Joint Inquiry Report is weak, and the videos the government has held up against him reportedly look like fakes or use erroneous translations. Bin Laden has denied culpability in the Pakistani press, and the best the U.S. can manage is to place an associate of his at the planning meeting in Malaysia after rectifying a case of mistaken identity with photographs found after 9/11.

A much stronger case against the government is developing as more whistleblowers come forward with details and as independent reporters and researchers continue digging. In *The New Pearl Harbor*, theologian David Griffin contests the established narrative regarding highly specific intercepts, such as “tomorrow is zero hour,” obtained by the National Security Agency in the days prior to 9/11. Whereas the NSA maintains the translations were made after the event, Griffin writes, “It would be interesting to know, however, whether this conclusion was based on any evidence other than testimony by members of the NSA.” Griffin notes that Senator Orrin Hatch may have revealed the NSA’s actual practice of real-time translation by the way he spoke on September 12 of bin Laden associates celebrating the attacks. NSA has reportedly destroyed documents relevant to the 9/11 investigation.

cancelled flight plans. Was he warned, as Pacifica News reported, by Rice?

The public still has not been allowed to see who profited from the now infamously anomalous American, United, and other “put options” that fared so well after the attacks. Did members of the Bush circle profit from speculation? At a 9/11 CitizensWatch press conference, Catherine Austin Fitts outlined a series of staggering financial scandals at the Pentagon and on Wall Street that were swept under the rug as a result of the attacks. This brings to mind the suspicions about bombs in the towers and the bizarre oil fire that was cited as the cause of the World Trade Center’s demolition-style collapses. Suspicions are naturally raised when the public learned that a bin Laden was meeting with the president’s father on the day of the attack while the president himself was acting strange in Florida.

Welcome to Terrorland

In her *American Reporter* article “Secrecy Surrounds a Bush Brother’s Role in 9/11 Security,” Margie Burns writes that Marvin Bush was on the board of directors of the security firm that serviced Dulles Airport and the World Trade Center and that, according to a spokesman in an FBI regional office, the investigation of the attacks has been coordinated “directly from the White House” since October

THE BIGGEST GAFF in the two days of hearings, April 13-14, 2004, occurred when Clinton adviser Sandy Berger was asked about bombing Afghanistan. His response was marked by a startling slip in which he amended “CIA oper...” to “al-Qaeda operatives.”

The holy warriors may have thought they were the sole authors of this crime when, in fact, there were ghosts involved. The French term for a ghostwriter, *nègre*, takes on an ironic meaning here and it may be more realistic to think of true authors as *fantômes*. Colin Powell was out of the country and incommunicado. Even though on September 10 top Pentagon officials reportedly canceled travel plans for the next day, which clearly implies foreknowledge, the black general in the situation room made the nonsensical testimony that nothing was done because they didn’t think the hijackings were related. We now know that he wasn’t even in the room, and that he was relieved by a younger officer right before the attacks, although we don’t know why.

Rice was in the room with Cheney at the White House and could testify, in public and under oath, as to whether the initial order was to stand down and, after the Pentagon was hit, changed to shoot down. Her comments regarding not knowing about terrorists using planes as missiles, especially in light of threats at the Genoa G-8 summit, make it seem as though she were left holding the bag. The commission could have asked her about Willie Brown’s

2001. These facts and others about foreknowledge and cover-ups invite conspiracy-minded suspicions, as does the fact that Governor Jeb Bush declared a state of emergency in his state a week prior to the attacks, and he personally escorted documents from flight schools back to Washington less than a day after the attack.

People will keep asking the question about foreknowledge that President Bush labels an “absurd insinuation” as long as he withholds from the public evidence that would either prove or disprove it. The record shows that suspected jihadists lived near CIA and NSA headquarters. If Hopsicker is correct in his assertion that the CIA taught jihadists to fly, where is the public reckoning? And if 9/11 was so clearly a Saudi operation, why were four planes full of Saudis evacuated home without any interrogation?

In *Welcome to Terrorland*, Hopsicker comes as close as anyone has to sketching Atta—from his hedonistic behavior and ties to suspicious aviation executives right before the attacks, to his U.S. military training and his employment with the U.S. government going back to the early 1990s. The picture of Atta that emerges is one of a man who spoke numerous languages, including Hebrew, had many identifi-

Bush Plans "Mental Health Screening" for All!

A sweeping mental health initiative unveiled by George W. Bush in July, 2004 recommends comprehensive mental health screening for "consumers of all ages," including preschool children. President Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health states that schools are in a "key position" to screen the 52 million students and 6 million adults who work at the schools. The New Freedom Commission recommends using "state of the art treatments" and "specific medications for specific conditions." The Texas Medication Algorithm Project (TMAP), touted as the model plan, promotes the use of newer, more expensive antidepressants and antipsychotic drugs paid for by insurance companies.

Whistleblower, Allen Jones, former employee of the Pennsylvania Office of the Inspector General, revealed that key officials with influence over the plan in Pennsylvania received money and perks from drug companies. Jones was fired from his position for speaking out. As an OIG investigator, Jones discovered the pharmaceutical industry was "influencing state officials with trips, perks, lavish meals," and other first class fares. According to Jones, the "model program being implemented in Pennsylvania with drug industry hard-sell, misinformation and inducements has just been recommended by President Bush's New Freedom Commission as a model program for the entire country."

The TMAP, which began in 1995 as an alliance between the pharmaceutical industry, the Univ. of Texas, and the mental health and corrections systems of Texas, was funded by a Robert Wood Johnson grant and several drug companies. Jones has reported that the same "political/pharmaceutical alliance" behind the TMAP is behind the New Freedom Commission. Jones alleges that the two groups plan to merge into a "comprehensive national policy to treat mental illness with expensive, patented medications of questionable benefit and deadly side effects, and to force private insurers to pick up more of the tab."

Larry Sasich, research associate with Public Citizen, asserts "using the older drugs first makes sense. There's nothing in the labeling of the newer atypical antipsychotic drugs that suggests they are superior in efficacy." Robert Whitaker, author of *Mad in America*, argues that while increased screening may seem defensible, it could also be seen as "fishing for customers." Oddly, the program does refer to the population to be screened as "consumers."

Drug companies have fared very well under Bush, says Steven Weiss, of the Center for Responsive Politics. In fact, the drug company Eli Lilly has several ties to the Bushes. George Bush Sr. was a member of Eli Lilly's board of directors and Bush Jr. appointed Eli Lilly's chief executive officer, Sidney Taurel, to a seat on the Homeland Security Council. In the 2000 "election" Lilly made \$1.6m in political contributions, 82% of which went to Bush and the Republican Party. Manufacturers of drugs and health products have contributed a whopping \$764,274 in contributions to the campaign of George W. Bush, three times more than that received by John Kerry.

Sources: <http://bmj.bmjournals.com> and <http://psychrights.org/Drugs/AllenJonesTMAPJanuary20.pdf>

cation cards in his flight bag, and conveniently assumed the identity of an Islamic fundamentalist so that he could play a role in someone else's story. Hopsicker is also a television producer who taped hundreds of witnesses; these interviews should become part of the record and compared with the Joint Inquiry and Kean Commission reports. He calls a rough cut of this reportage "Mohammed Atta and the Venice Flying Circus" because a famous circus has a clown school there that is routinely used by the CIA.

The story of 9/11 and the subsequent anthrax attacks was written by ghosts who are scarcely ever seen. They want blacks to appear stupid and Arabs to appear evil. And when it comes to their allies in the military-intelligence community, it's a tale of clowns chasing each other under the big top, pulling up their baggy pants as they run and tripping over their big shoes.

