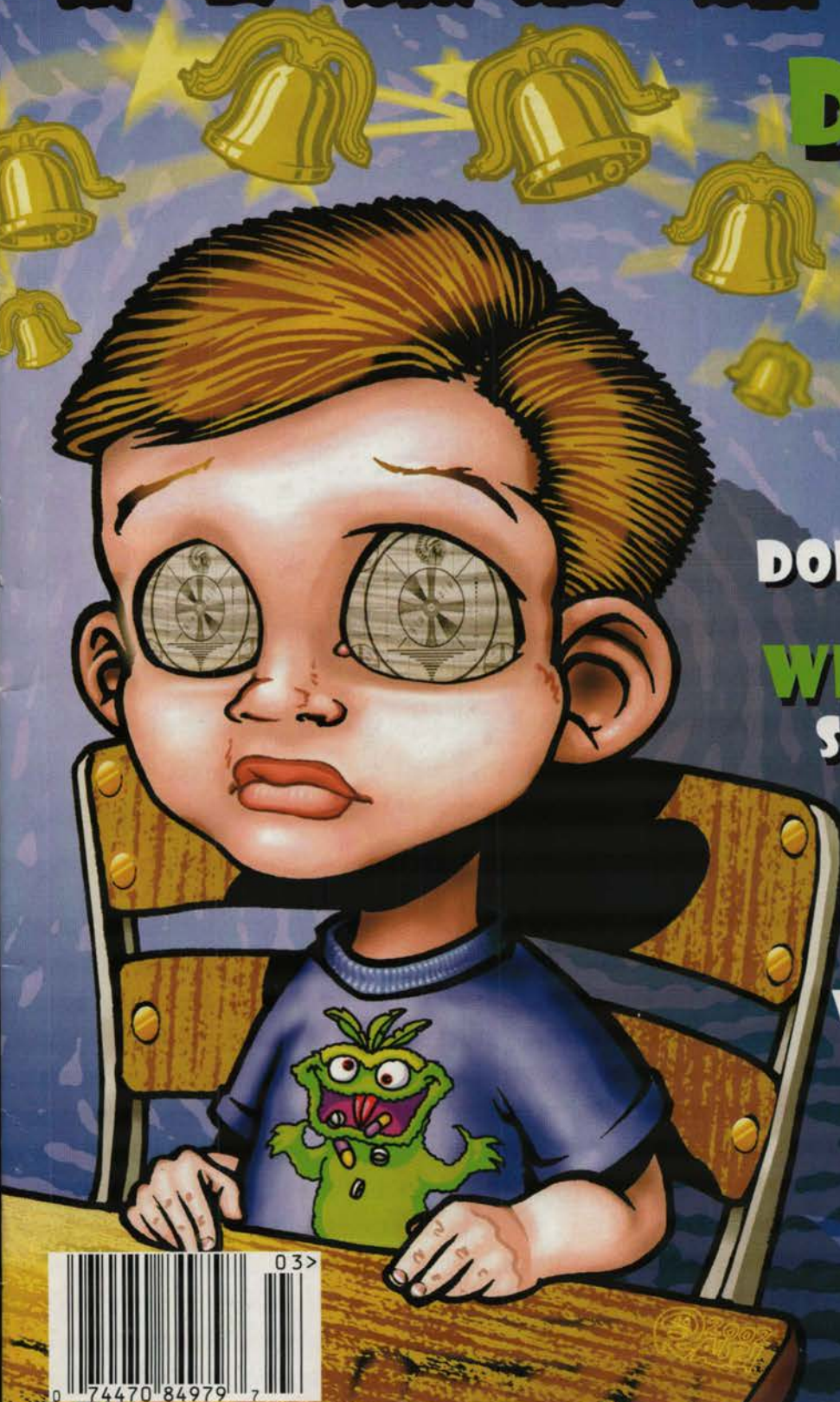


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THE LAND OF SUPERLATIVES AND SCIENCE FICTION



Jung,
Freud,
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and
Flying
Saucers

by Joan d'Arc

Carl Jung (1875–1961) began collecting dream diaries, letters, books, news articles, and government and military reports regarding UFOs in 1946. His thoughts on the matter were posthumously published in 1964 in a book called *Flying Saucers, A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies*. Jung posited that the motif of extraterrestrial invasion began with the mysterious “foo fighters” seen over Sweden during the last two years of World War II.

Originally believed to be Russian secret saucers, the foo fighters were followed by sightings of flying discs in America. Since no terrestrial explanation could explain the bizarre maneuvers of the UFOs, the rumor began to spread that the discs were from another world. Carl Jung deduced that this collective “rumour” got linked with the psychology of the Martian panic that followed H.G. Wells’ 1938 radio broadcast of *The War of the Worlds*. He suggested that “the play evidently hit the latent emotion connected with the imminence of war.” (FS 9)

Jung noted that flying saucers “behave not like bodies but like weightless thoughts” and that they had a “psychic component as well as a possible physical basis.” He ascertained that, “the UFO reports suggest to common sense that the most likely explanation lies in a psychic disturbance.” (FS 19) Jung maintained he was more qualified to comment on their psychic aspect as opposed to their physical nature. He also judged that since most of the UFO sightings up to that time had come from America, which he referred to as “the land of superlatives and of science fiction,” it was necessary to ascertain whether the flying discs were rumours, visions, or a combination of the two: a “visionary rumour.” A visionary rumour, he explained, is a collective vision infused with intense emotion

emanating from a deep source, becoming a “delusion of the senses.” (FS 9)

Although Carl Jung went further to postulate a “collective unconscious,” he was well equipped with a background in Freudian theory. Jung’s basic Freudian orientation can be summed up in the following quote from *Flying Saucers*:

Modern man still does not realize that he is entirely dependent on the cooperation of the unconscious [the id], which can actually cut short the very next sentence he proposes to speak. He is unaware that he is continuously sustained by something, while all the time he regards himself exclusively as the doer. He depends on and is sustained by an entity he does not know ... (FS 52)

Jung also wrote:

The unconscious can no longer be treated as if it were causally dependent on consciousness, since it possesses qualities which are not under conscious control. It should rather be understood as an autonomous entity acting reciprocally with consciousness. (FS 29)

As Robert Anton Wilson writes in *Ishtar Rising*, psychoanalysts tend to seek hidden meanings to the point of absurdity. Freudians first uncovered unconscious or subconscious meaning in dreams, he explains, then in “slips of the tongue,” then in art and literature, and then “went on to find similar coded symbols in religion, mythology, folklore, in science itself, in all the products of the human imagination.” Eventually, Wilson laments, neo-Freudian psychology became a “panchreston”: a system that explains everything. He argues that “any human formula which explains all human formulas is technically in the class of all classes which include themselves and leads to logical contradictions.” Somewhere, he hopes, “there is a door they cannot force, a temple they cannot enter, a logically necessary refuge which their panchestron cannot incorporate.” Perhaps that refuge is off-planet.

It is especially important to understand that Jung’s early interest in UFOs was focused on the neo-Freudian interpretation of dreams in which flying saucers began to appear—dreams often imparted to him by letter from friends and patients. He eventually deduced that the UFO data he was collecting could be treated in the same manner; i.e., that “the figures in a rumour can be subjected to the same principles of dream interpretation.” (FS 19) Jung’s *modus operandi* on this count is a classic tautology: the representation of anything as the cause, condition or consequence of itself. (1) Jung utilized his theory of the collective unconscious to determine that UFOs were collective visions and categorized them as dreams, which he then subjected to Freudian analysis. Noting that UFOs had a “possible physical basis” which he admittedly couldn’t deal with, Jung did what neo-Freudians do best. He contrived some far-out theories about mankind’s deep psychological need to see round circles in the sky.

Amplificatory Interpretation

Jung rationalized that “the visible form expresses the meaning of the unconscious content only approximately” and that the meaning has to be completed by “amplificatory interpretation,” presumably by one immersed in the Freudian psychotherapeutic tradition. As Jung reasoned in his peculiar melding of Catholic and indigenous mysticism and Freudian psychoanalysis, the round object is analogous to the mandala, the symbol of totality, and reappears time and again with the same meaning, whether it be the sun wheel or the magic circle. He theorized that the circle is the symbol of order, the “alchemical microcosm” which embraces and protects the “psychic totality” and also “seeks to unite the inner opposites.” At the same time, the circle is an individuation symbol, it is the analogy of Plato’s world-soul, a “supra-celestial place where the ideas of all things are stored up.”

THE UFO REPORTS SUGGEST TO COMMON SENSE THAT THE MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION LIES IN A PSYCHIC DISTURBANCE.

On one level UFOs can be thought of as “souls,” Jung postulated, while on another level they may be thought of as “gods,” in that they are “impressive manifestations of totality whose simple, round form portrays the archetype of the self,” and which “unites irreconcilable opposites.” He concluded that “the message which the UFO brings to the dreamer is a time problem that concerns us all. The signs appear in the heavens so that everyone shall see them. They bid each of us remember his own soul and his own wholeness.”



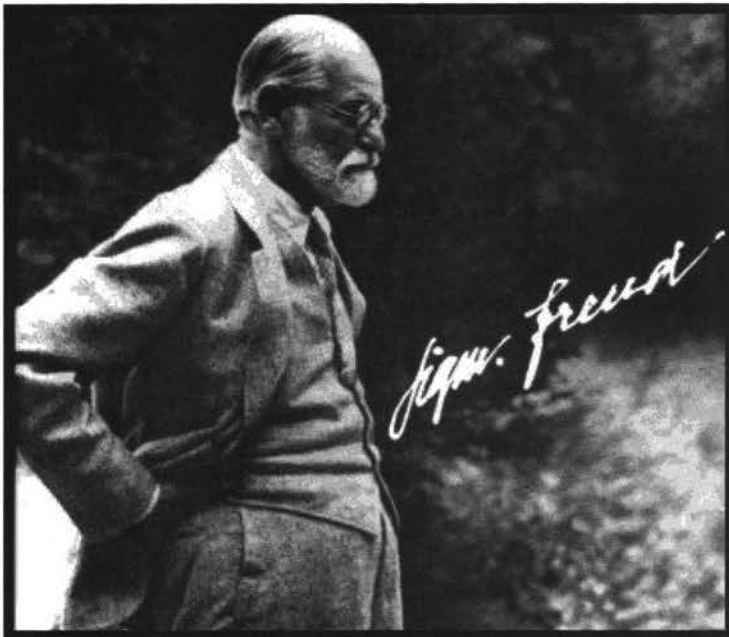
In the treatment of all of his data as unconscious "dream" material, Jung created a unique psychomystical method of discovery, fusing the devices of deductive logic known as extrapola-

THE ID IS A CAULDRON OF SEETHING EXCITEMENT.

that Earth was not actually being visited by physical saucers from another planet? As time went on, apparently he was not.

The Figures in a Rumour

During the 1950s, Jung began to follow the contactee stories, which he rationalized as technological, parapsychological and psychic intrusions upon a spiritually-starved mankind. Understandably, Jung had trouble consolidating his idea of "visionary rumour" with the apparent physical component of the UFO witness craze. He shifted back and forth between the physical and symbolic (unconscious) components of saucer stories, blending them into a rather bizarre "modern myth of things seen in the skies." For instance, Jung wrote: "As they did no harm and refrained from all hostile acts, it was assumed that their appearance over the earth was due to curiosity or to the need for aerial reconnaissance." When occupant reports began to come in, Jung retracted this statement by writing: "Recently their harmlessness has been doubted." He deduced that, "it was concluded that the dangerous development of atomic physics and nuclear fission had caused a certain disquiet on our neighboring planets and necessitated a more accurate survey from the air." This "rumour" caused people to feel that they



tion (inference of unknown information from known information) and interpolation (introduction of new or false information between elements or parts of an argument) with the lingo of Freudian analysis and his vast knowledge of Catholic and indigenous mysticism. These contrivances created a mesmerizing verbal no man's land; an ecstatic cosmogony linking man's mind to a higher source. It is just this ecstatic back-to-nature aspect of Jung's theory that is its most compelling attribute.

It's not that we should necessarily oppose any message which connects mankind to an ulterior source, but we should certainly be careful of repeating the message as truth prior to examining the path leading to Jung's conclusions. Is the Freudian interpretation of dreams applicable to phenomena that in some undeniable way present themselves as physical? Could Jung have been so sure

were being observed by space beings. (FS 10, 16)

Jung also observed that no earthly being could survive the reported speeds and angles of turn of the UFOs. He noted, "We do not know either whether they are manned machines or a species of living creature which has appeared in our atmosphere from an unknown source. ... Their movements indicate volition and psychic relatedness, evasion and flight, perhaps even aggression and defense." He also wrote, "If these things are real—and by all human standards it hardly seems possible to doubt this any longer—then we are left with only two hypotheses: that of their *weightlessness* on the one hand and of their *psychic nature* on the other." (FS 109)

Jung was well aware that UFOs had been seen in the skies for hundreds if not thousands of years, providing specific examples of black and red disks reported in the 16th Century; yet, he noted, the "universal mass rumour was reserved for our enlightened, rationalistic age." (FS 18) Yet, has Jung missed the obvious here: that our enlightened, rationalistic age is also the age of mass communication? Regardless of whether the UFOs are collective visions or historical facts, it is the printing press that makes the rumour possible. In an earlier age, such a "universal mass rumour" would have been impossible.

Jung made note that the flight of a flying saucer is not based on any recognizable system, but resembles that of a flying insect in that it can

“suddenly hover over an interesting object for quite a time, or circle around it inquisitively, just as suddenly dart off again and discover new objects in its zigzag flight.” Curiously, he also noted that UFOs behave “more like groups of tourists unsystematically viewing the countryside, pausing now here for a while and now there.” He explained: “There are large mother ships from which little UFOs slip out ... [they] ... can be up to five hundred yards in diameter, or as small as electric street lamps ... [and] ... they are said to be both manned and unmanned, and in the latter case are remote controlled.” (FS 11)

In 1951, Jung wrote to an American friend that he was puzzled about the UFO phenomenon and that he was not yet able to decide whether “the whole thing is a rumour with concomitant singular and mass hallucination, or a downright fact.” (FS vii) He added that the phenomenon might even be both rumour as well as fact, which he regarded as a “synchronicity” or “meaningful coincidence.” At this time, Jung was almost 75 years old, and was yet to write his best known work, *Synchronicity: An Acausal Connecting Principle*.

Spontaneous Psychic Projections

Jung’s theory of psychic projection asserts that the human unconscious requires a reduction in tension or stress and seeks to “balance the anxiety of the world.” This is accomplished by the psychic projection of archetypes. Archetypes are psychic energies that symbolize the particular balance which the person unconsciously seeks.

The archetype which expresses “order, deliverance, salvation, and wholeness,” in order to avoid the “odiousness of mythological personification,” takes the form of a “technological construction.” Like a spoonful of sugar with mankind’s medicine, Jung presumed, “anything that looks technological goes down without difficulty with modern man.” (FS 22)

Jung surmised that a collective but unacknowledged fear of death was being projected on the UFOs.(2) He saw the UFO image as the archetype of death and suggested that it may represent “intensification of the fear of death in our time” and that “the beyond may be the land of the dead or the unconscious.” (FS 62) Jung wrote that UFO images in dreams can represent either “the technical achievement of more highly developed planetary beings, or angels or departed spirits who come to earth in order to fetch a soul.” (FS 63)

Jung postulated that “the unconscious has to resort to particularly drastic measures in order to make its contents perceived ... by extrapolating its contents into an object, which then reflects back what had previously lain hidden in the unconscious.” According to Jung, the human psyche is in such an archaic state that it does not recognize the UFO as a psychic factor. Rather, the psyche is “so trained that it must think of such images not as forms inherent in the psyche but as existing somewhere in extra-psychic metaphysical space, or else as historical facts.” Due to the inability of the psyche to integrate the “spontaneous projections” of the archetype directly into consciousness, the projected image appears as “an ostensibly physi-

cal fact independent of the psyche,” and the rounded wholeness of the mandala “becomes a spaceship controlled by intelligent beings.” (FS 29)

Jung’s theories have of late enjoyed a resurgence of popularity among UFO and paranormal researchers, including crop circle enthusiasts. (3) In fact, what right-thinking soul in the land of superlatives wouldn’t be mesmerized by Jung’s animistic cosmos? On one hand, it addresses the need to expand the definition of “Mind” by connecting man’s psyche in an ongoing symbolic dialogue with the Universe. Yet, on the other hand, its terminology is rooted in an annoying tautology. It’s a panchestron! It’s an all-inclusive closed System that creates a box around itself and can only explain what’s inside the box. As Jungian scholar C. George Boeree has noted, “Like Freud, Jung tries to bring everything into his system. He has little room for chance, accident or circumstances.” Boeree has also noted, “some people retreat into fantasy ... turn to complex ideologies that pretend to explain everything.”

Jung’s UFO “visionary rumours” eventually became so mired in the muck of Freudian phantasm they became an absurdity. Yet many Ufologists refuse to

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WITHOUT A LIAR.**



see the absurdism since Jungian psychology is held in such high esteem. Indeed, any analysis of Jung's UFO theories must take into account the basic Freudian notion of a triad of entities making up the personality, one of which eludes and deludes the conscious self at every turn. As Dr. Boeree notes, "Jung is still attached to his Freudian roots. He emphasizes the unconscious even more than Freudians do. [His theory] is the logical extension of Freud's tendency to put the causes of things into the past."

In fact, one might wonder if Jung had heard of the Law of Parsimony, which suggests seeking the simplest explanation, which in this case is surely the extraterrestrial visitation one! As Dr. Boeree notes, "Personality—and life in general—seems 'overexplained' in Jung's theory." In particular, Jung's UFO theory is dismissive of any other explanation, including a physical one, which Jung admitted was compelling but which he was not in a position to address. Jung's ambivalence on this matter is problematical.

A Lie Without a Liar

Existentialist philosopher Jean Paul Sartre rejected the "language and materialistic mythology of psychoanalysis." While Sartre did not specifically discuss UFO phenomena, he did argue that Freud had wrongly divided the psychic whole into two with the creation of the id and the ego. He argued: "I am the ego but I am not the id. I hold no privileged position in relation to my unconscious psyche. I am my own psychic phenomena insofar as I establish them in their conscious reality." But, he adds, "I am not those psychic facts, insofar as I receive them passively and am obliged to resort to hypotheses about their origin and their true meaning." (4) (*Essays* 153)

Sartre argued against the very existence of this "complex" of psychological entities—the id and the superego—which knows all and "plays tricks on the censor [the ego] and seeks to elude it." He explained, "the only level on which we can locate the refusal of the subject is that of the censor [ego] for it alone can comprehend the revelations of the psychoanalyst as approaching more or less near to the real drives which it strives to repress—because *it alone knows what it is repressing.*" (*Essays* 154)

To clarify Sartre's statements, if we think of the "unconscious" [id] as a room behind a door where our assumed repressed drives and memories are kept, which "entity" is the doorman? Is the doorman separate from the door or is there an automatic door? Freud would reply that another entity separate from the ego is the doorman and, specifically, that the doorman (the unconscious or id) has knowledge of a secret password unknown to the ego which can be discovered only by the psychotherapist.

Sartre would argue that there is no doorman. He would perhaps agree that there is simply an automatic door to an open room—essentially we all know what's in there. Sartre did not specifically argue against psychic compartments for the management of information and experience. Rather, he argued against the existence of a separate doorman standing guard at the heavy doors of an iron vault to which only the psychoanalyst holds the key.

Sartre described psychoanalysis as "a lie without a liar." Sartre argued that Freudian psychoanalysis "allows me to understand how it is possible for me to be lied to without lying to myself since it places me in the same relation to myself that the Other is in respect to me." Sartre concluded, "if we reject the language and the materialistic mythology of psychoanalysis, we perceive that the censor *in order to apply its activity with discernment* must know what it is repressing." The censor [ego] must "choose" and must be aware of doing so for, he asks, "how can we conceive of a knowledge which is ignorant of itself?" (*Essays*)

Sartre concluded that psychoanalysis had not gained any ground, since it had "established between the unconscious and consciousness an autonomous consciousness in bad faith" (i.e. a secret entity which works against me). He remonstrated this blatant effort to establish a duality or trinity within the consciousness of man as mere "verbal terminology." Sartre argued that the idea of hiding something from oneself automatically implies the same psychic mechanism which tends to "maintain and locate the thing to be concealed and on the other hand to repress and disguise it." (*Essays* 154, 157)

Signs in the Heavens

After years of collecting every report possible from the land of superlatives and science fiction, Carl Jung admitted that he had not arrived at a conclusion concerning the nature of flying saucer reports. He did, however, succeed in infusing Ufology with the Freudian terminology still popular today. But when CE-II's (occupant-related) reports began to increase in the 1950s, Jung had to adjust his dials. Abductions were to be a thing of the future, beginning in 1961 with the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill in New Hampshire. Jung's attention had just been taken up with the contactee reports of George Adamski in the 1950s, when he wrote:

The view that the discs are real is so widespread (in America) that reports of landings were not long in coming. Recently I read accounts of this kind from two different sources. In both of them the mystical element in the vision or fantasy was very much in evidence: they described half human, idealized human beings like angels who delivered the appropriate edifying messages.

Jung maintained his belief that an unconscious fear had projected "signs in the heavens" in the form of superior beings in "space ships

devised by our technological fantasy." He suggested that the cause of such unconscious fear, which he felt he was far from fully understanding, "must strike at the roots of our existence if it is to explain such an extraordinary phenomenon." Perhaps then the "roots of our existence" are interplanetary rather than unconscious?

Endnotes

(1) In logic, tautology is the representation of anything as the cause, condition or consequence of itself. Second, it is an empty statement composed of simpler statements which make it logically true whether the simpler statements are factually true or false. Third, it is a circular statement or argument that is always and necessarily true because it comprises a closed system.

(2) It would appear that Jung was himself obsessed with death,

IN 1951, JUNG WROTE TO AN AMERICAN FRIEND THAT HE WAS NOT YET ABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER "THE WHOLE THING IS A RUMOUR WITH CONCOMITANT SINGULAR AND MASS HALLUCINATION, OR A DOWNRIGHT FACT."

As Sartre argued, Freudian psychology expresses a fundamental attitude toward the depth of mankind's inner being as untrustworthy and capable of strong delusion; the referent for lies coming from a source other than ourselves. Humans are not to trust their emotions, for while caught in their fix the senses are deluded. On the other hand, existentialism as a humanist psychology tells us that the essential disclosure of truth and the meaning of being is centered in the psyche of the human being. If there are any doors in the human psyche, we hold the keys to every door.

Carl Jung's theories are certainly intriguing and worthwhile, but we should be aware that this ideology is based in an essential distrust concerning the nature of man's being as routinely baffled by the undercover activities of an undetectable sneak. Since Jung's conclusions regarding UFOs were extremely premature and highly dependent upon Freudian dream analysis, we are obliged to question any extrapolations and interpolations coming out of this vein of thought. •

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as George Boeree notes: "Jung dreamt a great deal about the dead, the land of the dead, and the rising of the dead. These represented the unconscious itself, not the "little" personal unconscious that Freud made such a big deal out of, but a new collective unconscious of humanity itself, an unconscious that could contain all the dead, not just our personal ghosts."

(<http://www.ship.edu/~cgboeree/jung.html>)

(3) For example, see Albert Budden, *UFOs, Psychic Close Encounters*, wherein he explains that the UI (Unconscious Intelligence) in conjunction with powerful energies from the earth's strata, is able to present external productions of all sorts, including ghosts and aliens, as psychic projections from the unconscious mind.

(4) Sartre held that the id is inaccurately presented as "a thing" in relation to the psychoanalyst, since "a thing" would be indifferent to the conjectures we make concerning it, while the id purportedly seeks to resist when the analyst approaches the truth. This resistance, Sartre believed, is "objective behavior apprehended from without." What part of a person does the "resisting?" It is not the ego, Sartre posited, which is "envisaged as a psychic totality of the facts of consciousness." On the contrary, the ego's relation to the meaning of its own reactions is, according to Sartre, exactly like that of the psychiatrist.

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The Night Ravagers



A New Wave of Animal Mutilations Hits Argentina

By Scott Corrales

Some two thousand years ago, the Roman historian Pausanias had the opportunity to witness an unusual sight: the carcass of what was described as “a Triton”—one of the sea-god Neptune’s helpers—allegedly slain after having come ashore to kill the cattle of the inhabitants of the Greek city of Tanagra. Pausanias reported the creature had “hard, dense scales and stank.”

Whether or not mermaids were making forays into the Greek mainland during the reign of the Emperor Antoninus is a matter for discussion elsewhere; what matters here is to show that the phenomenon of cattle mutilations—a source of ridicule to some, a growing menace to others, and a wellspring of categorical denials by officialdom—have occurred at all times during recorded history and in every part of the world.

The phenomenon that first attracted attention during the 1970’s in the United States went on to replicate itself in other countries

with slight variations. Whereas the ubiquitous “black helicopters” were a mainstay of the U.S. cattle mutilations, the helicopters were never reported outside the country. Conversely, paranormal predators such as the “Moca Vampire” and the “Chupacabras” seemed not to have been particularly inclined to visit American farms. But the trail of destruction left after their depredations was the same.

Setting the Background

As readers of this publication are well aware, the modus operandi in the traditional cattle mutilations and the creature-centered ones are completely different. Missing from the latter are the uncannily precise cuts and incisions that suggest an advanced form of surgery, or at least the use of equipment not readily available for use in remote rural areas. In traditional mutilations, veterinarians and forensic pathologists are able to state that the animal died with no apparent trauma, and the same parts (eyes, tongues, ears, anuses,

genitalia) are removed precisely, almost lovingly, one might say. Traditional mutilations appear to be centered on cows and bulls of all breeds (Jersey, Hereford, Angus, Brangus and Holstein, among others), but spectacular mutilations of horses are not unknown (such as the 1967 “Snippy/Lady” case in Colorado).

The “creature” mutilations present witnesses with exsanguinated carcasses and the removal of organs through orifices so small as to be fantastic. In some cases, such as an April 1996 case on the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico, the creatures show great violence against their prey, ripping flesh, sinew and bone with demoniac strength. In “creature”-associated cases, no animal is safe: domestic and wild animals, avian and mammalian alike, have fallen prey to the attacks.

Before the onset of the reign of terror of the predator known as *Chupacabras* and what might jokingly be called its “world tour” (Puerto Rico, 1995; Florida and Mexico, 1996; Spain, 1997; Brazil, 1998, and Chile, 2000), most mutilations had belonged to the traditional variety: the first “old-school” mutilation occurred in 1974 in Argentina. Farmers were perplexed by the discovery of two mutilated cows showing signs of mutilations in the rural community of Utracán at the peak of a massive UFO wave. Few other cases would be reported until 1991, when—again in connection with UFO sightings, this time in Laguna del Pescado, Victoria (Argentina)—more animals would turn up showing the tell-tale incisions so feared by cattlemen in the United States.

Reactions to these mysterious animal deaths by government officials in the U.S. and South America appears to be identical. The allegations of “predator damage,” “lightning strikes” and common animal diseases are invoked constantly. During the April 2001 animal mutilation wave in the South American republic of Chile, the local Environmental Hygiene and Food Control authority believed that the way to bring an end to the increasing number of mutilation reports was to exterminate over 200 stray dogs living in the vicinity of a municipal dump. Chilean officials voiced their belief that dogs “develop a taste for blood” after inflicting bloody wounds on each other during fights among themselves. Thus, acting in packs, canines were going on “cattle-slaying sprees” in which they were content to drink blood and forego the tastier flesh of their fresh kills. Eliminating the dog problem did little toward bringing closure to the cattle mutilations in that country.

Summer of High Strangeness, Winter of Discontent

Argentina is a country blessed by nature and cursed by political and social instability. The world’s fifth largest country, boasting a highly educated multi-ethnic population, Argentina stocked the world’s larders with beef for decades, as herds in large *estancias* (ranches) covered the grass-covered Pampas (40% of the country’s surface is used as pasture land). The vicissitudes of politics and economic mismanagement plunged this South American giant into turmoil in December 2001, sending shock waves throughout the financial markets while deadly riots played out on the streets of urbane, sophisticated Buenos Aires.

As bread riots broke out in Buenos Aires, UFO sightings emerged from the town of Cachi, near the notorious “hot-spot” of Salta and the site of the 1995 Metán saucer crash site; residents of the city of Santa Rosa in the province of La Pampa were treated to the site of a strange cloud which some thought abnormal despite its great beauty.

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Days later a “sphere of light” would make its way across the skies of the city of Rosario on April 1, 2002. Air Force personnel who witnessed the event described “a perfect, semi-transparent sphere measuring between 30 and 50 meters in diameter” moving from Funes to Rosario.

In March 2002, reports emerged from Payogasta in the Chacahuí region of North-western Argentina about a strange gargoyle-like creature attacking livestock: newspaper reports described the strange entity as having “red eyes, sharpened teeth, matted hair and upper extremities ending in long, sharp claws.” The entity was seen by many small cattle farmers in the drought-stricken region,

and all of them agreed on the description and the creature's incredible speed when running away from humans.

Despite the best efforts of Sheriff Juan Carlos Chávez of the Cafayete Regional Unit, no traces of the alleged "Chupacabras" were found, matters being complicated because it had chosen not to partake of the local cattle. "According to witnesses, rather than adopting an aggressive stance, the animal takes off when it sees humans ... people are concerned about what happened in Calama (Chile) ... they fear their cattle will be attacked."

May 1, 2002 a trio of young motorcyclists from the Cachi region of Argentina reported having seen an enormous cigar-shaped UFO measuring "some 100 meters in length" as they drove along National Highway 33. The sighting, which occurred in the environs of gargoyle-haunted Payogasta, was made while Martin Oliver, Rubén Chihan and Antonio Rodo returned from the capital on their rides. On a segment of road known as the Tin-Tin stretch, the bikers were faced by the huge "mothership," which shone like a mirror in the setting sun, flying slowly some two hundred meters above the ground, giving the appearance of being made of polished steel. The object took off at a prodigious speed and vanished from sight. The sportsmen told the newspaper that they wanted their names "to be included, because for a long time we've been hearing similar stories from fellow residents who out of a sense of shame, or sheer cowardice, do not want their names to appear in the paper."

On March 17, 1990, as the Greek freighter *Adamastos* heaved and rolled on the reef-encrusted shores of Necochea, a strange silver calenture flew over the stricken ship, flew around it for a few seconds, and then headed out to sea. Eight days later, a "fireball" blazed through the skies of Embarcación, a community adjacent to Salta, at 7:20 a.m.. It was described as having a darkened forward section with a fiery tail measuring some one hundred meters. Journalist Martin Matamoros was reminded of a similar incident, which took place in 1993, when a fireball had hit the ground leaving nothing but two scorched circles resembling something made by "two giant, red-hot washers."

It would be amid this varied paranormal tapestry that the mutilations would erupt with surprising intensity.

Enter the Mutilators

On April 29, 2002, *Diario La Arena*, a small-circulation newspaper from the province of La Pampa, reported that three bovines had been found mutilated in the town of Salliqueló of the province of Buenos Aires. The animal deaths appeared to have occurred in the wake of strange lights having been reported over the town. The local cable-access channel presented footage of the mutilated animals that would be picked up by the nationwide *Crónica TV* channel and transmitted to a larger audience. A local veterinarian said that the incisions on the dead cows were odd ones, and appeared to have been made by "some sort of heating element."

The veterinarian's inspection revealed that the unfortunate animals' hide had been singed along the borders of the cuts, and that there was an absence of blood in the veins and tissue. "It is simply desiccated," he explained (however, some coagulated blood remained in the victims' hearts). Also missing from the carcasses were eyes, ears, larynxes, pharynxes and salivary glands. Genitalia had been extracted through a teardrop-shaped perforation on the abdomen—a pattern that would repeat itself. Another curious detail picked up by the Salliqueló veterinarian was that "other animals refuse to come close to the dead ones, and curiosity is a characteristic trait among bovines."

Days later, *La Arena's* newsroom would be reporting on another set of dead bovines, this time in a field north of the town of Jacinto Arauz. The owner had found them eight meters away from each other in an area of dense ground vegetation. Veterinarians Evaristo Doumoulin and Gastón Granieri were puzzled by the phenomenon. "In 21 years in this profession I never saw anything like it," remarked Granieri, going on to cite the litany of missing organs and strange incisions found on the dead cows. Large animal specialists were finding themselves increasingly in demand as reports poured in from other villages and towns in the Pampas: Macachín, General Acha and Salliqueló were reporting more bizarre fatalities.

By June 1, 2002, the toll had risen to five. This time a cow had been found in the "Don Luis" pasture field on the edge of Provincial Hwy. Eighteen in the village of Quehué. But unlike the earlier cases, the animal was showing signs of putrefaction and all of its blood was present. Birds of prey and foxes had taken advantage of the animal's death already, in spite of the tell-tale incisions showing signs of cauterization. Veterinarian Rodolfo Farinas echoed the words of his colleagues elsewhere—in eighteen years of practice, he observed, he had never seen a stranger sight.

Reports came in from General Acha the following day: two cows belonging to cattle rancher Mario Guinder had been found 500 meters apart in a remote field. In this case, police officers were stunned by the fact that one of the cows had had a fetus removed from its womb with uncanny precision, "as though some type of laser beam had been used," in the words of an unnamed veterinarian.

One break in the seemingly endless list of dead animals and missing body parts was the report of a humanoid entity described as "green dwarf" or "green midget" seen in the backyards of homes in General Acha. The creature, moving with unnatural celerity, did not allow onlookers to get a good look of its features: only its size and peculiar coloration could be confirmed. The fact that its manifesta-

tions were occurring in a cattle mutilation area led to much speculation both in the town and throughout the province.

At six thirty p.m. on June 4, Angel Junco, the foreman of the “La Gilardina” farm, called the Quehué police station to report the discovery of a dead cow missing the right half of its jaw, its right eye and all of its udders. Unlike other cases, the hapless cow had been completely hollowed out and its lungs neatly removed. Deputy Sheriff Julio Acosta reported that the animal death must have occurred in the small hours of Tuesday morning, since the foreman had patrolled the

tongue, and its rectum. The 20-month old animal, property of Luis Cano, was inspected by members of the Guatraché Sheriff’s office and veterinarian Alberto Blanco.

The high-strangeness quotient would increase only two days later when a 400 kg. steer was found dead within a circle of yellow grass at the “Las Tranquerías” farm

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pasture fields the day before without coming across anything unusual. Adding to the mystery was a report that a resident of Quehué had seen several intense lights in the farm’s vicinity the night before, the second time that strange lights had been mentioned in connection with the Argentine mutilations.

The scene of the action made a sudden shift from General Acha to the community of Cuchillo Có, almost in a straight line south from the previous communities when five Aberdeen Angus cows were found mutilated at the “La Sierra” farm, belonging to Gregoria Echávez. A strange linearity appeared to be at work in the mutilations: the phenomenon visited communities almost in a straight line running from Macachín to Alpachiri and Remecó to Guatraché and Bernasconi, and another from General Acha to Cuchillo Có (see map, page 13). Adding to the maddening precision was the way in which the bloodless carcasses appeared to be arranged to form a giant circle. What strange game was being played?

No answers were forthcoming, not even from Dr. Daniel Belot, a veterinarian and technical expert for SENASA, the Argentinean livestock authority. While steadfastly refusing to succumb to the belief that paranormal forces may be at work in the animal mutilations, Belot suggested nevertheless that the predators—human or not—had arrived by air, and that the victims had been slain elsewhere and subsequently dumped on the field. “Those who haven’t seen [the mutilations] cannot understand the magnitude of the situation,” he told reporters from *El Nuevo Día*. Belot added that samples from the mutilated cows had been forwarded to the School of Pathology of the University of Buenos Aires. The outcome: “The facts occurred, they are very strange and cannot be disputed, but I don’t know what to attribute them to. I wouldn’t want to chance it.”

Another Aberdeen Angus steer was found on June 13 outside the village of Guatraché, missing its left eye and ear, the front half of its

belonging to Luis Stock Capella. “When I found it,” said foreman José Ibarra, “there was a circle of yellow grass measuring some 20 meters across. I combed the field to see if there were signs of people or cars, and I found nothing. Here you have to drive in alongside the farmhouse and there are no tracks ... or you have to come in by air,” he explained, echoing the words spoken by Dr. Belot only a few days earlier. The steer had lost its tongue, jugular veins and reproductive organs, but the foreman marveled at the fact that the animal was lying down peacefully, its body and surrounding area showing no signs of resistance. As had happened elsewhere in La Pampa province, other cows refused to approach the fallen animal and even vultures kept their distance for at least a week.

Reports continued to pour in. On June 12, 2002, several mutilated cows were discovered in pasture fields near Macachín and Rivera. Some of the dead animals belong to the Diez family of Arano, some 20 kilometers west of Rivera. The landowner’s son showed journalists a videotape of the mutilation, which displayed the trademark butchery of the unseen predators: incisions in the abdominal area revealing the absence of mammary glands,

reproductive organs, anus and intestines. In nearby Macachín, Pedro Miller found one of his red heifers spread-eagled on the grass rather than lying on its side. The carcass displayed the customary incisions around the mouth and ears.

The Pampas had gone from pasture ground to abattoir in less than a month. The mutilations were engaged in a southward expansion as two mutilated cows were found near the community of Choele Choele in the Province of Rio Negro: the dead cows at the "El Laurel" ranch were missing tongues, eyes, ears, udders and rectum. As in earlier cases, there were no blood stains or vehicle tracks. Veterinarian Carlos Montobbio remarked that the Rio Negro mutants "were flaccid, showing lax musculature as if they had only been dead for hours," despite having been dead for days. Montobbio dismissed the possibility that an electric scalpel could have been employed, since this surgical element does not penetrate through cowhide.

Adding to the tally of animal deaths from Rio Negro were the reports received from Bajo Hondo, some 30 kilometers from the major port city of Bahía Blanca (a city which features prominently in Argentinean saucer lore), where four mutilated cows were remarkably well preserved after being dead for ten days. Other reports were received from the towns of Algarrobo, Pedro Luro, Patagones and Darregueira in the Province of Buenos Aires as well as from distant General San Martín in Patagonia.

Pascual Lavoratornuovo, the owner of one of the animals mutilated in Sta. Carmen de Patagones, made a terse statement: "If I must find an explanation for the case, I'm lean toward thinking that there's something strange [going on], related to extraterrestrials." As of June 18, 2002, the body count stood at 60.

According to *El Diario de la Pampa's* June 19 edition, fears about possible radiation in the mutilated carcasses prompted police officers to report to the sites equipped with a Geiger counters. "There is only one in the entire province of La Pampa and it belongs to the Bureau of Mines," said Sheriff Hector García. "We weren't aware of the possibility [of radiation] and now we know that there's an agency who can provide us with one. We also know that in previous years this task was conducted and positive results were obtained from some vehicles (sic)."