The biggest clown of all tightens his polka dot tie and holds a tiny hat over his heart. With a frown on his face, he feigns sadness. But the public can see by his smirk that he is quite happy to have painted a bulls' eye on the renegade bin Laden's butt. For those who doubt the case for government complicity, recall that in the words of P.T. Barnum, there's a sucker born every day. **P**



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DARWIN & THE SCIENTIFIC DICTATORSHIP'S WAR AGAINST THE BLACK RACE

by Phillip & Paul Collins

IN THE ARTICLE ENTITLED
"The Ascendancy of the Scientific Dictator-
ship" (*Paranoia*, Fall 2003, Issue 33), we ex-
amined the transformation of the elite's religious power
structure into a technocratic oligarchy legitimized

predominantly by science. We proposed that the history and background of this "scientific dictatorship" is a conspiracy, created and micro-managed by the historical tide of Darwinism, which has its foundations in Freemasonry. In this article, we shall examine the ramifications of the ascendance of this scientific dictatorship for one specific segment of humanity ... the black race.

Masonic Racism and Darwin

As was established in the previous article on this topic, Darwin's theory of evolution was cribbed liberally from Freemasonry's occult doctrine of "becoming." In that article, we noted:

In 1794, Erasmus Darwin wrote a book entitled *Zoonomia*, which delineated his theory of evolution. Being a Freemason, there is little doubt

that Erasmus cribbed liberally from the Lodge's occult doctrine of "becoming." Before Freemason, Erasmus Darwin, penned his precursory notions of progressive biological development, Freemason, John Locke, had extrapolated the Hindu doctrine of reincarnation into the realm of science, and formulated a theory of evolution.

According to this doctrine, humanity was gradually evolving towards apotheosis. In *The Meaning of Masonry*, Masonic scholar W.L. Wilmschurst reveals:

This—the *evolution* [emphasis added] of man into superman—was always the purpose of the ancient Mysteries, and the real purpose of modern Masonry is not the social and charitable purposes to which so much attention is paid, but the expediting of the spiritual evolution of those who aspire to perfect their own nature and transform it into a more god-like quality. And this is a definite science, a royal art, which it is possible for each of us to put into practice; whilst to join the Craft for any other purpose than to study and pursue this science is to misunderstand its meaning (Wilmschurst, 47).

Later in the book, Wilmschurst reiterates this theme:

Man, who has sprung from earth and developed through the lower kingdoms of nature to his present rational state, has yet to complete his *evolution* [emphasis added] by becoming a god-like being and unifying his consciousness with the Omniscient, to promote which is and always has been the sole aim and purpose of all Initiation. (Wilmschurst, 94).

Yet, Wilmschurst is not the only Masonic scholar who has voiced the evolutionist sentiments of the Lodge. In the book *Evrin Yolu* (translated as *The Way of Evolution*), Master Mason Selami Isindag states:

The most important characteristic of our school of morality is that we do not depart from the principles of logic and we do not enter the unknowns of theism, secret meanings or dogmas. On this basis we assert that the first appearance of life began in crystals under conditions that we cannot know or discover today. *Living things were born according to the law of evolution and slowly spread over the earth. As a result of evolution, today's human beings came to be and advanced beyond other animals both in consciousness and intelligence* [emphasis added] (Isindag, *Evrin Yolu*, 141).

With God's effective exile from science, man's position as *imago viva Dei* (created in the image of the Creator) was summarily rejected. Now, Freemasonry could introduce its

occult doctrine of "becoming," the belief in man's gradual evolution towards apotheosis. Charles Darwin reiterated this doctrine of nature deification in *The Origin of Species* when he wrote:

... as natural selection works solely by and for the good of each being, all corporeal and mental endowments will tend to progress toward *perfection* [emphasis added]. There is grandeur in this view of life... from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been and are being evolved.

In other words, the Kabbalistic golem of nature is incrementally sculpting an emergent deity. After all, perfection is an attribute to which only God could initially lay claim. According to the occult doctrine underpinning Darwinism, however, man is becoming a god and perfection is attainable through the corporeal processes of nature. In the book *Masonlukta Esinlenmeler* (translated: *Inspirations from Freemasonry*), Master Mason Selami Isindag recapitulates this contention: "apart from nature there is no force that guides us, and is responsible for our thoughts and actions." Isindag continues: "life began from one cell and reached its present stage as a result of various changes and evolutions" (Isindag, 78). Finishing this bestial portrait of man, Isindag concludes:

From the point of view of evolution, human beings are no different from animals. For the formation of man and his evolution there are no special forces other than those to which animals are subjected (Isindag, 137).

According to Masonic dogma, one particular race had favor in this evolutionary ascent. This racist agenda was thoroughly delineated in the September 1950 issue of *New Age Magazine*, the official journal of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. C. William Smith, the article's author, wrote:

Looking back into history, we can easily see that the Guiding Hand of Providence has chosen the Nordic people to bring in and unfold the new order of the world. Records clearly show that 95 percent of the colonials were Nordics ... Anglo-Saxons. Providence has chosen the Nordic race to unfold the "New Age" of the world ... a "Novus Ordo Seclorum."

Darwin reiterated this racist contention in his book, *The Descent of Man*, when he wrote:

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At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilised races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world. At the same time the anthropomorphic apes... will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilised state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the Negro or Australian and the gorilla (Darwin, 178).

The Masonically inspired scientific racism of Darwin would later be transmitted to an individual who would have no small impact on the African continent ... Cecil Rhodes.

An Anglophile Scientific Dictatorship

In the British Isles, the very birthplace of Darwinism, another "scientific dictatorship" emerged. As was the case with communism and fascism, Freemasonry and its occult doctrine of evolution were integral to this emergence. In 1870, John Ruskin "hit Oxford like an earthquake," proselytizing students in the imperialistic gospel of the British Empire. In *Tragedy and Hope*, Dr. Carroll Quigley provides a brief summation of this gospel:

Ruskin spoke to the Oxford undergraduates as members of the privileged ruling class. He told them that they were possessors of a magnificent tradition of education, beauty, rule of law, freedom, decency, and self-discipline, but that this tradition could not be saved, and did not deserve to be saved, unless it could be extended to the lower classes in England itself and to the non-English masses throughout the world. If this precious tradition were not extended to these two great majorities, the minority of upper class Englishmen would ultimately be submerged by these majorities and the tradition lost. To prevent this, the tradition must be extended to the masses and to the Empire (Quigley, 130).

Among one of the undergraduates who wholeheartedly embraced this message was Cecil Rhodes, who would keep his longhand copy of Ruskin's inaugural lecture for thirty years. However, while this message comprised the nucleus of Rhodes' worldview, there were two other significant belief systems that would shape Cecil's vision: Freemasonry and Darwinism. It comes as little surprise that the two would intersect in the person of Cecil Rhodes. Indeed,

Freemasonry and Darwinism are natural correlatives. The two are inextricably linked. Where one goes, the other shall invariably follow.

In June 1877, Rhodes became a life member of Freemasonry's Apollo Chapter at Oxford University. It has been questioned whether Rhodes regarded his membership in the Lodge as a "serious venture." Author Robert Rotberg elaborates:

At a banquet marking his induction ... he became angry at some criticism and, not untypically, shocked the assembled brethren of the Order by babbling away about the mystic cult secrets of the 33rd Degree Rite into which he had been admitted.



Cecil Rhodes

Indeed, Rhodes candidly admitted his derision for a group devoted "to what at times appear the most ridiculous and absurd rites without an object and without an end." However, despite disagreements with the organization, exposure to the Lodge "presumably helped shape Rhodes' 'Confession of Faith,' the later wills, and the protean thinking which led ultimately to the scholarships" (Rotberg, 90-91). Rhodes' "Confession of Faith" articulated his vision for a British world government or, as it has been called in more Anglophilic language, a *Pax Britannia*.

Predictably, the Freemasonic influence on Rhodes was accompanied by its natural correlative: Darwinism. The primary transmitter of Darwinian thought to Rhodes was William Windwood Reade, author of *The Martyrdom of Man*. Rotberg explains:

William Windwood Reade, the then-obscure British Darwinian, influenced Rhodes' search for understanding. An unsuccessful novelist, Reade visited West Africa twice in the 1860s, the second time while Rhodes was in Natal, and published *The Martyrdom of Man* in 1872. Begun as an attempt to revise England's accepted and critical view of the contribution of Africans to human civilization, *The Martyrdom* became a universal history of mankind, with long sections on Rhodes' favorite mysteries: ancient Egypt, Rome, Carthage, Arab Islam, and early Christianity. *The Martyrdom* consisted of the kind of late nineteenth-century pseudo-science that appealed to Rhodes. It was larded with philosophically impressive arguments about the true "meaning" of man based on the post-Hegelian as well as neo-Darwinian notion that man's suffering on earth (his martyrdom) was essential (and quasi-divinely inspired) in the

achievement of progress. Man was perfectible, but only by toil. He could not be saved, nor would his rewards be heavenly, for Reade was a pre-Tillichean Gnostic who believed in God's existence but, at the same time, not in deism and certainly not in the accessibility of an anthropomorphic Christian God. The rewards of man were in continuing and improving the human race. "To develop to the utmost our genius and our love, that is the only true religion," wrote Reade.