The Sheriff was also quick to add that no Satanic cults were at work in the cattle mutilations. "The cults engage in satanic rites and the incisions made by any professional would leave traces of blood, and there is none to be found here. I believe that a cult member would be unable to contain the blood produced during one such incision." Whether Satanic cults were willing to brave the glacial cold for cow rectums was a different matter altogether.

The death toll had climbed to 160 by June 25, 2002, with veterinarians arguing that this count reflected only 50% of the cases reported in six of Argentina's provinces. The mutilation epidemic had already spread to the neighboring republic of Uruguay, where two cows had been found mutilated.

The Experts Weigh In

Veterinarians of the Pampas region were accustomed to dealing with all of the possible illnesses that can befall beef cattle—everything ranging from contagious ecthyma to rumen impaction. The sight of seeing so many animals lying dead in the Pampan silence surely sent a shudder through some of them, especially as they realized that a cruel intelligence appeared to be at work in the mutilations.

This at least was the opinion of veterinarian José Casiavillani of the municipality of La Adela, whose first media statement was to say that "there was intelligence" behind the cattle mutilations. There was no place for assigning the blame on random natural forces or predators; in an interview with Radio Manantial, the veterinarian disclosed a curious discovery. The cattle mutilations in his vicinity appeared to "be following the same pattern, which we could define as a circle, if it were possible to see it from above ... [beginning] some 50 meters from the farm house with four dead animals."

The arrangement of mutilated animals in patterns has been reported elsewhere, such as during the Puerto Rican phase of the first Chupacabras attacks of the mid-'90s, during which dead cows had been found aligned in the middle of a rural road, as though reflecting the maddening logic or madness of the perpetrator.

Guillermo Videau, a member of the Southern Pampas Rural Association, was more concerned with the harsh economic realities than sleuthing for aliens or predators. "For the mid-sized cattleman, regardless of the causes and the inability to prevent against them, [the deaths] represent significant economic losses." Videau estimated that the cows, in excellent reproductive shape, represented a four thousand *peso* loss to their owners. The Pampan cattle industry, he explained to the media, has learned to struggle with climatic uncertainty, fires and disease, and the animals are quite hardy. "A single animal slain mysteriously is shocking, but ten of them represent a cause for alarm."

Raúl Marini, the president of the Rural Association of the town of Adolfo Ansina, noted that there is "bewilderment and confusion" among ranchers from the Salliqueló region. In a June 17 interview with *La Nueva Provincia*, Marini stated that there was no official information forthcoming from the government ministries, and that the average rancher was thinking in terms of cattle rustlers and not Martians. "Up to now we were concerned with

mundane events such as cattle rustling, something that we know humans can do. But these mutilations have us confused." These sentiments were echoed by Jaime Murphy, head of the Cattle Ranchers' Association of the Southern Pampas: "We don't want to be part of the collective hysteria ... our knowledge of the rural areas tells us that all deaths are attributable to a specific reason, but we've never witnessed deaths as strange as these."

Three specialists from the School of Veterinary Sciences of the National University of La Pampa in General Pico visited the site of a mutilation near Macachín to conduct a thorough necropsy, according to Argentina's *La Nación* on June 17, 2002. "We're trying to find a logical model, a common pattern," explained Jorge Dubarri, Abel Herrera and Alberto Pariani. Dubarri, who coordinates the regional SENASA lab, concurred with his colleagues on the importance of "reaching a logical conclusion from a scientific standpoint, because telling ranchers that the causes lay in extraterrestrial attacks is hardly serious."

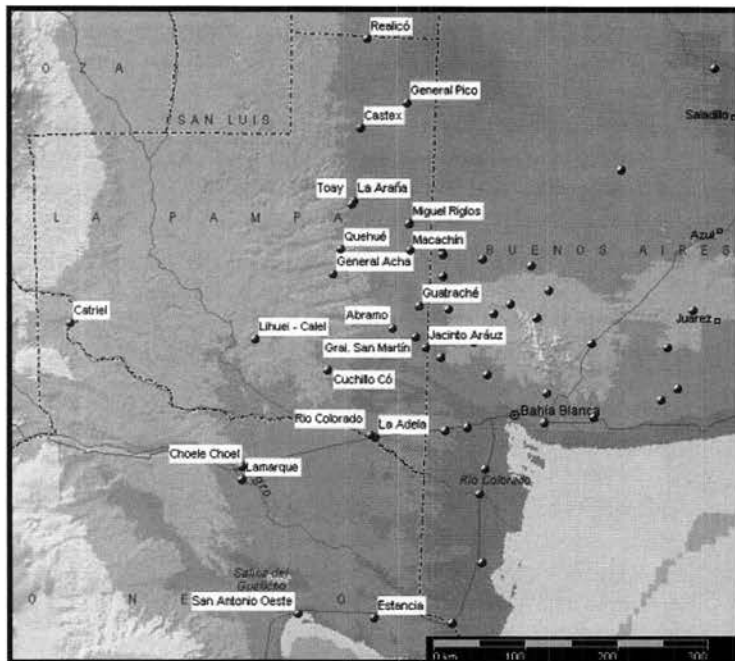
La Nueva Provincia also consulted renowned veterinarian Gustavo Santiago, who remarked on the strange manner in which the animals had been found in the Rio Negro area. "They were spread-eagled, as occurs when one anesthetizes an animal and takes it somewhere else. It's as though they had been deposited there ... the greatest surprise came when we necropsied one of the animals ... there was no hemorrhaging, the blood was uncoagulated and there was no odor, even though they had been dead for a week." Samples from the Rio Negro autopsies were sent to the INTA laboratory at Balcarce for analysis.

Veterinarian Pablo Seeling, with the Police Cattle Rustling Brigade, looked into the mutilation of a bull whose testicles and tongue had been removed in Laurencena, province of Entre Ríos. In a June 26, 2002 interview with Paraná's *El Diario*, the police vet observed: "I don't want to think about aliens or anything," he told journalists, "but I wonder how one could make such a precise incision. I made an incision with my scalpel right next to the existing one and it was completely different." Eduardo Boroni, Dean of the School of Agronomy and Veterinarian Science of the Universidad Nacional del Litoral (UNL), regarding the Entre Ríos mutilations, deplored the fact that no proper analysis of the animal samples had been performed due to the fact that they were several days old. "In order to have a scientific opinion on the cause of the animal deaths," he declared, "we must first conjecture on a given event, hypothesis. This is not happening. There is no clear and definite hypothesis and under these conditions one does not know what is being looked for."

The Skeptics' Corner

Faced with the tidal wave of hypotheses, theories, official confusion and scientific bewilderment, some parties set forth "rational" explanations for the events playing out in Argentina's cattle pastures. Raúl Cardón, Wildlife Director for the Río Negro province, assured La Nueva Provincia's reporters that there was a sane and reasonable explanation for the mutilations: a reclusive feline known as the *gato chaqueño* (Chaco cat).

According to Cardón, the Chaco cat stands fifty centimeters tall, measures a meter and a half from nose to tail, has long rear limbs, and rather than having the rounded head characteristic of felines, has an



Path of Destruction: Locations of some of the Argentine animal mutilations.

elongated snout like that of a fox. "It's a puma with short, small paws and a tall back," he explained. Although the wildlife expert had never seen a specimen, he based his explanation on ranchers' accounts. This unusual feline pounces on its victims' backs, inflicting a wound that enables it to consume the animal's intestines from above, allowing the victim to continue to walk until it is weakened by a loss of blood. Exhausted and drained of blood, the victim collapses and the feline proceeds to eat the tongue and other organs. The problem with Cardón's theory is that it overlooked the glaring evidence found at the mutilation sites.

Other skeptics were far more vocal: Bernardo Cané, SENASA's director, openly told radio broadcaster Samuel Gelblung on the

Edición Chiche radio program: "The people in La Pampa must be hitting the gin pretty hard." Listeners complained that such carelessness "did not befit his position" and Cané was forced to issue a fulsome on-air apology (www.lanuevaprovincia.com.ar).

Dr. Alejandro Martínez, a veterinarian who practiced medicine in Spain for over a decade in the exciting and bloody world of bullfighting, dismissed talk of aliens or any strangeness associated to the mutilations. "It is quite easy nowadays to immobilize an animal through the use of a small air pistol containing a tranquilizer dart. Muscle relaxers take far too long," he explained to reporters from Buenos Aires' *Diario "Página 12."* To kill the animal, he added, it sufficed to inject the immobilized animal with sodium pentothal. Nor was he impressed by the alleged absence of footprints around the animal, stating that cattle rustlers used soft-soled rope espadrilles which left no traces.

The bullring vet was even more dismissive of the incisions performed on the animals. "The instrument employed and which produces exactly the same effects is a thermocauterizer. It measures 70 centimeters long, is very simple and has been known for some 50 years. It's mostly used on fighting bulls or race horses and requires no power source or fire, since it is a tube charged with ether with a variety of tips—short ones, long ones—and can be lit with a pocket lighter, reaching 760 degrees and cauterizing as it cuts. Not a drop of blood is spilled."

Martínez was also skeptical of the supposed difficulty in removing a cow's tongue, citing the convenience of the thermocauterizer in such operations. As for the reticence exhibited by carrion birds in feeding off the carcasses, he explained that these avians are usually wary of the presence of humans around other animals.

Other experts stepped forward to suggest that the introduction of an insect foreign to the Argentinean ecosystem could be at work. The mysterious insect in question was the notorious "yellow jacket" (*vespula germanica*), which while unable to eat through cowhide, would be able to feast on the soft parts missing in each mutilation case. This theory, voiced in the www.viarural.com.ar website by Francisco Cayol, stated that the insect attacks would explain the absence of blood found at the sites. This otherwise

elegant hypothesis, however, was spoiled by the fact that Argentina was undergoing the coldest winter in memory (-11°C for a low) and such weather was hardly ideal for yellow jackets.

Despite having characterized his earlier radio remarks as "harmless badinage," SENASA director Bernardo Cané continued to weigh in as skeptic-in-residence, stating once more that the subject matter was "neither new, nor Argentinean, nor a green dwarf nor the *petiso orejudo* (a creature of Argentinean folklore) nor the phantom lights, nor the Goatsucker. It would be better to say that it's the Ginsucker, if anything" In an earlier press conference, Cané had expressed the view that the cattle mutilations were the work of "rogue surgeons," bolstering his argument, oddly enough, with one of the landmark books of mutology: Michel Granger's *Le Grand Carnage* (Paris: Carrière, 1986). Cané also trotted out the infamous "Rommel Report" as proof that other minds had worked on the problem and dismissed it (*La Nueva Provincia*, 6/25/02).

In the Grip of Strange Forces

While experts continued to do their best to ignore the UFO/paranormal explanation, ufologist Oscar Alfredo "Quique" Mario of Proyecto Condor decided to look into the matter of the strange lights reported in two of the mutilation episodes. Mario expressed a belief that something strange was afoot when police officials cautioned farmers not to approach their dead animals without wearing gloves, since some unknown radiation may have played a part in the killings. "We have eyewitness accounts from local cattlemen who have seen strange lights at night," he observed. "One farmer claims having seen a vehicle in the vicinity of Altaliva Roca only a few days ago ... in areas in which animals have been found dead, we have records of strange lights having been seen at night."

The ufologist cited a 1999 case from the town of Remeco: "One cattleman claimed seeing two objects in the wilderness forty three nights in a row. This gives us an idea as to the permanent and fluid activity of these unknown phenomena." On June 16, 2002, Mario and members of his team managed to find a videotape taken a week earlier by a camper in the Chapalcó region. The tape showed the maneuvers of an object that appeared to rotate on an axis and made changes in elevation and position.

While UFO researchers went about their business, an anonymous woman from the town of Felipe Solá phoned the newsroom of the *El Nuevo Día* newspaper, her voice betraying considerable trepidation. "I saw three white lights in the sky the night before the mutilated animal appear. I live in the country and have never seen anything like it. They moved quickly and made sudden stops. They were noiseless, and were white at first and turned blue, as though metallic," she explained. "[The objects] were to the south of my home, and I saw them with my husband and daughter. They vanished suddenly, incredibly, I don't know how."

Water Rustling

An ancillary enigma was developing to parallel the cattle mutilations: the disappearance of thousands of liters of water from huge water tanks on different farmsteads. Journalist Rodolfo Borrego interviewed some of the parties affected by the inexplicable water loss, verifying that in three separate incidents none of the huge cisterns had fissures or leaks through which these prodigious

amounts of water could have vanished. "One of the cases," wrote Borrego," goes back to the month of April, when the owner found his cisterns completely empty on two occasions. There is a third case that is only 20 days old." Similar losses were reported in the vicinity of La Adela and Santa Rosa, where ufologist Oscar "Quique" Mario had already looked into cases involving swimming pools being relieved of their contents.

Incidents of water rustling, for want of a better name, have been common in Argentina since the 1950s. Researcher Antonio Las Heras

The strange lights gave rise to much paranormal speculation. Residents of La Chiquita in northern Argentina blamed the mutilations on "red magic," an appellation possibly derived from the color of the strange lights seen hovering at treetop level. Daniel Acuña, crossing the darkened fields of La Chiquita on his way to work, saw the lights, which prompted him to

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mentioned similar cases occurring in Capilla del Monte, Salta, Trelew and Tres Arroyos—locations scattered far and wide across Argentina. Even more intriguing is that the water losses appear to occur in the proximity of high-voltage wires, leading some ufologists to suggest the likelihood that UFOs draw power and water as part of some type of electrolytic process aimed at propulsion. In other parts of the country plagued by mutilations, casual observers remarked that the enigmatic lights appeared to be following the high-voltage towers and the new potable water aqueducts installed only recently.

At 9:00 p.m. on June 20, 2002, personnel at the Puente Dique bridge over the Rio Colorado saw an object "giving off a powerful red light" whose intensity waxed and waned as it moved in bursts. Jorge Martinez, an operator at the bridge, added: "some say the lights are connected to the dead animals."

The lights were now appearing elsewhere in the country and causing physical effects in humans and machinery alike. Argentina's TELAM news agency reported that two young girls, Gabriela and Miriam del Valle Salto, ages 7 and 13 respectively, had been hospitalized in Santiago del Estero (northern Argentina) after having witnessed "multicolored lights." Other locals witnessed violet lights in the sky: one woman said that an intense light shone outside her home while the internal lighting system dimmed. The mysterious lights seen over the town of Fernández Robles between June 11–14, for example, were able to interrupt television signals, cause TV sets to shut down "without any interruption to power supply" or even change channels on the receivers.

With its history of UFO sightings, Santiago del Estero's authorities did not hesitate to include a ufologist—Dr. Andrés Miotti—among the team of experts sent to investigate cattle mutilations at Quimilíoj. The team was headed by judge Jose A. Uñates, marking the first time that a magistrate had chosen to look personally into the cattle mutilations.

remark "it was like an evil light, which I was told was those who practice red magic." The luminous presences had been seen prior to the mutilation of a horse (tongue, anus and eyes missing) in the vicinity; a death which deprived a local widow of her only means of earning a living, since the animal was used to haul coal and firewood for sale.

Closer to the epicenter of the mutilations, a family from the town of Smith in the province of Buenos Aires saw lights "projecting their beams downward" to the surface on the evening of June 25, 2002, according to an anonymous report given to *Diario El Oeste*. Two hours later, the same family reported the lights again. The sighting was apparently confirmed by reports from the neighboring villages of Montezuma and Belloq.

The Saddest Cut of All

The saddest cut of all came not from the razor-sharp knife of a Satanic cultist, or the unknown energy beam of a mutilating saucer, or even the high-tech portable laser scalpel wielded by a stooge of the New World Order: it came from SENASA itself. The National Health and Agroalimentary Services released the findings of the report commissioned to the Universidad Nacional del Centro at Tandil on July 1,

2002. A finer piece of fiction could not have emerged from the keyboards of the world's most talented novelists.

In a tone reminiscent of the Condon Report of the late 1960's, the SENASA Report placed the blame on a small rodent known as the *hocicudo rojizo* (red-muzzled mouse) that occupies a niche in the rural ecosystem and whose nutritional habits—traditionally earthworms and insects—had undergone a radical change, turning it into a carrion eater. In a SENASA press release, director Bernardo Cané stated: "We were able to establish that the cows died of natural causes as customarily occurs this time of year," adding that "their carcasses were subsequently mutilated by various predators."

The press release went on to quote Cané as saying: "at the start of the study, we did not discard the possibility of human involvement, but it has been proven that there was none, because of the lack of narcotizing elements. It was also proven, in recently slain animals, that the incisions are not so precise as they are serrated, and the studies tell us that the animals died of natural causes and not due to provoked attacks," adding at the same time that "all public agencies concur in this assessment."

The Argentine media did not hesitate to circulate photographs of the adorable *oxymycterus rufus* with the ominous heading "*el depredador*" (the predator), promptly causing peals of laughter throughout paranormal and UFO circles from Argentina to Spain. The fix was in: as far as Argentina's troubled government was concerned, the animal mutilation wave of 2002 had been brought to an end. But at least one latter-day Galileo was willing to echo the Italian astronomer's historic "eppur si muove."

In a news item for *La Voz del Interior* in the city of Córdoba, Dr. Jaime Polop, a specialist in rodent ecosystems, politely challenged SENASA's findings. "It's hard for me to believe in such an attack by rodents on dead cows," he said, citing that the red-muzzled mouse can ingest between ten to twelve grams of nourishment a day, meaning that the concerted effort of hundreds of these rodents would have been required. This was in itself unlikely, since the red-muzzled rodent was not found in abundance throughout southern Argentina and then only near streams and rivers. The fact that a scarce population of this field mouse had become a carrion consumer was perhaps as startling as the mutilations themselves.

Conclusion

In 1970, a sixty-six year old Brazilian farmer, Pedro Trajano Machado, and his son Eurípedes were on the *Palma Velha* farm in the district of Alegrete, engaged in their daily chores with farm animals. The Machados had succeeded in fencing in eighteen bovines, separating a red Jersey cow from her month old calf, which was allowed to roam the pasture field some five meters away. While the farmhands cleaned down the cow, they noticed that the other animals were becoming restless, pacing their containment area and vocalizing their discontent. Before long, the red Jersey became uncontrollable, mooing loudly. The Machados paid no mind to the situation, since after all, these were free-range cows unaccustomed to being penned. But Pedro Machado looked over his shoulder to see that something strange was happening, involving the month-old, 20 kilogram calf in the pasture.

To his astonishment, the farmhand discovered that the calf was suspended in mid-air about one meter off the ground, and in an upright position, vocalizing loudly. He called his son to witness the astonishing phenomenon, and it suddenly became all the weirder: the calf began moving away, parallel to the ground, as though pulled by a magnet.

The dumbfounded farmhands could not believe what happened next: after drifting horizontally for twenty meters, the calf began rising vertically into the air, vanishing completely from view in three or four minutes. Throughout this time period, the calf did not change position, that is to say, it remained in the same upright posture it maintained while on the ground. Curiously, the calf stopped mooing once the vertical ascent began.

No anomalous conditions were reported: no unusual noises, lights, winds, or objects had been present on the otherwise pleasant tropical day. What is perhaps most shocking is that father and son simply shrugged and returned to the work at hand, showing signal indifference for the phenomenon in a land where the paranormal forms part of the day's business.