Reade was Rhodes' Ayn Rand or Antoine Saint Exupery. Or perhaps his Jules Verne, too, for Reade prophesied a locomotive force more powerful than steam, the manufacture of flesh and flour chemically, travel through space, and the discovery by science of a destructive force which would be so horrible as to end all wars. Rhodes read Reade only shortly after its publication and later said that it was a "creepy book." He also said, mysteriously, that it had "made me what I am" (Rotberg, 99-100).

order of things. After all, in the evolutionary ladder, the Negro occupied a lower rung than did the Caucasian.

Operation Fruehmenschen

The Masonically inspired scientific racism of Darwin was also evident in the early history of the FBI. Directed by 33rd Degree Freemason J. Edgar Hoover during its infancy, the FBI waged war against black civil rights activists. Among one of its most notable targets was Martin Luther King. This racist tradition did not die with Hoover, as is painfully illustrated by the case of Operation Fruehmenschen. John W. DeCamp elaborates:

On January 27, 1988, then-Congressman Mervyn Dymally placed before the House of Representatives a shocking document. It was an affidavit sworn by an FBI agent, Hirsch Friedman, concerning an FBI policy named Operation Fruehmenschen (German for "primitive man"). According to Friedman's testimony, "The purpose

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The impact of Reade's work on Rhodes was unmistakable. Inspired by Freemasonry and the theistic Darwinism of Reade, Rhodes began the construction of his Anglophile "scientific dictatorship."

In *Tragedy and Hope*, Quigley explains how Rhodes established his "scientific dictatorship" in South Africa, where he monopolized the diamond fields through DeBeers Consolidated Mines. Instrumental in the formation of this diamond cartel were Lord Rothschild and Alfred Beit, who provided Rhodes with financial support. Yet, the borders of Rhodes' African empire did not end there. Cecil also:

... rose to be prime minister of the Cape Colony (1890-1896), contributed money to political parties, controlled parliamentary seats both in England and South Africa, and sought to win a strip of British territory across Africa from the Cape of Good Hope to Egypt and to join these two extremes together with a telegraph line and ultimately with a Cape-to-Cairo Railway (Quigley, 130-131).

Meanwhile, fettered by colonial slavery and cloistered in abject poverty, native Africans lived under the yolk of this Anglophile "scientific dictatorship." Of course, according to the Darwinian doctrine of *Pax Britannia*, this was the natural

of this policy was the routine investigation without probable cause of prominent elected and appointed officials in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. It was explained to me that the basis for this Fruehmenschen policy was the assumption by the FBI that black officials were intellectually and socially incapable of governing major governmental organizations and institutions."

Other evidence backed up Friedman's charges, including a 1987 book by Dr. Mary Sawyer, *Harassment of Black Elected Officials: Ten Years Later*, a follow-up to a 1977 report she had issued on the same subject.

The figures backed up Dymally and Sawyer's charges. Between 1983 and 1988, 14% of all political corruption cases targeted black officials, though they comprised only 3% of U.S. officeholders. From 1981 to 1983, roughly half of the 26 members of the Congressional Black Caucus were targets of federal investigation for indictments. In magnitude, this is as if 204 members of the (largely white) 435-member House of Representatives were under investigation at one time (DeCamp, 297-98).

Evidently, the occult Darwinian doctrine of the FBI's deceased Masonic director had remained intact. As a progeny of the elite's "scientific dictatorship," the FBI was instrumental in the suppression of a people that the ruling class had deemed "anthropomorphic apes."

The Violence Initiative

The campaign of scientific racism has not only been conducted against black representatives. Several projects targeting black citizens have periodically surfaced. One such project, according to Pat Shipman in *The Evolution of Racism*, was the Violence Initiative, which was to appear on the Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (ADAMHA) 1994 budget. The man supposedly responsible for designing the Initiative was Dr. Louis Sullivan, the black director of the Department of Health and Human Services. However, it is possible that a black man was presented as the Initiative's architect to conceal a racist agenda. In his 1992 annual report, Sullivan correctly pointed out there was a problem with violence among black youths:

100,000 inner-city youths." (Shipman, 237). What would be the "pattern of intervention" employed? Dr. Peter Breggin, an activist psychiatrist opposed to the Violence Initiative, charged that the program was a pretext for the same sort of pharmacological totalitarianism described in Huxley's *Brave New World*:

There could never be any doubt that the proposed "intervention" was pharmacological, because that's what Fred [Goodwin] knows. This is what he does [for his own research]. He has systematically purged NIMH of all psychosocial research. There couldn't be anything else other than drugs, shock treatment, or incarceration; they don't promote anything else; it was a foregone conclusion. (Shipman, 243).

Goodwin denied any plans for biological intervention. To dodge such accusations, Goodwin prepared plans for counseling and special school programs. However, it is highly suspicious that when he became director of the

certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world. Those who are not to be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest relative, the more civilised state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, the Negro or Australian and the gorilla. — Darwin, *The Descent of Man*

This increase [in homicide rates] is attributed, in large part, to a rising rate of homicide among young black men. Between 1985 and 1989, Sullivan noted gravely, homicides were up 74 percent among young black males to reach the highest level ever (Shipman, 236).

Minority children are exposed to extremely high levels of poverty. Criminals present criminal lifestyles to these children as the only escape from deprivation. Furthermore, children receive a daily dose of moral relativism in the public schools, thus rendering it impossible for their young, impressionable minds to differentiate between right and wrong. According to Shipman, these factors were not taken into consideration when looking for the cause of violence among black males. Instead, it was held that these youths were genetically predisposed to violence. Working under this contention, those employed in the realm of public health would:

... look for early predictors of future violence, by studying behavioral and biological markers, and try to establish a useful pattern of intervention once those predisposed to violence had been identified.

In addition, Dr. Frederick Goodwin, the head of ADAMHA, "envisioned a target population of perhaps

National Institute of Mental Health, Goodwin shifted research away from psychosocial forces and focused on biology. This seems to suggest that Goodwin saw a predominantly genetic or biological cause to violence. Such a contention holds that drugs, not counseling, are the remedy to violence. In front of the Congressional Black Caucus, Breggin also made an interesting observation:

While not specifically discussing drugs, Goodwin focuses on the need to correct presumed imbalances in the serotonergic neurotransmitter system... Drugs are the only possible cheap, effective intervention into the lives of tens of thousands of children... (Shipman, 244).

Upon closer examination, one will find that the Initiative's agenda was premised upon the Darwinian contention that man is nothing more than a slightly higher form of primate. Following this bestial notion of man to its logical end, one must conclude that apes and monkeys can provide a comparative model to explain human attributes. Goodwin held this belief, and compared those targeted by the Initiative with monkeys:

I say this with the realization that it might be easily misunderstood, and that is, if you look at other

primates in nature—male primates in nature—you find that even with our violent society we are doing very well.

If you look, for example, at male monkeys, especially in the wild, roughly half of them survive to adulthood. The other half die by violence. That is the natural way of it for males, to knock each other off and, in fact, there are some interesting evolutionary implications of that because the same hyper-aggressive monkeys who kill each other are also hypersexual, so they copulate more and therefore they reproduce more to offset the fact that half of them are dying.

Now, one could say that if some of the loss of social structure in this society, and particularly within high impact inner city areas, has removed some of the civilizing evolutionary things that we have built up and that maybe it isn't just a careless use of the word when people call certain areas of certain cities jungles, that we may have gone back to what might be more natural, without all of the social controls that we have imposed upon ourselves as a civilization over thousands of years in our evolution (Shipman, 237-38).

This scientific racism is nothing new. All that has changed are the dimensions of the racism underpinning projects such as Operation Fruehmenschen and the federal Violence Initiative. In the past, the Fruehmenschen was the black American. Today, the Fruehmenschen is anybody who does not occupy the same layer of socioeconomic stratum as the elite.

The scientific dictatorship is working to fulfill Darwin's racist vision. However, the widening chasm "between man and his nearest allies" is actually a chasm between man and the elite. Larger segments of the population are being categorized as "anthropomorphic apes."

In accordance with Darwin's vision, these populations "will no doubt be exterminated." PBS journalist Tony Brown elaborates:

The new world in which the only color of freedom is green demands a new "nigger." New conditions dictate that the new class of niggers cannot be race based. You are now a nigger when you don't know

that you are being robbed of your money and your freedom. Niggers get no respect, die in wars so other people can profit (the Vietnam War produced an \$80 billion profit for the companies that sold products to the military), and their human rights confiscated on a daily basis and their property taken from them by the statists every April 15 (Brown, 156).

Ascendant in their chimerical evolutionary hierarchy, the ruling class lays claim to "racial supremacy." All others who do not occupy their same layer of socioeconomic strata are "niggers." Given the exclusivity of their elitist clique, a vast majority of humanity qualifies as "niggers." **P**

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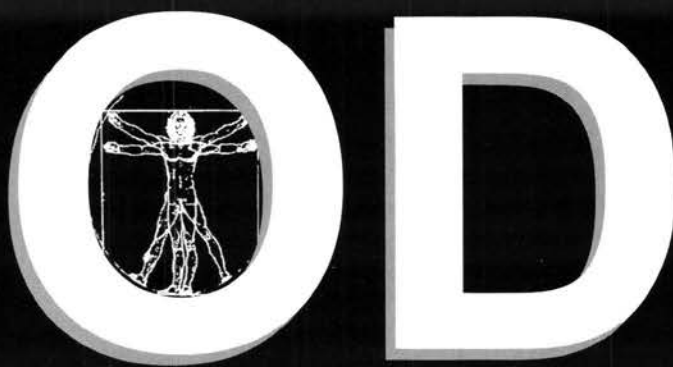
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THE VITAL FORCE

Its History and Evidence

by Paul Tice

VITAL FORCE IS ANOTHER NAME FOR THE LIFE ENERGY OF THE BODY, known in various cultures worldwide: as *mana* in Hawaii, *prana* in India, *chi* in China and the Orient, and the *odic force* (sometimes *vril*) in Germany. Wilhelm Reich called it *orgone*, Franz Mesmer called it *animal magnetism*, and Henri Bergson called it *elan vital*. To the alchemist Robert Fludd it was *spiritus*, and Gallien The Mendicant, a 2nd century Greek physician, called it *pneuma*. It was astral light to the Kaballists, the ancient sage Hermes Trismegistus referred to it as *telesma*, while in the modern West we generally call it *vital magnetism*.

Using focus and control, one can use this energy for healing purposes. We have all known people who seem to have a "magnetic personality," who seem to attract attention and good fortune wherever they go, causing others to gravitate to them like moths to a flame. What is their secret? In many cases, whether they are conscious of it or not, they have learned to cultivate this subtle force.

Cultures have recognized the vital force throughout history, but it has not been approached from a scientific standpoint until more modern times. Maverick scientists who have stepped forward with impressive results have been either ignored or attacked, and the information has been hidden, suppressed or burned, clearly showing that the power of this force goes far beyond healing and a boost in charisma.

This article will approach this subject from its historical background and scientific research, and will outline a few basic experiments that can be performed by anyone interested.

Karl von Reichenbach

We live in a scientific age that traditionally breaks down everything in an effort to understand it, and this

approach to vital magnetism has proved to be most useful. The first person to attempt this was the German, Karl von Reichenbach (1788-1869). He published his findings in an 1845 book called *The Odic Force: Letters on Od and Magnetism*, which was a condensed and more understandable version of a larger work written twelve years earlier.

He called this energy *od* after the ancient Norse (and Germanic) god, Odin, to denote an all-pervading power.

Reichenbach was considered a savant, one of the most notable and respected scientists of his day in the areas of geology, mineralogy and, most notably, chemistry, which owes to him the important discoveries of paraffin, eupion, creosote and pittacal (between the years 1830-33). We can also thank him for the science of meteorites. He was a



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well-respected scientist, but when he began working on the *odic force* the scientific community ran the other way. When he announced that plants had a certain luminosity that could be observed in scientific experiments, his scientific contemporaries were baffled.

This light that emanated from plants upheld the theory of *Naturphilosophie* which was strongly supported by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832). In this theory, all organisms consist of forces, activities, creations and emergings; it was a vitalistic rather than mechanistic view. However, Goethe was considered more of a mystic than a scientist, and this was a taboo area. Scientists had recently debunked Franz Mesmer's *animal magnetism*, in retrospect largely because it did not include Reichenbach's newfound proof. By then most in the field had moved on and did not want to be bothered with it again.

Reichenbach performed thousands of experiments and his results concerning the *odic force* and the human body filled over 1400 pages.

He claimed that 30–50% of people were sensitive to the *odic force* and could, therefore, perceive it and work with it easily. Not only is there a high concentration of *od* within the human body but, according to Reichenbach, it is most prevalent in sunshine, moonlight, crystals, the human hand, chemical processes (in part), and within the spectra of different kinds of light after transmission through glass. Beyond this, however, Reichenbach claimed that *od* was present, to some degree, in everything.

This scientific view, later corroborated by Wilhelm Reich, is consistent with the most ancient of spiritual views. The vital energy is truly present in all forms of matter, organic or inorganic, which has caused science to advance the notion that life itself, to some degree, is present in all forms of matter. For example, Ernst Haeckel (1834-1919) asserted that all atoms of matter are capable of perceiving sensation and responding to it. It is this all-pervading life force that allows this to happen.

In 1851, Reichenbach published a series of four articles in the *Universal Gazette* that revealed simple experiments

readers could perform to prove the existence of *od*. Reichenbach later stated that hundreds of thousands of people tried his simple experiments and supported his findings, while professional academics rejected the findings out of hand with no tests performed at all.

After attacks by the scientific community, Reichenbach responded in 1861 with another series of four articles called "The Laws of Odic Light," which were to be published in the prestigious *Annals of Physics and Chemistry*. He probably believed the same four-article tactic would work for the scientific community. The articles contained undeniable proof for his claims, but after the first segment ran the others failed to follow. His publisher, Poggendorff, seemed to recognize in a heading affixed to the first article that this was a major breakthrough in the scientific world! When Reichenbach went to Berlin to speak with his publisher, he was told what had occurred. After the first article ran, the respected physicists of the time became so upset that they convinced the publisher not to run the others.

Reichenbach had made them look like fools. He had found a new kind of energy that could be conducted through solid or liquid matter. His experiments revealed a "glow" when such energy traveled through his chosen conductor—like wood, glass, silk or even hair. When something would come between the source of the energy and the conductor, the glow would always cease. In solid matter he was unable to determine the exact speed of the energy, but later research seems to indicate a speed of about one meter per second.

Reichenbach's tests revealed that *od* is polarized. The positive is seen by "sensitives" as yellow-reddish while the negative polarity shows up as blue. As with magnets, "like" poles repel. Due to this fact, sensitive people can feel the attractions, positive or negative, to other people or objects. When one meets a new person and gets a strong feeling of dislike or attraction, the polarity of their *od* and its relation

to yours can often be the cause. Whatever the case, it is often wise, at least from my own personal experience, to trust these feelings.

In his years of testing the *odic force*, Reichenbach used only one apparatus—the human nervous system. The sensitive people he found to run the experiments were carefully screened and were especially gifted. He subjected them to natural laws—using a scientific method as opposed to "occultic" beliefs or methods. With his work he attempted to break this amazing energy free

from the occult stigma associated with it, but his scientific contemporaries felt too threatened and would ultimately not allow it.