Thirty-two years later, the paranormal has come to form part of Argentina's everyday reality, turning it into a place where strange lights and solid craft in a stunning array of colors and configurations sail the night skies unchallenged and where unknown mutilators deprive an embattled population of valuable livestock during one of the coldest winters on record (a curious coincidence, when we think back on the depredations of the Chilean Chupacabras in 2002) and empty the contents of enormous water tanks for reasons that are equally unclear. Perhaps no relationship exists between any of these phenomena—the mutilations, the water theft and the odd lights—but their synergistic effect is undeniable. •

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LETTERS

Who's Wiggling Who?

I received the 10th anniversary issue. ... Cruisin' with the Spooks. *Paranoia* needs more of this kind of stuff to balance out the stream of impossible to verify notions about alien abductions, secret societies or psychic warfare. You sail off with a bunch of spies and spend all your time trying to figure out the difference between something that has been spoken truthfully out of a sincere need to pass on vital information and something that was said to throw you off the track. Each side suspects the other of the same thing (paranoia at its best!). In the end, who knows who's wiggling who? But there is no doubt of the value of these close encounters of the weird kind. If there was more of this kind of thing going on, maybe it would give people on both sides of the fence an opportunity to get to know how the other half lives. Who knows what could happen when there is direct contact between actual agents involved in secret government projects and concerned citizens searching for answers unavailable in the mainstream media. These kinds of get-togethers are a good way to learn about the psychological dynamics of different points of view confronting each other for the purpose of greater understanding. Let's hope you get more of this stuff in the future, assuming of course there is one.

Frank B., Fall River, MA

The Nine-Shot Solution

Your *Paranoia* Issue 27 (re p. 33) just reached me yesterday in Brisbane. James Dale Davidson sent it to me for comment; appar-

ently he knows you, so here goes. "Was a shot fired from the grassy knoll ...?" My answer is Yes. In fact there were three shots fired from the grassy knoll on 22 Nov. 63. You know I was not there that day. My "double" Alek James Hidell was, and it was his bad luck to be Jack Ruby's victim. I became a JFK researcher over the years. When I was back in the States in 1999 I had the opportunity to check my nine-shot solution of the assassination with the Conspiracy Museum's in Dallas. Theirs was right. One shot by the Umbrella Man to JFK's throat. The two shots by Roscoe White across the Plaza in front of the limousine - strictly diversionary attention getters.

Lee Harvey Oswald, Brisbane, Australia

Riddles Are Not Inherently Homicidal

In Greek mythology, the Sphinx crouched outside of Thebes asked travelers a riddle and killed them if they failed to answer it, thus exemplifying the stern reality that a priceless truth discovered a moment too late is worthless. Sphinxes evidently don't have eternity to wait for the right answer; nor are they particularly eager to have the riddle unraveled and undone. When Oedipus gave the right answer, the Sphinx of Thebes killed itself.

Strange and puzzling, until you realize that the Sphinx, like its riddle, cannot endure its unravelment, because it ceases to be mysterious, inscrutable, enigmatic or challenging. That is, it ceases to be what a Sphinx must be—namely, Sphinx-like. The riddle unraveled is a riddle no more. Riddles, however, being inherently suicidal, ask to be unraveled; so the Sphinx killed itself, not Oedipus, for such is its purpose and such was its end.

Deadly though Sphinxes can be if unraveled, riddles are not inherently homicidal. They are made to make us think, to think hard, and to understand that our life and well-being depend on seeing the truth *in time*. Thus the Sphinx is implacable, challenging, devoid of mercy or malice, because it symbolizes the riddle itself, which is like a door that accepts only the right key, the right answer, the only answer—because what matters is not what we think or stand for but what will stand (whether we stand for it or not): namely, the Truth. Even the Sphinx matters only as a means to that end.

So, to that end, this riddle is asked: "Whose eye's light is darkness, and how great is that darkness the further it sees? Will the real deity or force whose eye is pictured on the Great Seal of the USA please stand up?" Here is a hint: "Society is produced by our wants, and government by our wickedness ..." — Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*

John J., Denver, CO

Al Hidell Exposed

Look, all the circumstantial evidence says that "Al Hidell" is a CIA agent. I appreciated Joan's email, but (a) she hasn't emailed me since last December, (b) Al Hidell has been bound and determined to blackball me since I started this, and (c) if Joan were serious about publishing any of the CONJURELLA series, "Hidell" probably has her bludgeoned and in a deep freeze by now. Getting CONJURELLA published in a magazine that looks like CREEPY, EERIE, and VAMPIRELLA may SOUND good, but what in the hell have I done to my people, in the long run? I don't want spooky Goddamned Hidell deciding that gives him the right to go out to Kenockee Township and start looking for witnesses, and maybe kill more of them than have already been killed. Hidell is a CIA pig, Joan D'Arc didn't email me back.

Best, T. Casey Brennan

[Yes, I admit it, Mr. Brennan, it's all true. Damn you! Now that I've had Joan d'Arc put on ice, I'm off to kill more JFK assassination witnesses. - Al] •

I-SPIES, ESPIONAGE, AND 9/11

By Al Hidell

Maria, a New Jersey homemaker who does not want her last name to be used, saw something strange on the morning of 9/11, and it wasn't in Manhattan. Using binoculars to view the Twin Towers, her eye was caught by something happening in her apartment building's parking lot. She saw three young men—who appeared to be of Middle Eastern origin—kneeling on the roof of a white van, taking video or photos of themselves with the World Trade Center burning in the background. What struck Maria were the expressions on the men's faces. They appeared to be celebrating the attack. As she later told ABC News, "They were like happy, you know ... They didn't look shocked to me. I thought it was very strange."

Things were about to get even stranger.

Later that afternoon, police—responding to an FBI bulletin based on Maria's description and plate number—pulled the van over, finding five young men inside. They were taken out of the van at gunpoint and arrested. One of the passengers had \$4,700 in cash hidden in his sock, while another was carrying two foreign passports. On a day full of unbelievable events, the arresting officers may well have taken it in stride when the driver of the van told the officers their country of origin: "We are Israeli."

"Documenting the Event"

After the men were taken to jail, the case was transferred from the FBI's Criminal Division to its Foreign Counterintelligence Section, which is responsible for espionage cases. One reason for the shift, sources told ABC News, was that the FBI believed the company to which the van license plate was traced—Urban Moving—may have been providing cover for an intelligence operation run by the Mossad, the Israeli military intelligence agency.

The FBI quickly obtained a warrant and "searched Urban Moving's offices for several hours, removing boxes of documents and a dozen computer hard drives," according to ABC News. However, the New York FBI agents ultimately ended their investigation, released the five suspects, and turned them over to the Israeli Consul.

The *Forward*—New York's leading Jewish newspaper—reported that "top-ranking Israeli diplomats" had intervened with Attorney General John Ashcroft on behalf of the men. The article went on to acknowledge that "the nature of the investigation [had] changed after the names of two

of the five Israelis showed up on a CIA-FBI database of foreign intelligence operatives.” The men were eventually flown back to Israel, where an article in that nation’s leading newspaper, *Ha’aretz*, criticized the FBI’s treatment of the men, who were subjected to repeated interrogations and even alleged beatings during their two-month detention.

Significantly, according to a report at www.americanfreepress.net, one of the men appeared on an Israeli radio talk show and stated, “Our purpose was to document the event.” If true, this statement is ominous in its implication: the Israeli government knew in advance that the 9/11 attacks were going to take place. Incredibly, the man’s statement was confirmed—without comment—in a June 21, 2002 report on the ABC News website.(1) As for Urban Moving’s owner, within days of being interviewed by the FBI—where he answered all their questions, according to his attorney—he sold his home and returned to Israel.

The September 12, 2001 New Jersey-based *Bergen Record*, in an article since removed from its website, went so far as to state the men in the white van were “carrying maps linking them to the blasts.” The *Record*’s law enforcement source elaborated, “There are maps of the city in the car with certain places highlighted. It looks like they’re hooked in with this. It looks like they knew what was going to happen when they were at Liberty State Park.” However, this report has not been confirmed. In addition, it should be noted that Urban Moving’s owner and his employees were never accused of or charged with any kind of involvement in 9/11.

Caught in the Dragnet

Many assume that the hundreds of people taken into custody (where many remain today) as part of the 9/11 investigation were all Arabs and/or Muslims. In actuality, the men in the white van were not an anomaly. They were among some 60 Israeli Jews who were quietly rounded up in the government’s post-9/11 dragnet.(2) Most were present or former military or intelligence personnel—not unusual, since military service is mandatory for Israeli citizens. At least one was a “demolition/explosive ordnance specialist,” according to John F. Sugg of the *Tampa Bay Weekly Planet* (April 22, 2002).

A November 23, 2001 *Washington Post* article by staff writer John Mintz noted that most of the Israelis were being held on immigration charges and were not suspected of any involvement in terrorism. However, the phrase “immigration charges”—in the language of international diplomacy—is often a polite cover for more serious activities, such as spying. In addition, according to Mintz:

In several cases, such as those in Cleveland and St. Louis, INS [Immigration and Naturalization Service] officials testified in court hearings that [the detained Israelis] were “of special interest to the government,” a term that federal agents have used in many of the hundreds of cases involving mostly Muslim Arab men who have been detained around the country since the terrorist attacks.

An INS official who requested anonymity said the agency will not comment on the Israelis. He said the use of the term “special interest” means the case in question is “related to the investigation of Sept. 11.”

Fox News reporter Carl Cameron—who broke the I-Spies story to a national TV audience on December 12, 2001—also raised the possibility that some of the Israeli detainees may have been involved in 9/11.

Down the Memory Hole: Web surfers who tried to locate Fox News reporter Carl Cameron’s I-Spies Report came upon an image of a smiling Cameron and the Orwellian message, “This story no longer exists.”

Although he was careful to point out that there was “no indication” of direct involvement, he noted:

Investigators suspect that the Israelis may have gathered intelligence about the attacks in advance, and not shared it. A highly placed investigator said there are “tie-ins.” But when asked for details, he flatly refused to describe them, saying, “evidence linking these Israelis to 9-11 is classified. I cannot tell you about evidence that has been gathered. It’s classified information.”

Let Me Show You My Etchings

Carl Cameron’s report also went beyond 9/11 to address the larger issue of Israeli spying in the United States:

Numerous classified documents obtained by Fox News indicate that even prior to September 11, as many as 140 other Israelis had been detained or arrested in a secretive and sprawling investigation into suspected espionage by Israelis in the United States. ... The first part of the investigation focused on Israelis who say they are art students from the University of Jerusalem and Bazala Academy.

According to Cameron and other sources, the Israeli 'art students'—under the pretense of selling their creative wares—made repeated contacts with U.S. government personnel. Cameron detailed the scope of the operation, reporting that "they targeted and penetrated military bases [as well as] the DEA, FBI and dozens of government facilities, and even secret offices and unlisted private homes of law enforcement and intelligence personnel."

In fact, this writer even had a personal encounter with one of the Israeli 'art students', though I do not work for any government entity. Several months ago, she entered my office and asked for my opinion on her 'portfolio'. Oddly, she didn't try to sell me the artwork. She said she and her fellow art students were simply seeking people's opinions as to which work they liked best. (I selected the most creative piece, a whimsical drawing of several elephants.) This visit occurred over a year before the I-Spy scandal broke, but even then I was suspicious as to why an Israeli art student would come all the way to America to seek my critique.

It gets stranger. According to Cameron, another part of the investigation—begun by U.S. officials in the mid-1990s—"resulted in the detention and arrests of dozens of Israelis at American mall kiosks, where they'd been selling toys called Puzzle Car and Zoom Copter." After the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* reported the

Israeli detentions, "the carts began vanishing." Zoom Copter's Web page quickly assured its customers, "We are aware of the situation caused by thousands of mall carts being closed at the last minute. This in no way reflects the quality of the toy or its salability."

A "High Priority Target"

The Fox News story went on to cite a General Accounting Office report, which was based on a report by "a U.S. intelligence agency." The GAO report—which referred to Israel as "Country A"—flatly stated that "Country A conducts the most aggressive espionage operations against the U.S. of any U.S. ally."



Where did they go? After the I-Spy ring was discovered, Zoom Copter shopping mall kiosks "began vanishing."

So why would Israel spy on the United States? Cameron quoted a defense intelligence report that noted, "Israel has a voracious appetite for information," and that "the Israelis are motivated by strong survival instincts which dictate every possible facet of their political and economical policies. It aggressively collects military and industrial technology, and the U.S. is a high priority target."

Despite its newsworthiness, interested readers may have trouble finding Cameron's story. His

four-part report was quickly yanked from the Fox News website, replaced with the Orwellian message, "This story no longer exists." (3)

The Israeli embassy in Washington has denied all of the spying charges, with the rather comical assertion that "any suggestion that Israelis are spying in or on the U.S. is simply not true." On the other hand, *The Forward*—while denying Israeli spying on the United States—has at least acknowledged that Israeli spies are operating in the U.S., "spying on a common enemy, radical Islamic networks suspected of links to Middle East terrorism." Networks like al Qaeda, perhaps?

If this is the case, which al Qaeda operatives might they have been spying on? In his May 7, 2002 article for the online journal *Salon*, Christopher Ketcham reported:

[M]ore than one-third of the [Israeli art] students, who were spread out in 42 cities, lived in Florida, several in Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, Florida—one-time home to at least 10 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers.

In at least one case, the students lived just a stone's throw from homes and apartments where the Sept. 11 terrorists resided. In Hollywood, several students lived at 4220 Sheridan St., just down the block from the 3389 Sheridan St. apartment where terrorist mastermind Mohammed Atta holed up with three other Sept. 11 plotters.

Putting the Woomers to West

It would be untrue to say that the mainstream media has not covered this story. Nevertheless there has been a troubling lack of coverage

relative to its importance. Essentially, the Fox report was criticized by pro-Israeli lobbying groups, declared "completely baseless" by Israeli officials, and then was dutifully sent down the memory hole. The story literally disappeared.(4)

The reaction of Alex Safian, associate director of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting, was typical of the backlash. Making the now familiar (and inaccurate) grouping of conspiracy theorists with the extreme Right, Safian lamented, "In the conspiracy media world and the hate groups, its going to have lots of legs."

To its credit, the ABC News show *20/20* did air a report containing some of the above cited facts. However, Barbara Walters inexplicably concluded the report by reassuring America, as one Internet commentator has put it, "I hope we've put all these woomers to west."

Meanwhile, *USA Today* completely whitewashed the Urban Moving story. The Sept. 28, 2001 issue of "The Nation's Newspaper" cited the story of the five detained Israelis as one of the "unsubstantiated rumors that implicate Israel" and on which "many in the Muslim world are endlessly chewing over and recycling."

The relative media silence hasn't gone unnoticed across the Atlantic. The highly respected British intelligence and military analysis service, Jane's Information Group, has remarked:

It is rather strange that the U.S. media with one notable exception seem to be ignoring what may well prove to be the most explosive story since the 11 September attack, the alleged breakup of a major Israeli espionage operation in the United States which aimed to infiltrate both the Justice and Defense departments and which may also have been tracking al Qaeda terrorists before the aircraft hijackings took place. (March 13, 2002)

Hasidic Mules: The Drug Connection

In his *Salon* article, Christopher Ketcham provided more details about the Israeli 'art student' spy ring:

Reports of the mysterious Israelis with an inexplicable interest in peddling art to G-men came in from more than 40 U. S. cities... Agents of the DEA, ATF, Air Force, Secret Service, FBI, and U.S. Marshals Service documented some 130 separate incidents of "art student" encounters. Some of the Israelis were observed diagramming the inside of federal buildings. Some were found carrying photographs they had taken of federal agents. One was discovered with a computer printout in his luggage that referred to "DEA groups."

In fact, of all the listed agencies, Ketcham stated that "the majority of the 'art student' spying efforts targeted the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration."

Now, it is certainly understandable that the Israelis would want to keep an eye on U.S.-based radical Islamic groups whom they believe have been involved in terrorist attacks against their citizens. But why would Israeli intelligence have such an interest in the DEA?

A key piece of evidence in the I-Spy allegations is a 60-page document—a compilation of field reports by Drug Enforcement Administration agents and other U.S. law enforcement officials. Regarding the validity of the document,

John F. Sugg of the *Tampa Bay Weekly Planet* (April 22, 2002) has reported:

The author of the document is not identified. However, many DEA and other law enforcement agents are named. Three federal employees have confirmed the incidents described in the report. None disputed the authenticity of the report. One senior DEA official, when read paragraphs that mentioned him, said: "Absolutely, that's my report."

It should be noted that this DEA official added that he "didn't think the incidents were sufficient to prove an ongoing spy operation." On the other hand, according to Sugg, "the [Federal] Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, in a March 2001 summary, reported on 'suspicious visitors to federal facilities' and noted the type of 'aggressive' activity recounted in the [DEA] document." Furthermore, as Sugg notes, "The specific incidents are richly chronicled, down to names, drivers' license numbers, addresses and phone numbers of the Israelis."

In what may be its most significant passage, the DEA document links the I-spies to several ongoing drug investigations. The report states:

DEA Orlando has developed the first drug nexus to this group. Telephone numbers obtained from an Israeli Art Student encountered at the Orlando [district office] have been linked to several ongoing DEA MDMA [Ecstasy] investigations in Florida, California, Texas, and New York.

The Israeli connection to MDMA trafficking was confirmed on July 25, 2002 when Ike Seamens, a correspondent for Florida NBC affiliate Channel 9, reported:

After a massive DEA investigation, Meir Ben David and Josef Levi will be the first Israelis sent to the Ft. Lauderdale to face a drug trial, said Thomas W. Rafanello, special agent in charge of

the Drug Enforcement Administration's Miami office ... The two Israelis were charged in October 2000 with conspiracy to import Ecstasy and possession with intent to distribute Ecstasy.

... The Drug Enforcement Administration says the men are not only leading drug smugglers, they are also members of an Israeli organized crime syndicate. "This is really a significant event in the drug prosecutions in this district and nationwide," said former federal prosecutor Myles Malman. "It is the first time any Israeli has been extradited to the southern District of Florida for anything," Malman said.(5)

Seamens went on to reveal the rather astounding and rarely-reported fact that "Israelis control 75 percent of the American Ecstasy market" and that "Israeli dealers have even supplied Sammy 'The Bull' Gravano, the former Mafia enforcer and Ecstasy dealer." Furthermore, Seamens had some surprising news about some Ecstasy ring drug couriers—commonly referred to as "mules" in the drug trade:

DEA officials say the Israeli drug rings have often used Hasidic Jews from Brooklyn to smuggle the drugs. Several Hasidim have been caught with the contraband and arrested by New York police, including 72-year-old Machloof Ben-Chitrit, an Israeli-American who was used to smuggle 61,000 Ecstasy tablets.

Wrong Numbers

So, if some of the I-Spies were working to foil DEA Ecstasy investigations, how might they have done it? In the *Tampa Bay Weekly Planet* article referred to above, John F. Sugg reported that some time in the mid-to-late 1990s,

American intelligence services were increasingly worried by the dominance of many highly sensitive areas of telecommunications by Israeli companies. Comverse Infosys (now called Verint) provides U.S. lawmen with computer equipment for wiretapping. Speculation is that "catch gates" in the system [allows the]

listeners to be listened to. Software made by another Israeli outfit, Amdocs, [provides] extensive records of virtually all calls placed by the 25 largest U.S. telephone companies.

In particular, Amdocs generates billing data for virtually every call in America. As Fox's Carl Cameron stated, "It is virtually impossible to make a call on normal phones without generating an Amdocs record of it." They also do credit checks. Both areas of expertise would, of course, be of great help to any intelligence agency. It should be noted, however, that neither the companies nor their employees have been accused or charged with involvement in 9/11.