Simple Experiments for Seeing Odic Force

Reichenbach was not a sensitive himself, but claimed that at least one in three people are. Are you? A simple experiment to try is to have someone extend their arms and hands out against a dark background in a dimly lit room. Look at the fingertips and if you see a non-luminous "energy" flowing from them, you are quite likely a sensitive. Odic force is always polarized so one should remember that it shows up in our bodies this way. We are od-positive on the left side and negative on the right. In Reichenbach's experiments he always suggested they be done with the left hand, since sensations on the left side (positive) always appear stronger.

To test for *od*, place a magnet or a large natural crystal crosswise over the corner of a table. The odic force is always present in magnets, but to prove this is not simply magnetism at work, you can use a large crystal or gypsum. Hold the left hand 2 to 6 inches above one end of the crystal or gypsum for about three full minutes. Then hold the same hand over the other end for the same time period and note the difference in sensation. (The endnotes will reveal what the hand should feel like.¹)

Flowing water creates positive *od* by its friction. When Reichenbach's sensitive individuals successfully dowsed for water, they almost always experienced uncomfortable sensations. Many modern dowsers have verified this claim. Water by itself is full of life force—in fact, without it we would die. Although water is not alive in the traditional sense, it contains so much vital energy that it provides life to virtually everything on the planet, both land and sea. We are surrounded by vital energy, but because it cannot be seen we remain largely ignorant of its power.

The life force is ever-present in the air around us. Some of the most powerful secrets of using this force involves breathing in special ways, for example, deep meditative states are achieved this way. For instance, the art of Tai-Chi involves proper breathing, as well as certain breath and focusing techniques, also used by athletes. Beyond spiritual or athletic usage, modern technology gets into the act. The new negative-ion machines produce cool sensations and re-invigorate the air. It seems that more than just ions are at work here—they are being charged with this same vital energy.

If one has patience and is a sensitive, seeing *od* is possible. Bring a crystal or magnet into a completely dark room, like a photo darkroom, or place towels or blankets over windows and doors. Within an hour a good sensitive will start seeing *od* emanate from these items—or even from themselves—although others more moderately inclined may take up to four hours.² Patience is the key. Examining a living plant in this darkened area will also produce similar results.



Wilhelm Reich

Practical uses and more demanding experiments for this energy can be attributed to Wilhelm Reich (1897-1957), who followed in the footsteps of Reichenbach. From his research into *orgone energy* he concluded that this energy was in fact the creative force in nature.

While a psychoanalyst and student of Sigmund Freud, Reich was made aware of what Freud called *libido*, or life force. To Freud this life energy mainly served as a vehicle for the striving of human desire.

Wilhelm Reich went on to develop this idea further, beyond Freud's more limited view, to encompass its relationship to human emotions and body science. It

offered a major understanding to the mind-body connection. Reich discovered that people maintain a certain rigidity in their muscles which blocks the movement of emotional energy. He stated that modern society was responsible for this rigid but unconscious defensive mechanism, which caused emotional repression and sickness in people.

Further work with this libidinal energy forced Reich to rename it "bioelectricity," but this force was later proved not to be electricity at all, and was ultimately named *orgone*. Although his first contact with this energy was in the field of psychiatry, Reich's experiments began to include many other disciplines. The list below (thanks to Charles R. Kelley) outlines the progression perfectly.

- **Consciousness:** Sensation, Emotion, Perception, Thought
- **Life:** Animal movement, Biogenesis, Reproduction, Evolution, Growth
- **Atmospheric and cosmic processes:** Clouds, Storms, Atmospheric electricity, Creation of matter at every scale (atom, planet, star, galaxy)

As his research progressed, Reich maintained his psychiatric practice for four to six hours a day. What he learned about *orgone* in earlier years was applied in his

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practice. He was impatient with verbal methods so had begun working with energies. He used psychiatric orgone therapy to unblock energies and was able to help many people more quickly than with verbal methods.

In 1948, Reich invented an orgone energy motor which worked smoothly. He was excited about its potential for industry but never published its details due to fear of it being stolen. He also invented an orgone blanket, mostly for healing purposes, an orgone accumulator for collecting the energy, an orgone vacuum tube, and what was called a "cloudbuster." The cloudbuster was, in effect, a rain-maker. The first time he tested it, July 6, 1953, was in Maine for blueberry farmers who were experiencing a drought. After setting up the instrument in the morning it was raining that very night.

The main threat to the establishment, however, seemed to be the orgone accumulator (which probably means this is what we should all be trying to build). This was about the size of a telephone booth and was meant by Reich to gather orgone from the atmosphere for closer study. Although he never officially claimed it could heal, it was often mentioned by others that healing of the common cold, cancer and impotence could occur while one sat inside. The FDA began paying visits to people who had the devices and, one day in 1952, showed up at Reich's research facility to "inspect the premises," removing two chains barring vehicular access. More visits and harassment followed, and by early 1954 they had issued an injunction against Reich and the distribution of his devices.

In his experiments, Reich found that untreated cancer mice lived four weeks on average, but those treated in an orgone accumulator lived eleven weeks. With human cancer patients Reich treated 15 people between 1941-43, all in advanced stages. Three died at the expected time from their doctor's estimates. Six lived

five to twelve months longer than expected before dying, and six were still alive at the time he published the study in 1943. In all cases he reported that pain was greatly reduced and morphine usage was cut back or stopped completely.

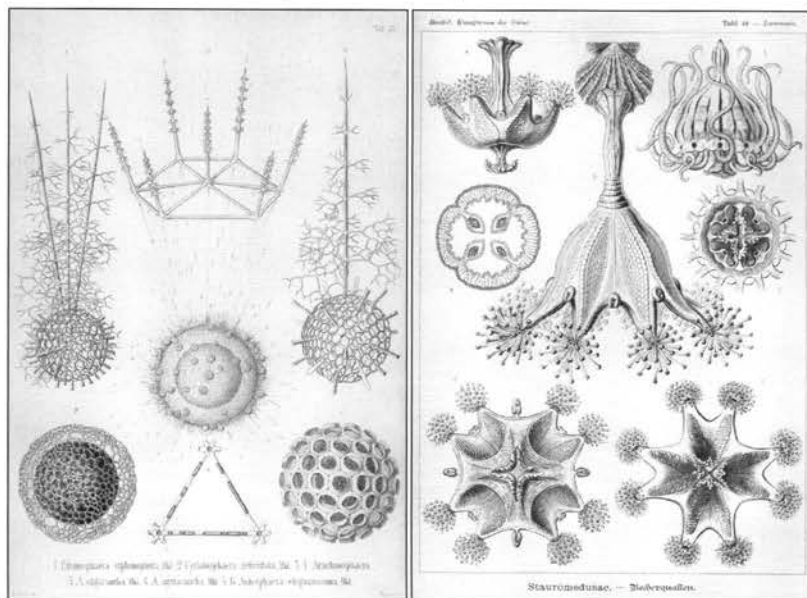
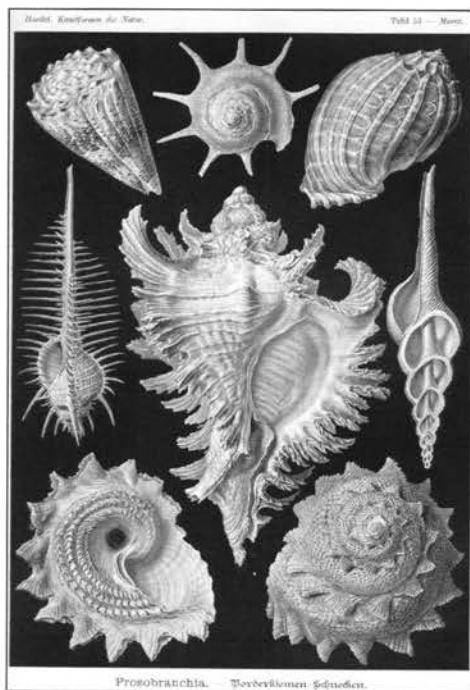
It is clear that more study would be needed with this

device before it could safely be determined a healing tool, especially since peoples' lives were slightly prolonged in most cases rather than being completely saved. Reich never claimed it as a cure but stated he believed that he might have a possible prevention for the disease. Various physicians using it reported overall positive results treating various diseases in the 1940s and early 1950s, but the number of cases are still too few to determine its absolute effectiveness. Nevertheless, it disturbed the FDA that Reich and others would treat people with the device. After a few tests of their own they branded it as quackery and banned its interstate shipment.