According to Sugg, the relationship of Comverse Infosys and Amdocs to the detained I-Spies was detailed in the 60-page DEA document referred to above. He wrote, "The DEA's intense interest in the case stems from its 1997 purchase of \$25-million in interception equipment from Israeli companies," including, presumably, Comverse. Sugg then quoted a March 14, 2002 report by Intelligence Online, a French Web-based service, that the DEA "was clearly worried that its own systems might have been compromised."

Interestingly, Carl Cameron's report referred to a 1997 local, state and federal Ecstasy and cocaine investigation—"major" in scope and targeting "Israeli organized crime"—that went awry. The problem?

[A]ccording to classified law enforcement documents obtained by Fox News, the bad guys had the cops' beepers, cell phones, even home phones under surveillance. Some who did get caught admitted to having hundreds of numbers and using them to avoid arrest.

The surveillance, however, went beyond the communications of police detectives and other local law enforcement officers. The I-Spies were also monitoring FBI, Secret Service and, presumably, DEA, communications. Amid growing concern in various federal government agencies, the super-secretive National Security Agency (NSA)—again, according to the Fox News report—issued a "Top Secret sensitive compartmentalized information report, TS/SCI, warning that records of calls in the United States were getting into foreign hands—in Israel, in particular."

Soon, as Cameron reported, federal investigators were focusing on two companies: Amdocs and Comverse Infosys. Regarding Comverse, Cameron revealed that "when investigators checked their own wiretapping system for leaks," they became concerned about "potential vulnerabilities in the computers that intercept, record and store the wiretapped calls." Comverse was a major contractor in this area, according to the Fox report, which also declared that the company "works closely with the Israeli government, and under a special grant program, is reimbursed for up to 50 percent of its research and development costs by Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade."

Suspects Acting Differently

So, the I-Spies—utilizing Comverse and Amdocs, perhaps without the companies' knowledge—likely foiled at least one major drug investigation. Could the same be true of 9/11-related investigations? Possibly. As Cameron reported, "Fox News has learned that some American terrorist investigators fear certain suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks may have managed to stay ahead of them, by knowing who and when investigators are calling on the telephone."

In particular, as Cameron related:

On a number of cases, suspects that they had sought to wiretap and survey immediately changed their telecommunications processes. They started acting much differently as soon as those supposedly secret wiretaps went into place.

Furthermore, Jason Romaindo (www.antiwar.com) has stated that there may be a "back door" in Comverse's software that "could have easily been opened by Israeli intelligence." It was possible, according to Romaindo, because "Comverse maintains a link to the wiretapping computers, on the grounds that it is necessary for system 'maintenance,'" something which Romaindo says was authorized by the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA).(6)

Romaindo then raises a key point:

[It all] depends on the intended target of the wiretaps: was it the Israelis, or Bin Laden's agents? If the former were acting differently after wiretaps were put in place, it means only that the Israelis were using their sources and methods to protect their own. If the latter, it means the Israelis were using their sources and methods to protect the Bin Ladenites.

In a statement that could apply to many aspects of the I-Spies scandal, Romaindo confesses that this possibility "[is one that] no one—including me—wants to contemplate."

Facts and Rumors

Poke around the Internet, and you'll find many allegations about Jews and 9/11. Following are the most common charges, along with what this writer believes to be the facts:

- **4,000 Israelis didn't report to work at the World Trade Center on 9/11.** This allegation, which appears to have begun in the Jordanian newspaper al-Watan, is simply not true. It may have been based on an early and inaccurate statement issued by the Israeli Consulate that 4,000 Israeli citizens were missing in the New York attacks.

- **Out of the thousands of 9/11 victims, only two Israeli citizens were killed.** This is—oddly enough—true, despite President Bush's assertion in his September 20, 2001 televised speech that Americans will never forget "the citizens of 80 other nations who died with our own: dozens of Pakistanis; more than 130 Israelis; more than 250 citizens of India..." Few of the 82 million Americans who watched Bush's speech noticed when the *New York Times* published a small retraction two days later: "There were, in fact, only three Israelis who had been confirmed as dead: two on the planes and another who had been visiting the Towers on business." That number has since been reduced to two. Granted, President Bush doesn't appear to be a math whiz, but even he should know that 2 does not equal "more than 130." Whether deliberate or based on faulty information, his words served to further muddy the waters around Israel and 9/11. To return to the number two, it certainly does seem to be suspiciously low. That is, until you consider a recent breakdown of 9/11 victims by known foreign citizenship.(7) It appears that a grand total of one unfortunate Irish citizen died, as well as two Chinese and 16 Jamaicans. In other words, the Israeli total appears to

have been the result of pure chance. (Or perhaps the two unfortunate Israelis weren't home when World Jewry was making the phone calls from its secret control room, deep under the Swiss Alps.)

- **A Jewish businessman closed on the purchase of a 99-year commercial lease on the World Trade Center just six**

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weeks before the attacks of 9/11, and now stands to receive a large terrorism insurance settlement.

This is true. The man, Larry Silverstein, is currently involved in a major legal battle about whether the attacks on the Twin Towers constituted a single event or two separate events. A two-event ruling, according to an article from the *Wall Street Journal's Real Estate Journal* (<http://homes.wsj.com>), "would double the insurance payment on the destroyed property to about \$7 billion." Although this may seem suspicious, one must remember that terrorism insurance on high-profile buildings was quite common even before 9/11. Furthermore, the lease purchase—which cost Silverstein's group \$3.2 billion—was initiated in 1999, well before 9/11. The notion that Mr. Silverstein gained knowledge of the 2001 attacks some two years before they occurred, and then allowed 3,000 people to be killed for his personal financial gain, simply has no factual basis.

- **An Israeli company pulled out of its WTC lease shortly before the attacks.** This is true. Zim American Israeli Shipping Co., Inc.—whose parent company is nearly half owned by the State of Israel—broke its lease when it vacated its North Tower offices shortly before September 11. Christopher Bollyn (*americanfreepress.net*) reported that “Zim’s WTC office space had been leased until the end of the year, and the company lost \$50,000 when it suddenly pulled out in the beginning of September.” However, there

identified one of the bombers, which in turn led to the round up of an Israeli spy ring. Israel responded to the scandal with claims that there was no spy ring, and that it was all a hoax perpetrated by anti-Semites. As the trial progressed, it soon became clear that Israel had indeed been behind the bombings. Eventually, Israeli’s Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon was brought down by the scandal. Lavon, though, was most certainly a scapegoat—sacrificed to protect the real figures behind the bombing plan, which had been code named “Operation Susannah.” In the spy trade, it’s called a “False Flag” operation.

- **Secretary of State Colin Powell was scheduled to give a historic speech calling for the creation of a Palestinian State on September 11. The speech was never given.**

This appears to be true. However, the 9/11 attacks didn’t prevent the President himself from making a similar speech months later. Furthermore, orchestrating the horrific use of passenger aircraft as flying bombs to kill thousands of Americans would not appear to be a particularly logical way to influence U.S. mideast policy. The Israelis have much more effective financial and political methods to use in this regard.

The attacks did give Israel the opportunity to reframe its conflict with the Palestinians as part of the “War on Terrorism,” and likely gained the country some empathy on the part of the American people. This appears to be what former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had in mind just hours after the 9/11 attacks, when he declared “It’s very good” when asked to characterize the attacks in terms of U.S./Israeli relations. Realizing that his words might appear insensitive to the tragedy, he then backpedaled, “Well, not very good, but it will generate immediate sympathy.”

Weapons of Mass Deception

The sources for this article were not drawn from anti-Israeli Arab media, anonymous Web postings, or al Qaeda pamphlets. This writer has relied on mainstream U.S. and Jewish news sources whenever possible. This is an important point because articles that are critical of Israel or the actions of Jews are sometimes dismissed out-of-hand as being Anti-Semitic.

Ironically, there are others who would dismiss this article precisely because it is based on mainstream sources. A conspiracy magazine, after all, should be an alternative to mainstream news sources. How can a magazine that is based on the idea of questioning mainstream reality turn around and say certain mainstream sources are credible? Is it inconsistent to trust mainstream reality only when it supports a conspiratorial viewpoint, and to dismiss it when it rejects or suppresses such viewpoints? Not if this results from a good faith effort to evaluate the particular material on its merits, which this writer has tried to do.

On the other hand, it would be naïve to think that all ‘scandals’ are exposed due to the muckraking and diligence of independent-minded reporters, mainstream or otherwise. While such efforts

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is no evidence that Zim or its employees had any prior knowledge of 9/11, and the company says the pre-planned move was just a tragic coincidence.

- **Just one day before the 9/11 attacks, the Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) predicted that the Mossad would stage a terrorist attack and blame it on Israel’s enemies.** This is false, although it has a basis in fact. According to a September 10, 2001 *Washington Times* report, the Army SAMS did produce a report that stated that the Mossad was a “[w]ildcard. Ruthless and cunning. Has capability to target U.S. forces and make it look like a Palestinian/ Arab act.” It was a speculation, not a prediction, and it pertained to hypothetical peacekeeping operations in the Middle East by the U.S. military.

Nevertheless, such a scenario does have a confirmed—albeit little-known—precedent. Could history be repeating itself? In 1954, Israeli agents working in Egypt planted bombs in several buildings, including an American diplomatic facility, and left ‘evidence’ behind meant to implicate Arabs. After one of the bombs detonated prematurely, Egyptian authorities captured and

definitely exist and are to be applauded, the fact is that many scandals are exposed as the result of deliberate leaks of information by those in power. Scandals don't explode; they are allowed to emerge. This doesn't mean that the 'revelations' that come out are false. In fact, they are true much of the time. Indeed, a governmental or intelligence organization will often volunteer some of the truth while still managing to withhold key and damaging facts. It is 'damage control' or, in spy jargon, a 'limited hangout'.

So, evaluating the validity of scandal-related reports is only part of the equation. One must also consider the people or entities that are hurt by the revelations, and those who benefit. Is the scandal part of an inter-elite power struggle? In the case of the I-Spies scandal, could the leaks have been a 'payback' of some kind? If so, there are at least two possibilities:

1. The I-Spy leaks were payback for Israel keeping America in the dark about 9/11. In other words, the leaks were meant to punish Israel for not sharing all the intelligence it had gained from its surveillance and possible infiltration of American and foreign al Qaeda cells.

2. The I-Spy leaks were payback for Israel's spying on the United States, i.e. the 'art students' operation. This is the most straightforward explanation. If this is the case, the leaks may have come from FBI and/or DEA agents whose investigations of Israeli targets may have been shut down or compromised—in particular, pre-9/11 DEA Ecstasy investigations.

Crazy Like a Fox

Finally, one must also consider whether a revealed scandal is meant to divert attention from a more damaging one—or to 'muddy the waters' where legitimate investigators are treading. In this case, the real scandal may well be Israeli foreknowledge—or even connections to—the tragic events of 9/11. In other words, it may be a 'limited hangout' on the part of the Israeli government.

In this vein, we might take a closer look at Fox News, the media outlet generally credited with 'breaking' the I-Spy scandal. Fox News is owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. Murdoch is one of the world's most powerful media moguls. Most significantly, he has invested heavily in Israel and appears to be one of its strongest supporters. For example, he co-chaired a 2001 America-Israel Friendship League black tie dinner, at which Ariel Sharon was the guest of honor (see "Corporate America stands by Israel," *Jerusalem Post*, June 27, 2001.) In addition, at a recent 25th anniversary dinner for the Jewish Community Relations Council held in New York City, New York Governor George Pataki stated with approval, "There is no newspaper in the U.S. more supportive of Israel than [Murdoch's] *New York Post*." In fact, the event was held, in part, to honor Mr. Murdoch. In his speech, according to the pro-Israeli magazine *15 Minutes* (www.15minutesmagazine.com), Murdoch bragged about the time he took a group of editors from

New York and London for a weekend at Ariel Sharon's ranch, where the Israeli Prime Minister took Murdoch and his people "on a bird's-eye tour of Israel aboard a helicopter gunship."

IS requested that all DEA Field Divisions canvas their employees to determine if these activities have occurred in their area. Additionally, information has been received from several other federal law enforcement agencies. The following is a summary, by DEA Division Offices, of the events that have taken place:

Atlanta Division

1. Sometime in July or August 2000, a woman claiming to be a student from a foreign country attempted to enter the Chattanooga, Tennessee Resident Office. The woman was attempting to sell homemade pins that she hand painted and put together herself. An Office Assistant advised the woman that she was on Federal Property and solicitation was prohibited. The Office Assistant claimed the woman was from the Middle East, but cannot recall the exact location.
2. In mid to late December 2000, a male and female subject described as being in their mid-twenties arrived at the residence of a Special Agent. The male subject spoke fluent English, however the female subject had a heavy accent. Both subjects claimed to be Israeli art students. The Special Agent examined some of the artwork, but became suspicious when the students would not provide him with a contact telephone number in case he should decide to buy something. Subsequently, the Special Agent saw some of the exact same artwork for sale at a kiosk in the Mall of Georgia. The Special Agent questioned the salesperson about the origin of the artwork, but the salesperson was uncooperative.
3. During the first week of January 2001, an individual identifying himself as an Israeli art student attempted to bring artwork into the Columbus, Georgia Resident Office. The individual was not permitted to enter the office.
4. The following was received by the Montgomery, Alabama District Office:

On 3/27/2001, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Montgomery District Office Group Supervisor [redacted] was exiting the elevator on the first floor of our building enroute to a meeting. Our building is a small two-story office building that also contains the offices of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Geological Survey, DynCorp and a small investment company (Newman Investments). As [redacted] got out of the elevator, a white female was getting on. [redacted] noticed she was carrying a large blue artist portfolio. [redacted] engaged her in conversation and asked if she was in our building on

government business to which the female stated that she was an art student from Austria and was promoting her work. [redacted] asked if she was actually from Israel and the female later identified as [redacted] DOB 3/5/78, stated again that she was from Austria. [redacted] got on the elevator for the second floor and [redacted] went to his OGV and notified me with instructions to re-interview the female.

More Than a Rumor: The 60-page DEA report included specific dates and locations, I-Spy names, dates of birth, and drivers license numbers.

Clearly, Rupert Murdoch is no enemy of Israel. This means that the Fox News report either flew in under Murdoch's radar, or was the product of a 'limited hangout' operation by Israeli intelligence. This would imply a hidden "real" scandal: that the Mossad had advance knowledge of or involvement in the events of 9/11.

More than a Theory

This disturbing conclusion, as we have seen, is supported by a significant amount of circumstantial evidence. Also, if the Israelis were able to

devote so much effort to spying on the American government, isn't it likely that they would have devoted the same if not more resources to monitor and infiltrate anti-Israeli groups in America, groups like

operators—the Israeli spy rings were not particularly unusual. The fact is, friendly nations routinely spy on each other. And the I-Spies do not appear to have damaged national security nearly as much, for example, as the Israeli-controlled Pollard Navy spy ring of the 1980s. In fact, it is possible that the I-Spy efforts were merely the spying equivalent of grunt work, gathering basic information about American officials and agencies.

However, such low-level spying is often the first step toward more serious operations such as infiltration and espionage. And, of course, the targeting of the DEA raises the specter of Mossad involvement in the lucrative drug trade—a potential source of funding for black ops, a fact our own CIA learned long ago.

Indeed, there is something of a symbiotic relationship between Israel spooks and their American counterparts. As commentator Stephen J. Sniegowski (www.thornwalker.com/ditch/) has observed, “The U.S. government allows, even encourages, Israel to conduct

covert operations here and elsewhere because Israeli agencies can perform certain tasks deemed helpful to American interests more effectively than U.S. agencies can.” He continues:

Israel enjoys much more leeway to engage in dirty work than the United States does. It was for that reason that the Reagan administration relied on Israel to undertake certain covert activities in Central America. Those activities were little noticed by the media's dominant Establishment liberals, who likely would have screamed to high heaven had those same activities been undertaken by U.S. operatives.

The intelligence information channel may not be a two-way street, however. Former Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky has claimed that, while the CIA shares information with the Mossad, the favor is rarely returned. In fact, he has written that the Mossad has a policy of never giving secret intelligence information out—even if the lives of Americans are in danger.

As an example, Ostrovsky cited the devastating 1983 terrorist attack on U.S. military barracks in Lebanon, which killed 241 U.S. Marines. According to Ostrovsky, the Mossad had foreknowledge of the terrorist attack, but did not warn America. (*By Way of Deception: A Devastating Insider's Portrait of the Mossad*, Toronto: Stoddart, 1990.)

A Mexican 9/11 Operation?

Other clues relating to the possible involvement of Mossad agents in 9/11 have managed to escape the memory hole. The following little-noticed news reports—if true—add much to the circumstantial evidence. At the least, they demand further investigation. Indeed, these reports also raise the question of whether it is the U.S. media which has failed to “connect the dots,” even more so than the U.S. intelligence establishment. The first story, from the October 12, 2001 issue of the respected Mexican daily *Crónica de Hoy*(9) opened with a quite astonishing statement:

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al Qaeda? The proximity of at least one group of Israeli agents to Mohammad Atta's residence in Florida raises the possibility, as does the fact that an unusually high number of the I-Spies were concentrated in Florida—home to at least ten of the 9/11 hijackers at one time or another. We also have the disturbing revelation by one of the white van “movers” that he and his fellow Mossad agents “were here to document the event.” Then there are the classified “tie-ins” between certain Israeli agents and 9/11 referred to in both the Fox News and *Washington Post* stories above.

This is not to take the CIA and the FBI off the hook regarding their own possible advance knowledge of the 9/11 attacks. For example, an article in the September 16, 2001 *Newsweek* reported that an FBI informant “who had been working closely with the FBI office in San Diego on terrorism cases related to Hamas” also had a “close relationship” with two of the 9/11 hijackers: he was their roommate from September, 2000 to December, 2000. Hamas, the radical Islamic group thought to be behind many Israeli suicide bombings, would of course have been of keen interest to the Mossad as well.(8)

Grunt Work and Black Ops

On the other hand, despite their rather bizarre methods—using agents posing as art students and shopping mall kiosk

The [Mexican] Attorney General is investigating and interrogating two Israelis (one, already a naturalized Mexican citizen) who were detained in the House of Representatives Wednesday with two 9 mm pistols, nine grenades, explosives, three detonators and 58 bullets, to determine if they belong to any group connected with terrorists or subversive groups.

The article went on:

Both subjects were detained in the installations of the legislative palace of San Lazaro when a group of sugar industry workers that had met with the Speaker of the House, Beatriz Paredes, left to discuss their issues in the lobby and the two arrested persons arrived and began photographing them.

Then, the following bizarre scene ensued:

This activity and the form in which they took the pictures (aiming their cameras below the belts of the workers) generated tension among the sugar workers, who proceeded to demand [the men's] identification. . . . The Israelis identified themselves as press photographers, but they were not believed and the workers overcame them and then discovered that they were armed with pistols and other high caliber arms.

The next day, again according to the *Crónica de Hoy*, spokeswoman Hila Engelhart of the Israeli Embassy in Mexico issued a statement that acknowledged the previous day's report. In a phone call to a reporter, she stated that her staff was "waiting to find out what happened," and expressed the hope that "in the case of the arrested Israelis, we hope the situation will be resolved quickly." On October 15, 2002, Mexican media reported that the situation had indeed been resolved. The two men had been released—after "intense pressure" from the Israeli embassy—with the official explanation that they had legal permits to carry their weapons.