With a number of doctors excited enough about the device to refuse to discontinue its use, various

trips in and out of court resulted. Reich and his Foundation were ordered to appear in court on July 26, 1955 to show why legal proceeding should not be brought against them. As Americans, we are supposed to be innocent until proven guilty. In this case, Reich was considered guilty unless he could prove himself innocent to the satisfaction of the court. His court appearance was ordered on the same day that he was charged with contempt of his injunction, per request of the FDA.

On June 5, 1956 the FDA showed up again at Reich's lab for the sole purpose of destroying all orgone accumulators. They returned again on June 26 and, according to FDA records, burned 251 documents. This was America in the 1950s, not Nazi Germany. Certain freedoms that we are supposed to have were completely ignored. Reich himself said, as his work was being torched, that his books had been



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burned in Germany, but he never expected it to happen in America. He was sentenced to serve two years, and died in lockup of a heart attack at age 60.

Reich's death occurred just one week before he was eligible for parole. Reich had been prepared to obey the injunction upon release, but only up to a point. He agreed to stop the distribution of orgone accumulators and had dissolved his organization. However, another part of the injunction stated that he was to delete from his publications "statements and representations pertaining to the existence of orgone energy."

Reich made it clear that he planned to teach and do research specifically on the subject of orgone energy. One week before his parole, Reich was dead. If this was nothing more than a coincidence, it was a convenient one for the powers-that-be, who had tried so hard to silence him.

Advanced Theoretical Physics Working Group

Although this force seems rather subtle, it may in fact be the most powerful we've ever encountered. Those who have made the most strides toward unraveling its secrets have been persecuted, derided, discounted, jailed and ridiculed. Yet this energy has been recognized throughout the centuries by most every culture known to man. Maybe when the time is right it can be approached in the proper way. It would seem, however, that something of this magnitude has already been dissected in secret government labs to such a degree that the decision to put a cap on it has already been made.



Wilhelm Reich being led away by the Feds

machine that responds like it's "alive," which recalls Haeckel's assertion that all atoms of matter are capable of perceiving sensation and responding to it.

Human beings are, in essence, much like a battery. We carry this amazing power with us on a daily basis. Most of us don't know it, or may realize "something" is there, but don't care to cultivate, enhance or explore it.

Using this power on a personal level may be the topic of a future article, or the reader is advised to seek more information from the references listed below. **P**

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According to some reports, the U.S. military is seeking what is called "mental technology interface" information through an agency called the Advanced Theoretical Physics Working Group, or its modern antecedent. Phillip Corso, the late but former high-ranking general who co-wrote *The Day After Roswell* (about the reverse-engineering of alien technology from crash debris at Roswell), was a former member. A number of UFO abductees have reported that these craft are piloted via mental interface, and some have claimed to have been allowed to briefly pilot such craft themselves. They reported that the "machine" responded almost as though it were alive. Each of these witnesses has been questioned closely on these operations and other UFO details. They reported there are no wires, no gadgets, just a

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Experiment Results:

1. Results of od experiment: The north pole (negative) should be cool and refreshing, while the south pole (positive) should resemble a slight lukewarm breeze that is nowhere near as pleasant—and sometimes grows increasingly bad over time, to the point of causing nausea.
2. Results of dark room experiment: The negative pole of a crystal or magnet will appear as a bluish, sparkling flame while the positive will appear reddish-yellow.

The Ascendancy of the Scientific Dictatorship
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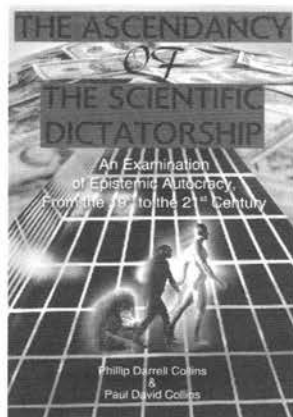
If anyone has thought through to its utmost end the ramifications of Darwinism on society it is the Collins brothers, Phillip and Paul, in their new book, *The Ascendancy of the Scientific Dictatorship*. In just a year, these heretofore unheard-of Ohio siblings have tipped the conspiracy genre on its ear.

Paul is the author of *The Hidden Face of Terrorism*, while Phillip has authored several articles on Darwinism in *Paranoia*, *Nexus*, and *BIPED* (www.biped.info).

In their now trademark erudite writing style, the Collins brothers put forth the claim that Darwinism is entrenched in Freemasonic doctrine and Fabian socialism. They explain that Erasmus Darwin, grandfather of Charles Darwin, was the founder of the Lunar Society, a group active from about 1764 to 1800 and which continued later as The Royal Society. The Lunar Society, made up of well-known manufacturers and chemists referred to as "merchants of light," apparently met at the full moon and practiced lord knows what. The brothers don't get into that, but, they write, "The founding members of The Royal Society were all Freemasons. Thus, whatever 'science' these men would design would be derivative of Masonic doctrine."

The brothers proceed to astutely illustrate how this elite conspiracy managed to get God out of the picture for the rest of us. They state: "Freemasonry would introduce its occult doctrine of 'becoming' - the belief in man's gradual evolution towards apotheosis." "Perfection," they write, "is an attribute to which only God could initially lay claim." They continue, "the golem of nature is incrementally sculpting an emergent deity." This is a most interesting way to say that the doctrine of scientific naturalism attributes nature with the foresight and creative skill of a mini-god. This is essentially true, although many of their perceptive conclusions are stated in Christian fundamentalist terms.

Being familiar with such terminology, I can assess the wallpaper without balking at the draperies, and I recom-



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mend non-Christian readers do the same. There is a substantial thread to follow through this book and it's important not to drop it simply because the reader is at variance with such statements. For instance, one of the most obviously true statements the authors make is that "Evolution is a metaphysical doctrine decked out in scientific garb." It is equally true that "man is consciously engineering his own evolution toward apotheosis." But then they go on to refer to Darwinism as a "Gnostic myth" because it denies the transcendent origin of being. Gnosticism is then equated with ... Luciferianism.

The brothers move on to subjects such as radical environmentalism, eugenics and population control. Quoting from sources like Michael Hoffman III, the late Jim Keith and Aldous Huxley, the brothers reveal that Planned Parenthood's Margaret Sanger advocated "Birth Control: to create a race of thoroughbreds" and advocated eugenic sterilization of undesirables. If Sanger had had her way, they tell us, only 13.5% of the population would be permitted to procreate and the rest "would be segregated for orderly disposal." In Darwinian fashion, Sanger would have showed little mercy toward the weak, feeble minded or poor, and her holocaust, they say, would have dwarfed Hitler's Final Solution.

The brothers Collins then move on to the subject of technology and the "unification of mass consciousness" via television and pharmaceutical drugs (*pax narcotica*),

culminating in the following chilling statement: "Because the human brain does not engage active critical analysis during viewing, the TV can redefine the percipient's notions of reality. Through visceral imagery, the media creates a surrogate reality where what is presented on the screen is typically disproportionate with genuine reality. What TV presents as reality for one becomes reality for all. Herein is a somewhat effective means by which the ruling class has already unified mass consciousness."

In the section entitled Perpetual War for Perpetual Evolution, the brothers delve into the matter of perpetual warfare, as delineated in another tract from which they quote extensively: *Report from Iron Mountain*. They write: "War is integral to the elite's evolutionary

script for mankind and, thus, the 'scientific dictatorship' has made the promulgation of perpetual conflict one of their highest priorities. Through the continuous instigation of war, the Technocracy hopes to see the fulfillment of their morally and scientifically bankrupt occult doctrine of Darwinism. ... This is why the 20th century has not seen peace and the 21st century is seeing the beginning of endless war."