Our second "dot" comes courtesy of a *FoxNews.com* report of May 13, 2002, again by the intrepid Carl Cameron. It seems that "a Budget truck was pulled over in Oak Harbor, Washington near the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station" shortly after midnight on May 7, 2002. The truck was soon "found to have traces of TNT on the gearshift and traces of RDX plastic explosive on the steering wheel..." In a revelation that had a somewhat familiar ring, Cameron reported that the driver indicated that he and his passenger were "delivering furniture from California" and that both passengers "were Israeli nationals." Both men were taken into custody for immigration violations, and an investigation was said to be ongoing. There does not appear to have been a follow-up report. •

Endnotes

(1) At the time of writing, this report is located at http://abcnews.go.com/sections/2020/DailyNews/2020_whitevan_020621.html.

(2) This total comes from the *Washington Post*. Other sources have reported numbers ranging from 100-160, but it is not clear whether those numbers include the many pre-9/11 detentions as well.

(3) The ostensible reason was that Cameron used unnamed sources. As any news hound will tell you, this is a characteristic shared by many news reports. At this writing, a transcript of Cameron's Fox News report is still available at www.firefox.laccesshost.com/cameron.html.

(4) The pro-Israeli inclination of the U.S. media is obvious, despite the

occasional mild criticism of particular Israeli actions. A recent comment by CNN's Aaron Brown—on Israel's killing of Palestinian civilians in an attempt to kill a Palestinian leader—was typical. The newsmen admitted, "We don't believe the Israeli government would risk killing a couple of hundred people in order to maybe—maybe—get one guy." Apparently, the fact that he had just described U.S. actions in Afghanistan—the "one guy" being Osama bin Laden—escaped his keen intellect.

(5) Reached for comment, Ben David's Miami attorney Ruben Oliva gave Seamens a rather ambiguous answer when asked if his client is a major organized crime figure. His response was, "I don't believe so."

(6) In fact, in a letter dated October 18, 2001 to Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller, 15 federal and state law enforcement officers complained that "law enforcement's current electronic surveillance capabilities are less effective today than they were at the time CALEA was enacted." That was about as far as they could go, since even raising the issue of I-spying is—in the words of unnamed law enforcement officers who spoke to Fox's Carl Cameron—"career suicide."

(7) See www.september11victims.com.

(8) There is in fact a precedent for a government infiltrator's involvement in a domestic terror attack, though it involves the American rather than the Israeli government. The FBI has admitted that they had an informer in the radical Islamic group that carried out the 1993 bombing of the Twin Towers. The informer was to have helped the plotters build the bomb and supply fake explosive powder. According to the informer—Emad Salem—the plan was called off by an FBI Supervisor. As an October 28, 2003 *New York Times* article concluded, secret tapes that Salem made of his contacts with the FBI "portray the authorities as being in a far better position than previously known to foil the February 26th bombing of New York City's tallest towers."

(9) "Mexico will Investigate if Israelis Were Terrorists," *Crónica de Hoy*, October 12, 2001, available at www.narconews.com.

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CONCENTRATION CAMPUS

Holes are forming in the brains of your children. Big Bird is hawking Prozac from inside a colorful box sitting in the center of your living room. Ronald McDonald has become a doctor.

It all began on the battlefield.

In 1995 Lt. Col. Dave Grossman published a revelatory book entitled *On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society*. The main point of the book is simple: Left to their natural instincts, soldiers in combat are unlikely to kill. During World War II, for example, only 15 to 25 percent of combat infantry were willing to fire their rifles. By the Persian Gulf War, however, the shooting rate had increased to 95%. How did the military manage to raise the firing rate so dramatically within only 45 years?

In his 1978 book, *War on the Mind: The Military Uses and Abuses of Psychology*, Peter Watson revealed the Mengele-like conditioning techniques used by the U.S. Navy to train assassins. A Naval psychiatrist, Commander Narut, explained his exact method as follows: He first exposed his subjects to "symbolic modeling" involving "films specially designed to

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show people being killed or injured in violent ways. By being acclimated through these films, the men were supposed to eventually become able to disassociate their emotions from such a situation [. . .]. The men were taught to shoot but also given a special type of *Clockwork Orange* training to quell any qualms they may have about killing. Men are shown a series of gruesome films, which get progressively more horrific. The trainee is forced to watch by having his head bolted in a clamp so he cannot turn away, and a special device keeps his eyelids open." (Grossman 306-07)

As you can see, Stanley Kubrick's version of these techniques is ass-backwards. In Kubrick's film the onslaught of violent images sensitized Malcolm McDowell to violence, whereas in the real world these images actually served to *desensitize* Narut's military subjects. Grossman expands on this point:



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**- JOHN GATTO
DUMBING US DOWN**

In *Clockwork Orange* such conditioning was used to develop an aversion to violence by administering a drug that caused revulsion while the violent films were shown, until the revulsion became associated with acts of violence. In Commander Narut's real-world training the nausea-creating drugs were left out, and those who were able to overcome their natural revulsion were rewarded, thereby obtaining the opposite effect of that depicted in Stanley Kubrick's movie. The U.S. government denies Commander Narut's claims, but Watson claims that he was able to obtain some outside corroboration from an individual who stated that Commander Narut had ordered violent films from him, and Narut's tale was subsequently published in the London *Times*. (Grossman 307)

So what does all this have to do with Ronald McDonald and Big Bird and the holes in your kid's brain? Very simple

Compulsory schooling, as with military entrainment, was born on the battlefield. In 1806 Prussia's army was defeated by Napoleon at the battle of Jena. Prussia believed that their defeat was caused by soldiers *thinking for themselves* in the midst of combat. Far too many soldiers were refusing to fire their weapons. The Prussian government wanted to know how to prevent such pesky inconveniences like "free will" in future generations, so they approached the brilliant psychologist Wilhelm Wundt of the

University of Leipzig and asked him for advice. Wundt, the true father of experimental psychology, suggested they abolish voluntary schooling. Wundt recognized that the best way to control a population was to begin with the children.

Fragmentation was the order of the day.

Wundt began by dividing traditional school subjects into sub-sets. He shattered them into divisions—not unlike military divisions—precise regiments of lifeless facts marching through the children’s porous little minds six hours a day, five days a week: History, English, Mathematics, Biology, Physical Education, etc. etc. etc. It was very important that no connections be made among these disparate subjects. Each was to stand alone, islands of isolated facts with no ties to the future or the past. The best way to ensure this fragmentation was to create *specialties*. Each instructor would be licensed to teach a specific subject, nothing more. If they tried to overstep their bounds they would be severely punished, ostracized from the academic world.(1)

The origins of “licensing” and academic “degrees” grew out of this authoritarian structure. The PhD itself, based on the ideas of Francis Bacon in *The New Atlantis*, was created by Prussia in the early 1800s. The concept of “licensing” was later expanded upon by Andrew Carnegie in the 1890s. The purpose, according to John Taylor Gatto, author of *Dumbing Us Down*, was to “tie the entire economy to schooling and hence to place the minds of all the children [in the hands] of a few social engineers” (Gatto Interview 15).

These social engineers, led by Wundt, knew that fragmentation was the key. Once they had divided the subjects, they then set about dividing the children by segregating them according to age groups. As Gatto has pointed out, this kind of segregation exists nowhere else, certainly not in the adult world. In what office setting do you find all the fifty-five-year-olds working in one room? Before compulsory schooling, in the era of the one-room schoolhouse, the older children were encouraged to teach the younger children. This system is known to work much better than ordering children to sit back passively and accept what their “superior” tells them like a drone.

Or like a soldier on the battlefield.

Just as a drill sergeant enjoys rattling a broomstick inside a garbage can at 4:00 in the morning in order to torture his recruits, the school system has a similar—though far more systematic—instrument of control.

The Bells, the Bells

How the danger sinks and swells,

By the sinking or the swelling in the anger of the bells—

—Edgar Allan Poe, “The Bells”

Bells are the most basic tool of Pavlovian conditioning. As any Freshman psychology student is well aware, Ivan Pavlov was a Russian physiologist known for his breakthrough work with the conditioned reflex. This work consisted of ringing a bell prior to feeding his dogs; he did this regularly over an extended period of time. Eventually the dogs would salivate upon hearing the bell, even when there was no food around.

In the vast laboratory known as public education, however, the experimental subjects—children in this case rather than dogs—are not conditioned to do something as trivial as salivate. No, the goal is far more sinister.

Let John Gatto, “New York State Teacher of the Year” for 1991, tell you in his own words:

I teach children not to care too much about anything, even though they want to make it appear that they do. How I do this is very subtle. I do it by demanding that they become totally involved in my lessons, jumping up and down in their seats with anticipation, competing vigorously with each other for my favor. It’s heartwarming when they do that; it impresses everyone, even me. When I’m at my best I plan lessons very carefully in order to produce this show of enthusiasm. But when the bell rings I insist they drop whatever it is we have been doing and proceed quickly to the next work station. They must turn on and off like a light switch. Nothing important is ever finished in my class nor in any class I know of. Students never have a complete experience except on the installment plan.

Indeed, the lesson of bells is that no work is worth finishing, so why care too deeply about anything? Years of bells will condition all but the strongest to a world that can no longer offer important work to do. Bells are the secret logic of schooltime; their logic is inexorable. Bells destroy the past and the future, rendering every interval the same as any other, as the abstraction of a map renders every living mountain and river the same, even though they are not. Bells inoculate each undertaking with indifference. (Gatto *Dumbing Us Down* 6)

There is an historical precedent for the use of bells as a Pavlovian conditioner. Bear with me as we launch into another extended quote, this one from none other than Dr. Timothy Leary, whose research into psychedelics as a behavior modification tool was supported and funded by Dr. Henry Murray, chairman of the Department of Social Relations at Harvard and the head of the CIA Psychology Department. Murray was also the man who oversaw the mind-control experiments performed from the years 1958 to 1962 on a young student-

volunteer at Harvard named Theodore Kaczynski, whom the FBI would later dub "the Unabomber" (Cockburn). To be fair, it's quite possible Leary's intentions were honorable, but at this late date I'm afraid it's clear that the motives of his financial backers were far from benevolent. Either way, Leary's knowledge of the history of behavioral control is extensive, which makes the following insight that much more impressive . . .

Over a thousand years ago [there existed] an organization of light-wizards that controlled and programmed minds from Istanbul, Constantinople, and Greece, through Southern Europe and Northern Europe, all the way up to the British Isles. We're talking, of course, about the hyperdelic, cyberdelic, shamanic brain-fuckers centered in the Vatican. Those guys knew how to program minds.

How'd they do it? Well, first of all, they developed the notion of a bell. If you were a peasant in Constantinople or Romania or France or wherever, the loudest sound you ever heard in your life was that bell five times a day. And where was that bell? On top of the church steeple. And the only sound you ever heard louder and stronger than that was lightning, and you know who's in charge of the lightning bolts. (Leary Lecture)

What Leary neglects to mention is the fact that the center for behavior modification shifted in the early 1800s from the Vatican to the arena of public education, which is why Dr. Henry Murray was a chairman of Harvard and not the Vatican. If a researcher like Leary had existed a thousand years ago he would have been forced to solicit funds from the Pope rather than the CIA.

A few weeks ago I was having an argument with a friend. I maintained that I had learned absolutely nothing worthwhile in high school. My friend countered with a non sequitor, insisting that kids need to graduate from high school in order to get a good job. Despite being a patently false comment (employers tend not to care about your grades in high school or college), it did inspire me to ask the following question: Since when did education devolve into a glorified trade school? It wasn't that way in Plato's day, nor was it that way before Wilhelm Wundt and the implementation of compulsory schooling.

Only while researching this article did I come across the answer. During a brilliant 1994 interview conducted by Jim Martin, the publisher of *Flatland* magazine, John Taylor Gatto lays out the following information: Between the years 1807 and 1819 a stream of American dignitaries travelled to Prussia to consult with Dr. Wundt. They were so impressed by his work that they immediately began advocating his system of behavioral control for American education. The sons of the American elite were shipped overseas to study at Wundt's feet, and by 1900 all the PhDs in the U.S. were being trained in Prussia.

Between 1880 and 1910 the American successors to Wundt became the heads of the Psychological Departments at all the major universities. Henry Murray was no doubt among them. Wundt's main protégé, James McKeen Cattell, trained 322 PhDs who in turn set up the new discipline of educational psychology;

this discipline quickly grew in influence with the help of the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations. Ultimately, Wundtian experimental psychology gave rise to infamous behavioral scientists such as James B. Watson and B.F. Skinner, whose work was used for the specific purpose of raising the firing rate in the U.S. military and training assassins to kill more effectively.

The next step came when Andrew Carnegie [realized] that capitalism—free enterprise—was stone cold dead in the United States. [. . .] That men like himself, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Rockefeller now owned everything. They owned the government. Competition was impossible unless they allowed it. Carnegie said that this was a very dangerous situation, because eventually young people [would] become aware of this and form clandestine organizations to work against it. [. . .] Carnegie proposed that men of wealth re-establish a synthetic free enterprise system (since the real one was no longer possible) based on cradle-to-grave schooling. The people who advanced most successfully in the schooling that was available to everyone would be given licenses to lead profitable lives [. . .].

[Y]ou need to look at what occurred in the two decades following Carnegie's original proposal (1890-1910). You're talking about the realization of Carnegie's design. These licenses, which now extend to bus drivers and all sorts of people who never had to be licensed, are then tied to forms of schooling. So they've reserved that part of the work market. Through the cooperation of the government, many of the government positions have very precise schooling requirements. You can in fact control all of the economy by tying jobs to schooling, and therefore you have a motivation for people to learn what you want them to learn. (Gatto Interview 14)

Control

Today, as the 20th Century collides with the 21st, a single bell atop a church steeple would no longer be effective as an instrument of control. The population is too large, too spread out. The instrument of fragmentation has become more sophisticated. The church bell

has morphed into Hollywood. Why waste valuable time and money surreptitiously planting electrodes in people's brains when you can sell them television sets instead? The CIA's MK-ULTRA program has long been obsolete, which explains the recent explosion of books and movies and magazine articles and even comic books concerning the subject. As Marshall McLuhan liked to say, quoting James Joyce, "pastimes are past times" (McLuhan 99). Anything that's popular is 20 to 30 years out of date.

Thought control has morphed into mind control, mind control into soul control. No implants required. Just sit back and relax. Take a toke, dude, and trip out on those pointillist dots on your TV screen. Go with the flow. Accept the fragmentation.

How is it possible to develop a logical train of thought with a bell clattering in your head every forty-five minutes, as in Kurt Vonnegut's classic science fiction story "Harrison Bergeron"? Or, for that matter, every seven minutes if you're a hardcore television addict? You must recognize the fact that a commercial interruption carries with it as much of a fragmentary effect as any church bell in the Middle Ages.

All is not lost, however. Wundt was right; the best way to control a population is to begin with the children. But the opposite is true, as well. What was once fragmented can be made whole again. The primary reason kids hate school is obvious: they know, at least subconsciously, that they're being lied to. If you begin respecting them, teaching them real history, they'll *want* to learn. But that would require a radical alteration, a veritable paradigm shift, in the present system. It would first require the decertification of teaching and the destabilization of institutional schools.

"Oh, no!" cries the voice from the audience, "but how will Little Johnny learn to read and write?!"

I'm glad you asked me that, ma'am.

You're living under a false assumption if you think the school system teaches reading and writing. As Gatto has pointed out:

[. . .] the truth is that reading, writing, and arithmetic only take about one hundred hours to transmit as long as the audience is eager and willing to learn. The trick is to wait until someone asks and then move fast while the mood is on. Millions of people teach themselves these things, it really isn't very hard. Pick up a fifth-grade math or rhetoric textbook from 1850 and you'll see that the texts were pitched then on what would today be considered college level. The continuing cry for 'basic skills' practice is a smoke screen behind which schools preempt the time of children for twelve years [. . .]. (Gatto *Dumbing Us Down* 13-14).

This same point—the relative ease with which children can learn given the right set and setting—was proven over seventy years ago by A.S. Neill, creator of an experimental live-in school called Summerhill. Influenced by the psychoanalytic work of Wilhelm Reich, Neill decided to create a school geared toward helping the "rejects" of the British school system. In the words of investigative journalist Jon Rappoport:

Neill operated on the idea that if you allowed students and faculty to participate, by vote, in the running of their own school, they would be more real, more alive. And then if you gave students, with no tricks, the license never to come to classes until they were ready to learn, they would live out their childhood fantasies to the hilt. A child might play in the fields and the mud with his companions until he was fifteen—every day—and then finally school would begin to interest him. At that point he would come to class to stay [. . .]. At that juncture, twelve years of education might be telescoped into two or three years, without stinting. The classrooms at Summerhill were not remarkable. There was no effort made to "interest" the child in a subject through special aids. Neill forbade this. He saw that when a child wanted to learn, the teaching became easy, and when he didn't the introduction of seduction was a cruel thing. (Rappoport 229)

A.S. Neill proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that kids learn much more efficiently when you leave them alone. Forget this "concept mapping" (otherwise known as "brainstorming" or "webbing") nonsense so prevalent in education today. That's the big thing in high schools now: forcing complete strangers to bounce ideas off each other until the "gestalt" inevitably reduces the very worst of these ideas into a form acceptable to the status quo. Teachers claim it encourages cooperation, but in reality it just instills conformity. Its sole purpose is to merge our children into a single hive mind consisting of brainless organic robotoids who drink alike, eat alike, sleep alike, and think alike. A regiment of tiny toy soldiers marching into oblivion to the same dissonant tune.

The Scan-Tron

The purpose of school is not to teach. If you don't believe me, study an average Scan-Tron sheet—or as I like to refer to them, "Scam-Trons." In case you're not aware, a Scan-Tron is a rectangular blue-and-white slip of paper that consists of a series of multiple choice questions, each question having four possible answers. For each question the student is expected to fill in one of the available bubbles with a lead No. 2 pencil. When the student is finished, the teacher feeds these little slips into a machine that reads the answers with a laser. With such back-breaking work, one wonders why teachers aren't paid more.(2)

The Scam-Tron is one of the most basic examples of behavioral programming one can find in the school system. Its intent is to instill in

the student the idea that there exists only a limited number of answers for any given question—a closed universe of possibilities. I have a close friend who works as a teacher in Seattle, WA. She tells me, and I know this is true from my own experiences at Torrance High about ten years ago, that all the kids prefer taking the multiple choice Scan-Trons. This is, statistically speaking, crazy. It should be obvious that an open-ended, subjective, non-linear written test in which you have to actually think of your own answer provides you with a much better chance of receiving a good grade. But this doesn't matter to the majority of high school students because they've simply forgotten how to think, if they ever knew in the first place.

My teacher-friend in Seattle recently wrote a question for her students in which she asked them to do nothing more than give their opinion. Anything at all, written even semi-coherently, would have earned them at least a passing grade. Many of the students chose to leave the question blank. When she asked them why they had done this, they replied matter-of-factly that they couldn't think of their own opinion.

Fragmentation

This is where neuro-linguistics programming comes into the picture. NLP was created by Jim Grinder and Richard Bandler in the 1970s, though the basic techniques are related to the work performed from the 1940s to the 1980s by the psychologist Dr. Milton W. Erickson under the close supervision of the CIA (Bowart Chp. 4, p. 6). Essentially, NLP is the art of mastering the "language of the unconscious" to influence not only yourself but others as well. A baseball player might want to use it to improve his batting average—"creative visualization" could be used for this purpose—while a CIA agent might want to use it to coax vital information from a reluctant source. In the latter case, our hypothetical agent would try to "mirror and match" the source's physiology—sit the way he sits, gesture the way he gestures, breathe the way he breathes. In this way he could win the source's confidence within a surprisingly short period of time. But NLP doesn't rely on only gestures and body language, it also relies a great deal on words—words written or spoken with such precise tonality and timing that they slip into the subconscious as embedded commands.

If you think this is just a bunch of hocus-pocus, keep in mind that in 1983 Major General Stubblebine formed an inter-agency team called The Jedi Project to disseminate NLP skills throughout the U.S. Army. According to John B. Alexander, a U.S. Army Psyops Colonel, even soldiers with no prior experience firing a .45 pistol learned better and more quickly when neuro-linguistics programming was used on them (Mandelbaum 46). If NLP could enable complete amateurs to fire a standard service sidearm with even middling accuracy, what other effects could it have on human potential—or inhuman potential, for that matter?

Walter Bowart, author of *Operation Mind Control* and a NLP practitioner himself, calls neuro-linguistics programming the 20th century's most important technology of empowerment or enslavement. It can be used to help people—to "influence with integrity"—as with curing a serious phobia within minutes, for example; or it can be used to harm people, to persuade them to purchase your oh-so-unique brand of cigarettes or alcohol or coffee or ketchup or 36-inch television set.

My associate in Seattle has sent me numerous examples of high school exams that were purposely embedded with neuro-linguistics programming techniques. Once you're familiar with these techniques, you can detect them right off the bat. To cite a basic example, a test might consist of a whole series of sentences and paragraphs that

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have been spelled incorrectly or have incorrect grammar, the ostensible purpose of which is for the student to correct the mistakes. Anyone familiar with NLP will tell you that this is exactly the wrong way to teach anybody anything. Visualization, suggestion, and *positive* reinforcement are the main tools of learning. Humans don't react well to negative programming—unless, of course, your goal is to teach them negative behavior.

No matter how much money you throw at your local schools, they will not improve. Because they're failing on purpose, just like that other ignoble experiment we call the War On Drugs.

Most students of NLP know that negative phrases can be used as effective embedded com-

mands to produce the opposite effect. Most parents know, when dealing with a young child, to try a little reverse psychology. The "Just Say No [to Drugs]" slogan, and the billboards with a photo of a man with a gun up his nose and the slogan "Say No to Cocaine" under it, were just part of the successful PSYOP campaign which got Americans to take more drugs. It's well-known by now that the War On Drugs is a complete failure. The extent to which the cryptocracy's black funds depends upon the drug trade is also widely noted. George Bush gave the game away, many believe, during one of his televised debates with Clinton when he wiped his nose in an involuntary response after he said the word "cocaine." (Boward Chp. 10, p. 8)

I would add that George Walker Bush demonstrated the same involuntary "sniffing" reactions all throughout his debates with Al Gore. Under the new, improved Bush administration I predict you'll see an unprecedented amount of money spent on the War On Drugs and the results will be just as effective as the War On Cancer and the War On Domestic Violence and the War On Guns and the War On Illiteracy and the War On Terrorism. There hasn't been a more strategically fought conflict since *The Mouse That Roared*.

The Strategy of Tension

Yes, the Strategy of Tension is about to get a lot more tense.

Of course, such tension serves the cryptocracy well. Mae Brussell, the late political researcher and talk show host, recognized this fact back in the 1960s while investigating the Kennedy assassination, realizing that most of the crazed "lone nuts" of that tumultuous decade arose from the same intelligence milieu: Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, Albert DiSalvo, Sirhan Sirhan, the SLA, Charles Manson, the Zodiac Killer, Jim Jones, as well as (we now know) Ted Kaczinski. Authoritarian regimes thrive amidst chaos such as this. The populace just rolls over and allows any dingbat with a wealthy father, a charming smile, and a balled-up fist waltz into a position of power and protect them from the creeping chaos. "Only a return to the values of the past can save us!" Unfortunately, the values of the past are the values of now. The modern day equivalent of the MK-ULTRA chaos investi-

gated by Brussell has been the rash of school shootings sweeping the country in the past few years, Columbine being the most destructive of all. (Please refer to my article in *Paranoia* #25 for more information concerning the weirdness surrounding Columbine.)

Which leads me to a revealing comment made by Dr. John Hagelin, a University professor and quantum physicist who ran for President on an independent ticket in 2000. At the State of the World Forum, held in San Francisco in October of 1999, Hagelin delivered a speech in which he discussed the school shootings. He identified a disturbing common denominator that tied the shootings together. According to Hagelin, many of the "lone nut" teenagers responsible for these shootings were suffering from a brain dysfunction that tends to resemble a "hole" in the brain when seen in CATSCANS. These children don't have literal "holes" in their heads, of course, merely dark spots where the neurons have ceased firing. The brain centers most affected are those in charge of emotional control and decision making; they've literally atrophied due to lack of use. Doctors who have studied this phenomenon refer to it as "cortical fragmentation." Hagelin believes that this dysfunction is directly caused by the process of *education* itself.

Do you begin to see the connections now? Has it become clear to you yet?

Fragmentation is the key.

Pause a moment and wrap your mind around this: The process we are currently engaged in is known as in-depth pattern recognition. Skeptics would call it "conspiracy theory." But what is conspiracy theory if not the ability to pick out patterns, like Edgar Allan Poe's resourceful fisherman who is able to free himself from a whirlpool by noticing which pieces of wreckage are ejected from the maelstrom and attaching himself to one of them? The point of Poe's classic story "A Descent into the Maelstrom" is clear. You must study the debris. Don't turn your eyes away from it just because it isn't pretty, or because it doesn't seem "relevant" to you at the moment.

What doesn't seem relevant now may just save your life in the future. But most people have no ability to even begin comprehending the complicated process of in-depth pattern recognition. You can't blame them. They've been systematically conditioned *not* to see the patterns affecting their lives due to twelve years of constant fragmentation. They're caught in a maelstrom they don't even know exists, a maelstrom imposed upon them by a vast array of authority figures beginning with their parents and continuing on up to their "elected officials" and clergymen and bosses and doctors and drill sergeants and teachers. And advertisers. Lately, however, it's been very difficult to tell the difference between those last two.

In-School Marketing

The instruments of operant conditioning are being introduced day by day into the school environment on an ever-increasing basis. These instruments include surreptitious advertisements, pharmaceuticals, and toxic junk food smuggled onto the campuses by corporate underwriters. In September of 2000 the U.S. General Accounting Office released a significant report entitled "Commercial Activities in Schools." The report states, "In-school marketing has become a growing industry. Some marketing professionals are increasingly

targeting children in school, companies are becoming known for their success in negotiating contracts between school districts and beverage companies, and both educators and corporate managers are attending conferences on how to increase revenue from in-school marketing for their schools and companies.”

In the past few years high schools have become nothing more than laboratories for corporate-backed market researchers. Pfizer hands out highly addictive stimulants like candy, causing six million normal children to become speed freaks for the express purpose of reinforcing our belief in a non-existent disease some social engineer decided to call “Attention Deficit Disorder.” Microsoft and Toshiba “graciously” donate computers outfitted with the appropriately-named “ZAP ME” Internet portal that bombards students with a constant stream of advertisements for its own products while also collecting data on the web-browsing habits of children. Recently, market researchers went so far as to pass out disposable cameras and 20-page booklets to elementary school students and requested they document their lives in

fesses to be an environmentalist while not mentioning the fact that he’s as much of an oil man as George W. Bush.

In the 9-25-00 edition of the *Los Angeles Times* Michael O’Hanlon reported the following:

Most tellingly, the budget proposals of [George W. Bush and Al Gore] differ by less than 2%. Remarkably, for perhaps the first time since the 1960s, it is the Democratic candidate who proposes spending more

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both photographs and words so the researchers could better understand “what sparks kids these days.” The booklets were titled *My All About Me Journal*. An “educational cable TV channel” named Noggin paid one school in New Jersey \$7,500 for the privilege of butting into the students’ lives.

According to Amy Goodman of Pacifica Radio’s *Democracy Now*, even *Sesame Street* has gotten into the act. The show that brought us Big Bird and Kermit the Frog now hawks pharmaceuticals to kids. Traditionally, *Sesame Street* would end with an announcement that the episode had been sponsored by, for example, the letter P and the number 2. These days, however, you might hear instead, “Eli Lily brings parents the letter P for ‘Prozac’” over the images of a parrot and children playing with a big toy letter block, essentially a 15-second commercial for an anti-depressant manufactured by Eli Lily. PBS chooses to call these segments “Enhanced Underwritten Account Announcements” rather than “commercials” (*Democracy Now* 9-18-00).

PBS, like the Democratic Party, is nothing more than controlled opposition—a pseudo-alternative for what the Stanford Research Institute likes to call “Societally Conscious Achievers,” conformist consumers who need to believe they’re actually “non-conformists” before they can, “in good conscience,” part with their money (Meyer 15-20).

Advertisers and politicians know this and purposely cloak their true intent behind a façade of being “Societally Conscious.” McDonalds, for example, established Ronald McDonald House to treat children with cancer, a disease no doubt contracted from their own McToad burgers. Vice-President Al Gore—who, by the way, studied neuro-linguistics programming under none other than Col. John Alexander back in 1983 (Bowart Chp. 31, p. 12)—pro-

on the country’s defense. Gore proposes allocating \$100 billion of the ten-year surplus, or about \$10 billion per year, to the armed forces. Bush’s budget plan would provide the Pentagon about half as large a real dollar increase. Either way, defense spending would remain about \$300 billion a year. That is as much as the world’s next ten military powers spend in aggregate.

Bush and Gore’s budgets differed by less than 2%. What, then, were those two idiots debating about on television? Answer: nothing. They don’t need to debate anything, just so long as they keep their lips moving. The content of the media doesn’t matter. Marshall McLuhan was the first to point this out in *Understanding Media*, and it’s a good bet The Powers That Be are well aware of this. There’s a reason why the NSA

regularly consults McLuhan's book *The Laws of Media* and uses his theory of the Tetrad to manage world affairs (Dobbs). The future of humanity can be predicted by studying the future of its technology. Control technology and you control humanity.

When Tipper Gore and Senator Joe Lieberman complain about the Hollywood film industry—the very same industry that provided a significant chunk of the financial backing for the Gore/Lieberman presidential campaign—you never hear them mention the fact that the very same ultra-violent virtual reality video games that so offend their delicate sensibilities were specifically created by DARPA (the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) to entrain American soldiers to kill on the battlefield without hesitation (Steinberg 5).

The reason you won't hear Lieberman bring up that particular tasty tidbit is simple: He's as much of a warhawk as Dick Cheney or George W. Bush. As he's so proudly stated on more than one occasion during the 2000 campaign, Lieberman was the first Democrat to express his support for the Persian Gulf War on the floor of the Senate. Progressives should be happy that Bush stole the election from Gore. It's better to know the killers are coming rather than open the gates for a Trojan Horse. Remember: In a dictatorship you have only one choice, in a democracy you have two choices, and in a cryptocracy you have one choice disguised as two.

The ultimate point is this: The techniques of modern day public education were specifically created, via behaviorist entrainment and Ericksonian negative neuro-linguistics programming, to discourage non-linear thinking among our nation's school children and encourage fragmentation.

We see the fragmentation all around us, from our most brilliant theoretical physicists who have been submerged in unprovable claims for a hundred years, wading through a sea of elementary particles in search of the ultimate irreducible integer of matter . . . from our major political institutions, bickering amongst themselves, incapable of even stealing an election properly anymore (things have certainly decayed since Kennedy's day) . . . all the way down to that nice old lady over there, your kid's second grade school teacher whose body cells are now dividing uncontrollably from years of cigarettes sold to her forty years before by a bombardment of television, radio, and magazine ads in that long-lost Golden Era when the Journal of the American Medical Association claimed smoking was actually good for women . . . down to that kid standing in front of you right now, the cute one with the hole in his brain and the gun in his hand. He's pointing it directly at your face. His finger is tightening on the trigger. Do you recognize that emotionless look in his eyes? You should. After all, he's your son.

Think fast, daddy.♦

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Endnotes

(1) This process continues in modern times. Witness the harassment suffered by Dr. Wilhelm Reich, a psychologist, when he dared to enter the field of biology; or the similar treatment showered upon Dr. Immanuel Velikovsky, a physician, when he dared to propose a new theory of planetary evolution.

(2) In high school I knew a guy named Bill who would coat the edge of the sheet with Vaseline. Somehow the Vaseline had a kind of mirror-like effect and would screw up the laser, causing the machine to interpret all of his

answers as correct. Eventually he grew more clever and dabbed the Vaseline on only some of the answers, so the results would be more believable. Word to the unwise.

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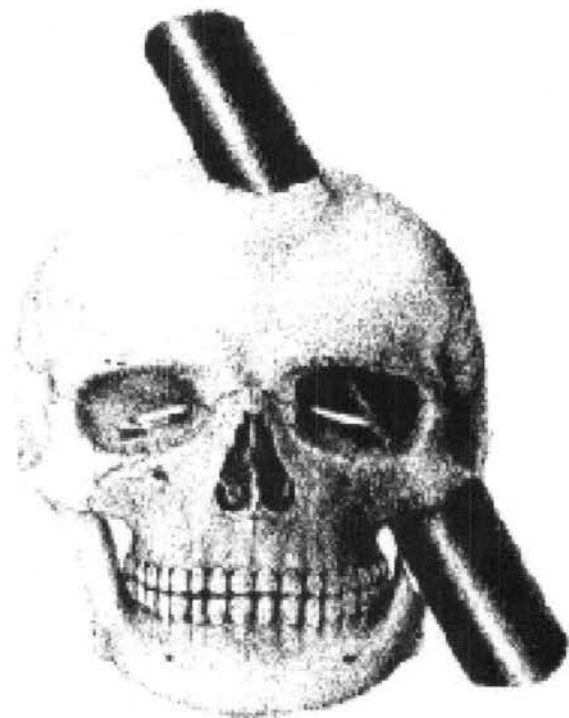
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Psychiatry and Psychology

Re-examining a Sacred Cow



by Steven Ferry

What is the common ground between genocide by the Nazis in Europe and the Serbs in Bosnia and Kosovo, shooting rampages in our schools, spiraling crime rates and an increasingly amoral society? The common ground lies in same group that has managed to kill twice as many Americans under its care in the last fifty years as have died in all the wars in which we have ever engaged.

Although the group is highly visible, it makes itself invisible by engaging in countless activities too incredible to be believed. Anyone pointing out that the emperor is wearing no clothes is usually ignored because no group could be so off base and yet remain in a position of authority today. Explaining his excesses, Adolph Hitler once boasted that the more outrageous the deed, the less people would want or be able to believe it. We are not, today, devastated by economic collapse as the Germans were in 1933; we do not live in a police state where all the media is controlled by the government. Most of us are blessed with a sufficiently high IQ not to fall for the kind of diatribes expressed by Neo-Nazis and similar groups today. So we can surely think for ourselves and see when the wool has been pulled over our eyes.

But supposing the data we have been fed as reasonable and which we use to reach our conclusions is actually flawed? Would we be able to

recognize what may be the greatest hoax in the last eight hundred years?

This group of individuals—150,000 of them around the world—has introduced itself into almost every facet of our lives, changing the way we think and view ourselves and life as a whole. It has used billions upon billions of taxpayer dollars to finance itself. It uses its own ineffectiveness as evidence that more government allocations are required to combat “the problem,” which itself didn’t exist until this group materialized just over a century ago and stated there was a problem. Their actions have resulted in multiple real problems in society.

This sacred group, known collectively as “psychs”—psychiatrists and psychologists (and their cousins, mental health workers and counselors)—has achieved nothing since it started. Before anyone rejects this notion, and for the sake of argument, let’s just suppose that psychs,

who have been leading the way in mental health for a century now, had taken a wrong turn right from the get-go? Supposing man isn't just an animal that can be cured of ills with chemicals and Pavlovian coercions? If this notion turns out to be true, then it might explain why psychs are hard put to achieve the improvements in man's condition that one would expect from a science of the mind.

The Early Psychs

From the moment Wilhelm Wundt, professor of psychology at Leipzig University, Germany, in 1879 declared the study of the spirit—psyche-ology—a futile endeavor, the rest of the world has been led to believe by psychs that man is no more than an animal responding to stimuli from the environment—in other words, a victim. Although it shocked the religious majority at the time, who believed that man had a spiritual dimension and was responsible for his own actions, the idea was far from new. Materialism had been on the rise for two centuries. A pivotal change occurred in 1865 when a Swiss psychiatrist, Wilhelm Griesinger, asserted that because most nerve cells were in the brain, all mental problems must be brain problems. In other words, the mind was the brain, the software was really hardware.

The concept of a field of study that denies the validity of the very field itself is a challenging position to hold; akin to an auto mechanic denying the workability or very existence of the combustion engine; or asserting that the car moves only because the wheels turn. It is certainly an interesting approach to formulating a science.

The nebulous nature of things spiritual and mental, however, lends itself to a trusting acceptance of any who would stand and say, "I am an Authority."

Thus it was that Wundt's experimental psychology, followed in the late 1890s by Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis, began a largely unchallenged "science" that has moved into every facet of society today. Freud, whose claims that human behavior was the result of sexual repressions and that neuroses were caused by moral codes, was instrumental in popularizing the new

"science," as he called it. He also rejected religion as "obsolete," a collection of superstitions and the "universal obsession neurosis." Unfortunately, he neither conducted experiments nor published his findings, two critical requirements in any science.

Freud published six case histories during his fifty-six years of psychoanalyzing, falsely claiming each patient had been cured. The cocaine that he sniffed, injected and smoked could have influenced Freud's science. He claimed cocaine cured his depression and promoted its benefits to others. Freud suffered from psychosomatic illnesses and was what psychs today call "paranoid" about his competitors harming him. His theories (many of which he lifted from others without credit) were so complex that his followers relied upon him for interpretation. Anyone asking for proof of his theories he dismissed as psychologically impaired for "resisting" his ideas. Incidentally, eight of his associates killed themselves. Freud, hailed as the grandfather of psychology, continues to be a model for psychs today.

Parading as Science

Whatever Freud was doing, it was not a science. Today, the "science" of psychiatry and psychology has grown into no less than 250 theories about the mind, each one reportedly better than the other and none able to cure anything, according to the practitioners themselves. Assuming that the good German professors had chanced upon the real nature of man—an animal without spirit in whose brain resided the entire capabilities of the mind—over a century of work should have wrought some significant improvement in man's general condition.

Strange, therefore, that psychs are claiming that 48% of people today between the ages of 15 and 54 have some mental illness. The figure was 0.1% across all ages in the mid-1800s, before psychs started to manufacture the myth of mental illness. If a police chief offered crime statistics like this, he would be out of office.

The first edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM), the psychs' definitive list of mental illnesses, identified 112 of them in 1952; by the fourth edition in 1994, 370 mental illnesses were listed. One

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would be justified in wondering how such an exponential rise in insanity could occur within just two generations.

Each new malady is added to the DSM by a show of hands—who among the psychs at a meeting agreed with the existence of a malady proposed verbally by one of their peers. As Dr. Renee Garfinkel noted: “The low level of intellectual effort was shocking ... Diagnoses were developed by majority vote on the level we would choose a restaurant. ‘You feel like Italian. I feel like Chinese. So let’s go to a cafeteria.’ Then it’s typed into a computer.” Where do the ideas come from? Robert Spitzer, chairman of the DSM-IV committee, thought up “self-defeating personality disorder” on a fishing trip and persuaded his colleagues to include the disorder in DSM-IV.