Subtly and gradually, they conclude, the elite paradigms trickle down to the citizenry below and are subsumed on an unconscious level. The "actual end" of the evolutionary process, as the elites thoughts merge with our own, is that "man's consciousness will be unified with the minds of the technocratic elite and by extension the 'Omniscient' (i.e. Lucifer)." If I have one problem with this book, it is that Gnostic and Humanist concepts are explained as Luciferian.

At 216 pages, covering these topics and many more, plus an extensive bibliography, this is an essential research tool for any student of conspiracy theory. You can go to iUniverse.com and enter this book title and read the first chapter for free. (You can also go to www.biped.info to read articles on Darwinian evolution by Phillip Collins and myself.) While there is some incongruity between my own views and those of the authors, I recommend this book to anyone looking to get a handle on the full ramifications of Darwinism on society, humanity and technocracy.

The Dragon Legacy:

Secret History of an Ancient Bloodline

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Review by Joan d'Arc

The Dragon Legacy is a new collection of essays on the "Deresthai Culture" with a hip introduction by Tracy Twyman of *Dagobert's Revenge*. This 377-page tome with numerous appendices, written by HRH Prince Nicholas de Vere, Sovereign Grand Master of the Imperial and Royal Dragon Court, purports to be an "Official History of the Dragon Peoples."

The author claims descent from the senior bloodline of the House of Vere. In genetic studies, he claims, the Veres were found to have more genes than ordinary people. The Dragon lineage, explains de Vere, "starts with the Anunnaki and descends through the proto-Scythians, the Sumerians in one branch and the early Egyptians in another; the Phoenicians, the Mittani, back to the Scythians again through marital alliance, along to the "Tuatha de Danaan" and the Fir Bolg; down through their Arch-Druidic, Priest-Princely families to the Royal Picts of Scotland and the high kings of the Horse Lords of Dal Riada; through to the Elven dynasty of Pendragon and Avallan del Acqs, and down to a few pure bred families today." The de Vere lineage is one of these lines.

Far from being the characters of fable, de Vere explains,

the Elven race, including Fairies, Dragons, Witches, Picts (Pixies) and Vampires, were very real beings whose blood rituals sustained their superconsciousness and transcendent vision, and maintained their positions as overlords of mankind. The author claims, these gods of flesh and blood were the only gods that ever actually existed; myth transformed them into ethereal deities. Flesh and blood they were, he claims, and their bloodlines descend to the present day through the Siddhe of India and the Druids of Britain.

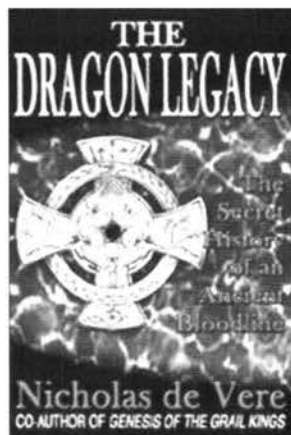
The Scythians, a.k.a. the Danaan (d'Anu), were descendents of the Anunnaki, who, de Vere claims, were not extraterrestrials. In Scandinavia, the Danaan became the Danes or Vikings, and produced a cousin lineage, the Swedes and the Ruotsi clan that founded Russia. In Denmark the castes were called the Jarl, Carl, Thrall. In India the castes were the Brahmins, Ksatriyas and Sudras. But the Scythian Danaan who migrated to Eire (Ireland) and the rest of Europe were a "race apart." They were a ruling caste, claims de Vere. They are the Merovingians.

The Scythians originated in the Balkans, Transylvania, Carpathia and Ukraine. In general, the Scythians ("people of the powers") were tall, pale-skinned, with golden red hair (the red heads) and green eyes. The Celtic lineage were stocky, squat with dark hair. The Royal Dragon family of the Jews - the House of David - made the Israelites an early Aryan nation. In fact, Jesus and his mother Mary are often depicted with red hair. The Scythians and Aryan Scythian-Gaels had settlements in Israel and Judea. The Aryans were a horse culture.

The Scythian caste system consisted of three closely interknit cooperating races. From this encounter, de Vere explains, arose the eastern branch of the Aryan, Vedic "Hindu" religion, with its own Druids or magi, the Brahmins. The Vedic religion, claims de Vere, stemmed from this contact with the Elven gods and goddesses who migrated after the flood from the Balkans and Transylvania to Sumeria. He claims, the Tantra and the Qabalah are descended from ancient Ubaid Druidic philosophy, and Sumeria is not the cradle of civilization, but is perhaps the high chair. The first Sumerians, he writes, were Ubaid Overlords from Central Eurasia.

De Vere laments that democracy has done away with the caste system. He explains that the caste system was not an arbitrary set of divisions or inequalities established through force or oppression. The system reflected the fact that people had varying capabilities, gifts and talents. Each group had its function in society. This is the way it should have stayed, according to de Vere, but the Roman Church, containing mostly peasants, "clawed its way to the top" and overturned the caste system on a false document called the *Donation of Constantine*. Following this, a Thousand-Year Holocaust massacred the Elven Race.

Today, complains de Vere, the world is run by peasant tinkers who have put a price tag on everything. The true Overlords are now on the bottom, "while the increasingly acquisitive Peasants and Merchants are at the top, having



wrested their positions from the block-headed Warriors.” He writes: “The end product of this fiasco over the last millennium and a half can be smelled in the air, tasted in the water supply and seen in the eyes of diseased, starving third world children. Its results can be heard in the screams of animals gratuitously tortured in experiments aimed at testing the toxicity of vanity products...” As de Vere tries to put across, under the current system our leaders have no accountability, as they would have had in the Dragon dynasties. The usurper Tinker Kings, the current Monarchy of England, asserts de Vere, are “false monarchies based not on service or transcendent wisdom, but on worldly greed, tyranny, trade and usury.” The monarchical system in Britain is impotent, de Vere claims, and the Veres “have no need for thrones or crowns to remind us of who we are.”

There is much to learn from this alternate history of the world, for instance, that the influence Vampires have had on European culture should not be underestimated. Who knew Vampires inspired modern wheeled transport, invented large-scale tourism, and lent their images and their kilts to the lids of shortbread tins? The Vampire, de Vere explains, was a “Witch” in the distinct royal caste of Scythian-Celtic society. Vampires were individuals and families who used the practice of drinking blood to achieve specific aims and fulfill social obligations of their rank and position. In fact the etymology of the word Vampire is “Overlord.” The author warns against Poseur Vampirism. If one inflicts fear in the victim before obtaining blood, the blood will contain ingredients not worth imbibing. It must be freely given.

De Vere also discusses Tolkien’s Middle Earth, which he claims “plots the fortunes of the Elven families” and corresponds to about the year 10,000 BC. In fact, he asserts, Tolkien’s Third Age could be comfortably situated pre-flood at about 22,000 BC if we disregard our simplistic notions of prehistoric civilizations. Other points of interest you’ll learn from de Vere are that the “reptilian” scales of the gods and goddesses of Sumeria were actually traditional metal armor. The mermaids of the mere pools wore scaled armor as well. The tall tales told by David Icke regarding shapeshifting reptilians of yore are just that: tall tales. For a hint of what Prince Nicholas de Vere thinks of Icke’s wild talk, see his interview with Tracy Twyman at www.paranoiamagazine.com.

Is de Vere a Satanist? He states in his interview with Twyman, “originally the Satans in Biblical terms were nothing more than Circuit Prosecutors within the Jewish Theocratic system. Who in their right mind would worship lawyers?” He also asserts: “Religions happen when people don’t get the point of the message and blindly worship the message and the messenger, instead of grasping the gnosis inherent within the words that the message conveys.”

No short review could touch upon the vast subject matter contained in this book and the compelling expertise of its author, but with my max word count approaching suffice it to say: *This Book is a TRIP!*

Suns of God:

Krishna, Buddha and Christ Unveiled

Author: Acharya S.

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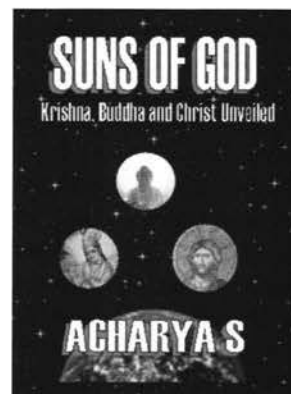
Review by Joan d’Arc

Readers of *Paranoia* will likely be familiar with Acharya S. from her articles in *Paranoia* (issues 30, 32). Her long-awaited book, *Suns of God*, continues in the vein of its predecessor, *The Christ Conspiracy: The Greatest Story Ever Sold*. Copiously footnoted and meticulously researched, *Suns of God* makes the uncomfortable, to some blasphemous, claim that Jesus is not a historical person but is one of many confabulated “godmen” of the ancient world derivative of the sun god of the Sumerians: Osiris. Acharya discusses all the major gods of this solar pantheon, including Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Hercules, Apollo, Mithra, Krishna, Buddha and Christ. They are all, she explains, solar deities who represent aspects of the sun.

Suns of God focuses largely on the Vedic god, Vishnu, a.k.a. Krishna (Cristna), whom she refers to as the “defining deity within Hinduism and one of the most popular godmen in the world.” In particular, the traits shared by Christ and Cristna are quite remarkable, among them, their births in a cave or underground chamber and their ability to talk shortly after birth. In fact, she writes, “Krishna’s mother was a virgin, to whom it was announced by an angel that she would miraculously conceive.” Krishna’s birth was also marked by a star and attended by wise men. Krishna’s mother saw the universe in her child’s open mouth, apparently while he was yammering on and on.

Acharya writes, Krishna is a “shepherd god,” and there are pictures of him lying in a manger surrounded by oxen and asses. As a child, Krishna healed a leper, gave sight to the blind, and raised the dead. In fact, she tells us, the apocryphal text, *Gospel of the Infancy of the Savior*, parallels in many ways the Hindu holy text of the childhood of Krishna, the *Bhagavat Purana*. The parallels are so detailed that in both stories the foster father goes to the city to pay a tax! In fact, Krishna was an incarnation of God who came to Earth as a redeemer of sins, born of the virgin Devaki on December 25 and crucified. Krishna also traveled with 12 disciples. This, Acharya points out, is a solar motif revolving around the sun and the 12 signs of the zodiac.

The name Christ comes from the Greek word “Christos,” which means “the anointed one.” The word Krishna in Greek means the same. Indeed, Krishna says of himself, “I am the self abiding in the heart of all creatures; I



am their beginning, their middle, and their end." Krishna also declares, "I am the light in the sun and moon ... the light of lights." He is also called, "the Resurrection and the Life."

Both Krishna and Christ provided salvation or liberation to their followers, as is described by the Hindu word, Avatar. As Acharya asserts, "the Supreme Being coming to Earth as a human was an idea in existence long prior to the Christian era, and therefore is not original with the Christ myth." So which myth was borrowed? Well, conservative Western authorities, like the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, date the Vedas at about 3200 years before present. However, Indian scholars date the Vedic religion to 12,000 to 10,000 years ago, based on archeological, astronomical and topographical observances noted therein. Acharya notes that Christian scholars like Max Muller's conservative chronology of Indian texts may be based on the "Aryan Invasion Theory."

Although the Krishna myth was not fully developed in the texts at such an early time, she notes, Greek historian Megasthenes (c. 350-290 BCE) identified Krishna with Hercules. She also quotes scholar J.M. Robertson that, "The myths of Krishna's birth and youth are not only pre-Christian but pre-historic." Christian defenders of their own avatar, believing him to be unique, accuse the "lying Brahmin priests" of plagiarizing the tales from their books. But nothing can be further from the truth, as Acharya demonstrates by quoting a wealth of scholarly sources.

The cross, in fact, is an ancient pagan artifact that symbolized the sun and which existed in the most primitive of cultures across the globe. In pre-Christian times, the cross was an emblem of the solar deity. The "cruciform" image of a god or human with arms extended dates back to the Greek Prometheus, who was nailed to an upright beam with extensions in the form of a cross. Some stories have him fastened to a rock. In even more primitive times, gods were crucified on trees. The godman crucified on a tree and wounded in the side is a pagan motif predating Christ.

Although she will be reviled by some for her conclusions, Acharya shows that Buddhism, "despite protestations to the contrary, was largely influential in the creation of Christianity." She argues further that, like the other dying and rising godmen who represent the sun, Jesus never really existed, but is derivative of the ancient practice of Astrotheology, the worship of the sun, moon, stars and planets. In fact, theories of the royal bloodline of Christ, the Holy Grail and the Merovingians, in books such as *The Dragon Legacy* and *The Da Vinci Code*, are cast in doubt by the impressive research contained in this book. As Acharya states on her website (www.truthbeknown.com), "The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off." But don't take it out on her. She's just the messenger.

The Soft Cage: Surveillance in America from Slave Passes to the War on Terror

Author: Christian Parenti

Basic Books, 273 pgs, 2003.

Review by Alan Wallis

Unlike most mainstream coverage of surveillance, this book defies the temptation to simply marvel at high-tech wizardry, and instead puts it in a historical context that is both terrifying and illuminating. It is explained, for example, that pre-Civil War plantation surveillance relied on three "information technologies": the written slave pass, armed slave patrols and wanted posters for runaways. George Washington's monitoring and punishment of his own slaves hints that repression in the U.S. is no further away than the man on the one-dollar bill, though it is the continuity of such early examples with later chapters of *Soft Cage* that makes them particularly disturbing.

Popular resistance is a driving force behind this book's unified vision of past and present. Despite laws against teaching them to read, many runaway slaves, like Frederick

Douglass, learned to forge travel passes. Authorities later replaced handwritten passes with stamped metal badges, which were much harder to forge and became the first American ID cards with serial numbers. Escaped slaves, Parenti also notes, tended to seek the anonymity of large coastal towns, where, because they were hunted by white society, they could be hired at substandard wages, much like the "illegal aliens" of today.

"Function creep" is another overarching theme emerging from this examination of

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surveillance as it advances through history. Just as numbered ID cards have, since the days of slavery, become fairly universal, the information sharing system launched in the 1980s to stop immigrants from illegally collecting welfare is now used by social workers to check on U.S. citizens as well. In this context, the recent news of terrorist watch lists expanding to include antiwar activists no longer seems surprising.

The thematic unity achieved in this book is impressive, given the wealth of examples, but it is often the examples themselves that bring it to life. A letter from George Washington complains that a slave named Caroline made "only" five shirts for him in the previous week; a UPS driver tells of being fired after his GPS tracking system detected an unauthorized 18-minute rest stop; and a student notes that at school, "Everywhere you go, there's a camera right above you ... they're constantly watching you."



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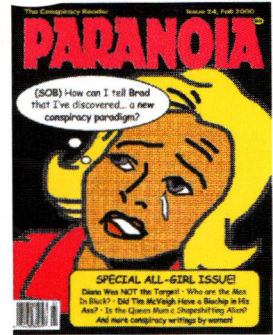
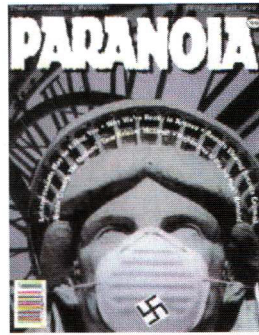
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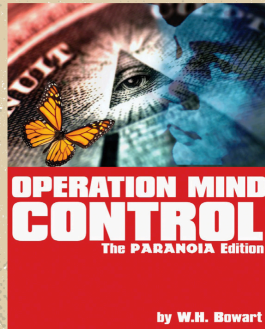
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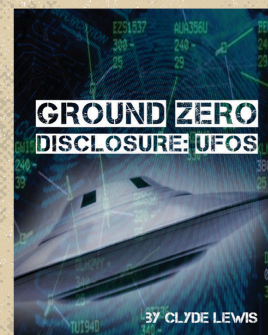
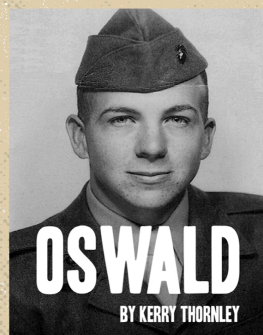
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