Bear in mind, therefore, when looking for some explanation for this rise in “mental illnesses,” that it is only when a mental “illness” is listed in the DSM that psychs can bill insurance companies for treating the “disease,” invariably with drugs. What other maladies were added most recently? Try “Math Disorder,” “Shopping Disorder,” and “Disorder of Written Expression.”

The Lobotomy: Miracle Cure?

Perhaps the difficulties that psychs face stem from a fundamental misconception. Is the software really nothing more than hardware? Is the hardware really the end user? Another minor frustration for psychs stems from a reliance on opinions in the place of facts. It’s the sticky question of results. Take the lobotomy, for instance. This practice originated from one case history in which a crowbar blew through the prefrontal lobes of Phineas Gage during a rock-blasting operation in the U.S. in 1847. He survived the accident, it is true, but nowhere in the case history is there mention of any improvement in his condition. On the contrary, he became extremely rude and anti-social.

Based on this one incident, with no case studies, psych Walter Freeman introduced prefrontal lobotomies—hammering an ice pick through the eye sockets and using it to sever the nerves behind the forehead—and 100,000 people have since received them. Still no record exists of anyone being improved by them; quite the opposite, in fact, since a vegetative state is the inevitable result. The spirited Hollywood beauty, Frances Farmer, was finally broken after a lobotomy. Yet the lobotomy was touted by psychs as a “miracle cure” in the same way that electro-convulsive therapy (ECT) was promoted in 1938 and psychotropic drugs are promoted today. Prozac is meant to cure everything from weight gain to jealousy and pulling out one’s hair—a list that sounds as convincing as the pitch for the potions that quack doctors peddled a century ago.

Friend or Foe?

What if psychs were not as advertised: civilization’s last line of defense against global insanity and barbarism? What if they really were the *cause* of the craziness around us that they insist governments pay them handsomely to *prevent*? What if psychs really were the greatest hoax in the last hundred years? The director of the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health, Rex Cowdry, certainly threw his weight behind this conclusion in 1995 when he said: “We do not know the causes (of psychiatric disorders). We don’t have methods of ‘curing’ these illnesses yet.”



Actress Frances Farmer, pre- and post-lobotomy.

David Kaiser, one of several psychiatrists with the integrity to blow the whistle on his own kind, stated in 1996 that, “modern psychiatry has yet to convincingly prove the genetic/biologic cause of any single mental illness ... Patients have been diagnosed with ‘chemical imbalances’ despite the fact that no test exists to support such a claim, and ... there is no real conception of what a correct chemical balance would look like.” If these two gentlemen are being honest, then we have to assume that the other *pronunciamentos* in the media by psychs of every color are nothing more than high-sounding language with no substance behind them. The millions of victims and billions of dollars and hours spent on research and treatment are all based on a pretend science.

Technology that Quiets or Kills

Relying on the theory that man is an animal without any spiritual existence, whose mind is really his brain, it is easy to see how this “science” produced the three key

technologies that it did: pharmaceutical drugs, the lobotomy, and ECT. What psychs do today is primarily package any observable behavior, reclassify and label it as a mental disorder or disease, and then prescribe a drug that turns the person into an addict and/or zombie. Many of the side effects of these drugs listed on the warning labels are the very symptoms that psychs consider a "mental illness." This results in more business for the psychs with the increased dosages of ever-stronger drugs. For the patients, there is stupefaction, toxicity and brain and central nervous system damage. More people were dying from prescription drugs by 1989 than from street drugs. For society, there is increased crime (560% increase between 1960 and 1991), a drug epidemic, lowered production, and tragedies like the Columbine High shooting.

The second technology is the lobotomy, which was replaced essentially in 1954 with the introduction of the drug Thorazine, otherwise known as the chemical lobotomy.

The third technology is ECT—the application of up to 460 volts to the temples of a patient, who is drugged to prevent bones breaking during the attendant convulsions. ECT is applied to create a grand mal epileptic seizure and permanent brain damage from oxygen deprivation. It results in memory loss, learning disability, disorientation, brain shrinkage, coma and sometimes death due to hemorrhaging or choking. The "reduction in intelligence is an important factor in the curative process," according to one American psychiatrist. Dr. Ugo Cerletti pioneered ECT in Italy in 1938. He admit-

ted in 1970 that it ought to be abolished, yet 110,000 people still receive six to twelve such treatments of ECT each year in the U.S., costing tax payers and insurance companies (and providing psychs with) \$3 billion annually.

Legitimizing and Institutionalizing a Scam

German psychologists introduced experimental psychology into a world that was ignorant of matters of the mind, but which had conceived man to have a spiritual component. Like all early movements, psychology had some converts among a majority who considered it either absurd or unscientific. Influential devotees visited Germany and returned to the U.S. to introduce the theories into schools and German professors came to the U.S. to export their technology and theories.

Ernst Rudin, professor of psychiatry at Munich and director of the Department of Heredity at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, visited the U.S. in 1930. He was praised by the leaders of the Carnegie Foundation and supported financially by a large Rockefeller grant. Rudin was the architect of Nazi Germany's sterilization law. The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute is the place where, until 1990, psychs kept the brains of hundreds of children for psychiatric research—children murdered and dismembered by psychs in the Nazi concentration camps.

By the 1930s Hollywood was legitimizing the wisdom of psychs, and by the 1940s government was funding psychiatric programs as the solution to control-

What the Drug Companies Don't Want You to Know

Antidepressants like Prozac, Paxil and Zoloft work about as well as sugar pills. In fact, in the majority of trials conducted by the drug industry in recent decades, sugar pills have done as well as, or better than, pharmaceutical antidepressants.

Shankar Vedantam of the *Washington Post* has reported that companies have had to conduct numerous trials before getting two that show their product is more effective than a sugar pill, which is the FDA's minimum for approval. Furthermore, sugar pills are now

known to cause significant changes in the same areas of the brain targeted by the multi-billion dollar a year antidepressant industry.

According to Vedantam, the new research may shed light on findings such as those from a trial in April 2002 that compared the herbal remedy St. John's Wort against Zoloft. St. John's Wort cured 24 percent of the depressed people who received it, and Zoloft cured 25 percent, but the placebo cured 32 percent. Such results "suggest that Americans may be overestimating the power of the drugs," according to Vedantam, who has speculated

that "the medicines' greatest benefits may come from the care and concern shown to patients during a clinical trial, a context that does not exist for millions of patients using the drugs in the real world."

Please do not stop any psychiatric medication on your own, without guidance, as violent behavior may result.



ling the independent and unruly minds of its more boisterous subjects. The infamous-but- now-forgotten Alaska Bill was just a vote or two shy of passing in the mid-1950s, which would have given psychs the power to lock up and electrocute anyone in mental health camps in Alaska without recourse. The CIA used psychs in an attempt to control minds for their own ends, continuing the research undertaken by psychs in Nazi concentration camps.

These facts may paint an alarming picture with a broad brush, but the words reproduced below, of the founders of the World Federation of Mental Health, G. Brock Chisholm and J.R. Rees, show plainly that psychs are engaged in breaking down any sense of social and moral responsibility and creating an ignorant, drug-addicted society that is increasingly in turmoil. The WFMH was established in 1948 and runs National Associations of Mental Health, which in turn sets the establishment of psych facilities, agendas and programs in each country.

First of all, the approach psychs were to take was outlined by Rees in a 1940 speech: "Public life, politics and industry should all of them be within our sphere of influence ... If we are to infiltrate the professional and social activities of other people I think we must imitate the Totalitarians and organize some kind of fifth column activity! If better ideas on mental health are to progress and spread, we, as the salesmen, must lose our identity... Let us all, therefore, very secretly be 'fifth columnists.'"

This goal was executed subsequently in the U.S. by four psychiatrists—Robert Felix, William Menninger, Francis Braceland and Jack Ewalt—who wrote the basis of a legislative bill that was signed into law in 1946, creating the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and a national mental health program funded by taxpayer dollars. The mental health industry was and remains the only branch of medicine to have its training subsidized by taxpayers. NIMH was empowered to carry out psychiatric research, fund psychology training and assist states with community-based prevention programs.

The three-phase program for world mental health development called for: 1. Setting up psych institutions. 2. Establishing community out-patient centers, one for every 100,000 people. 3. Parental and pre-marital guidance, child and welfare services and the introduction of psych programs in schools. In 1963, Congress authorized \$150 million to build the centers and in 1965 a further \$735 million to staff them. By 1980, 55% of those attending these centers were being prescribed powerful psychotropic drugs.

The NIMH has funded the training of psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric social workers and nurses and

public health officers for years. Today, we find psychiatric theory and influence at every turn: in schools, hospitals and doctor's offices, businesses, media and entertainment, retirement homes, courtrooms, and the list goes on. Let's look at the effect of some key psych programs.

No Black and White, Just Dirty Grey

G. Brock Chisholm stated in 1945, "The re-interpretation and eventually eradication of the



The Columbine Tragedy: Every school shooting over the last few years has been committed by a kid who was on Schedule II psych drugs, with warning labels that include suicide and violence among the side effects.

concept of right and wrong which has been the basis of child training ... are the belated objectives of practically all effective psychotherapy." The introduction and pushing of the "insanity plea" and other psychiatric "illnesses" or "disorders" in the courtroom have redefined criminals as victims of their past, rather than as responsible for their own actions. They have also made it next-to-impossible to control crime. Violent crime in the U.S. increased from 1 in 100 to 8 in 100 people between 1960 and 1995.

Any courtroom consulting psychs for the prosecution will be fed opinions that counter those of the defense's psych. The American Psychiatric Association itself filed a statement in the U.S. Supreme Court admitting that psychiatric "predictions are fundamentally of very low reliability and ... irrele-

vant" in court. Yet psych mumbo-jumbo is still used throughout the court and prison systems. Psychs counsel both the police and criminals. The result is three hundred police commit suicide each year, 30% higher than the national average, and 80% of criminals end up in prison again. In a 1974 study in St. Louis, 82% of those arrested had received psychiatric treatments prior to committing the crime.

Turning Schools into Mental Health Clinics

Perhaps more tragic still is the encroachment of psych theories and practices in our schools over the last century, particularly the last 35 years. Education was first undermined in the U.S. when psychology courses were introduced in American teaching colleges in 1899. The "Father of American Education," John Dewey, wrote in his *School and Society* the same year: "There is no obvious social motive for the acquiring of learning. It is one of the greatest mistakes of education to make reading and writing constitute the bulk of the schoolwork for the first two years. The ultimate problem of all education is to coordinate the psychological and social factors ... and schools should take an active part in determining the social order of the future."

Edward Thorndike created Educational Psychology in 1903. In his 1929 book, he stated that the 3-Rs were of little value. Psychs also decided to remove the "stress" factors in education, such as academic curriculums, disciplinary procedures and school failure. Values Clarification programs were introduced under various names, most recently being called Outcome Based Education (OBE). These programs carefully taught children that morals are defunct, and yet tried to teach them how to behave "properly." The psychs thereby shifted the emphasis from teaching students to controlling and molding them, making it more difficult for the students to learn, and opening them up to being difficult students who then "needed" drugs to be able to learn properly.

Psych influence in our schools was assured in 1965 with the passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, providing the funding for psych programs, testing and personnel in schools. The psychs introduced a plethora of labels to describe typical child behavior (such as fidgeting) as well as redefining difficulty with math or reading as "mental disorders"

(DSM Code # 315.1 and 315, respectively) rather than a lack of adequate teaching. Could this be because teachers were increasingly being redirected from teaching to controlling?

In effect, psychs turned schools into mental health clinics and education into a mental problem that chemicals (drugs) were meant to remedy. The system has been rigged to be profitable for one and all: a family receives over \$450 per month of federal funds for each child diagnosed with ADHD (one of the supposed conditions only "treatable" with a powerful drug), while the school receives \$400 annually for each such student. In 1996, \$15 billion was spent in the U.S. on managing the various psychiatric disorders that

children were suddenly manifesting. This money, of course, went into psych and drug manufacturers' coffers.

In 1969, there were 455 psychiatrists in schools, a number that had bloated to 16,146 by 1992. By 1994, psychs and their cohorts in and around schools almost outnumbered teachers. How has this approach to educating children affected them? Over four million of our primary through high school children are now on mind-altering drugs, compared to one million on street drugs. Verbal and math SAT scores combined began dropping in 1963, and have fallen eighty points to 890. In the 1930s, three million adults could not read because they had not been to school. In 1990, forty million could not understand what they were reading, or perform simple math calculations, even after a decade in school.

A Crime Wave

The number of children committing crimes has exploded:

- ◆ Teenage drug arrests rose from 10 to 147 per 100,000 juveniles between 1965 and 1992.
- ◆ 1,336 children aged 13-17 years were arrested for murder in 1987. By 1992, the number was 2,829.
- ◆ 5,364 rapes were committed by children under 18, with 2,049 of them by children under 15 in 1992.

Tragically, teen suicides have tripled since the 1960s. Why? Partly the result of the psychotropic drugs they are

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G. Brock Chisholm, 1948

given at school by psychs. Take Ritalin, for instance, which the manufacturer acknowledges is an addictive drug. It is almost completely identical chemically to cocaine, but more powerful. Another drug of choice, Prozac, lists suicide as a side effect, and every shooting spree in school campuses has been carried out by kids on these and/or similar mind-altering drugs. Children now receive "death education," which among other things provides them with stories of death, murder, suicide, and then asks the children what they want written on their tombstones.

Weakening the Family

If the psych agenda is really to weaken the individual and make him or her more controllable, then the last thing one would want is a strong family to bolster confidence and morale. So it was that G. Brock Chisholm pronounced the following in London in 1948: "The family is now one of the major obstacles to improved mental health and, hence, should be weakened, if possible, so as to free individuals and especially children from the coercion of family life."

The result of the psych agenda over the last century, in particular, has been more than disastrous:

- ◆ Divorces in the U.S. have increased from 6% to 33% of marriages over the last century, tripling since 1950.

- ◆ Unmarried couples have increased 700% since 1970.

- ◆ Pregnancies among 15-19 year-old girls increased 310% between 1960 and 1991.

- ◆ Pregnancies in under 15s increased 140%.

- ◆ 666,000 children were born to single girls in 1982, four times as many as in 1950.

- ◆ Single moms increased 367% between 1970 and 1982.

It seems that apart from destroying all concepts of right and wrong and undermining the family as a unit, psychs have introduced sex education into schools that encourages promiscuity and perversion. As the answer to one question about when to engage in sex stated, "Do what you like and when you want. Your emotions are what count."

Parental discipline has been redefined as "child abuse." Parental concern for the upbringing of their

children has been renamed "over-protectiveness," and an enforcing of outmoded religious and moral values. "Tolerating" whatever the child does is now a positive parental trait.

Subverting Religion

In keeping with Freud's dim view of religion, G. Brock Chisholm stated: "To achieve world government, it is necessary to remove from the minds of men their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism and religious dogmas." Religion was targeted, therefore, by Chisholm and Rees for "mental health orientation," especially through the training of the clergy.

Knowing this hitherto hidden purpose, it is ironic yet understandable that we find churches looking to psychs for training on the mind and the "true nature of man." The result of this trust has been a severe decline in church membership and activity:

- ◆ By 1952, 83% of 109 seminaries and graduate theological schools in the U.S. offered one or more psych courses.

- ◆ By 1961, 9,000 clergymen had taken psych-based "clinical pastoral" counseling classes. The clergy were referring parishioners to the community health centers.

- ◆ In 1960, 42% of parishioners consulted their clergy for help and only 18% went to psychs, by 1991, 38% were going to psychs.

- ◆ Between 1961 and 1991, church membership dropped 25% in the United States.

The elderly with health insurance coverage have been prime targets for the psych industry. It's too bad that 73,000 elderly die each year from adverse reactions to the psych

drugs they are administered. Psychs have a captive audience in those kept in psych hospitals, usually against their will and often under false pretenses. Between 1950 and 1990, the number of inpatient deaths in psychiatric hospitals in the country was almost double the total number of deaths in every single war the U.S. has engaged in, from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War. Psychs filled a similar role in Nazi Germany: of the 320,000 in-patients alive in psych hospitals in 1939, only 40,000 remained alive in 1946.

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There's Money in Them Thar Pills

As Canadian psychologist and author of *Manufacturing Victims*, Tana Dineen, stated recently, psychology is neither a science nor a profession, but an industry that turns healthy people into victims to provide itself with income. From the mouths of Chisholm and Rees, it seems that psychs have set themselves a goal of engineering world government and social control in the guise of helping individuals and society.

Federal funds are provided to the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health, which then dispenses the money through state branches for "research" and to community

Portrait of a Con Artist

What kind of person is leading us down this sylvan path to the utopia that George Orwell predicted fifty years ago? The average psychiatrist today is one among 42,000 around the country, supported by 12,000 psychiatric hospitals. Psychiatrists commit suicide at twice the rate of regular physicians and their rate of drug abuse is also significantly higher. While they made up only 8% of the medical profession in 1985, over 18% of physicians suspended for fraud from U.S. health insurance programs were psychs. Two-thirds of psychs are mentally ill, according to one

"Patients have been diagnosed with 'chemical imbalances' despite the fact that no test exists to support such a claim. There is no real conception of what a correct chemical balance would look like."

David Kaiser

level programs in schools, courts, welfare agencies, etc. Federal funds are allotted to finance psych programs in our schools, communities, the armed forces, prisons and courtrooms and the list goes on. Mental health expenditures, paid for by every taxpayer, rose almost 800% between 1970 and 1995, to \$28.6 billion per annum.

Although psychs create many of the problems in society today, when the situation they are paid to remedy continues to deteriorate they say they need more money to solve the problem with more drugs and re-education. Most people, from the President to the media, have fallen for this line. In the wake of the Columbine High shootings, the gun lobby came under attack. With the exception of a few perceptive writers, such as Bev Eakman in the *Washington Times* and Alexander Cockburn in the *Los Angeles Times*, none asked why every single school shooting over the last few years had been committed by a kid who was on Schedule II psych drugs with side effects that include suicide and violence.

Why has no one asked why these kids were on heavy drugs? Because "everyone knows that the problem with so many kids these days is that they are 'mentally ill' and we need more drugs to quiet them at a younger age." If we can just "clean up the entertainment industry and remove all guns," then what will we have? We will have an entire nation on drugs, seething with an inner rage and finding ways of killing others with whatever weapons are still available.

study. Psychotherapists manifest up to three times as many incidents of inappropriate behavior as the people they are meant to be treating. In one study, 150,000 patients were found to have been sexually abused by their psychiatrist; 21,000 of these patients subsequently tried to kill themselves while 1,500 succeeded.

The psych scam is so solidly in place that everyone from National Public Radio to the White House pushes the psych lines, championing the mental health parity and ignoring the real cause of the school shootings. Yet these issues pale in comparison to what happens when psychs are given free reign to operate in totalitarian states, such as Nazi Germany, Stalinist Russia, and even modern China, where members of the Falungong spiritual group are "jailed" and drugged in mental hospitals.

As G. Brock Chisholm stated, psychologists and psychiatrists had to become leaders in the "planned development of a new kind of human being." It seems that George Orwell only had the date wrong. •

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by Al Hidell

Mega Mole Hunt

• The recent breakup of a massive Israeli spy ring [See “I-Spies” article, page 18] raises the question of what the I-Spies were up to prior to 9/11, during the Clinton years. According to Jeffrey Steinberg of *Executive Intelligence Review*, they were—among other things—utilizing a spy “operating inside the highest levels of the Clinton Administration’s national security establishment.” In early 1997, the spy—whom the Israelis code-named “Mega”—was the subject of a “frantic mole hunt” by the CIA, FBI and National Security Agency (NSA). Although the story was reported in the May 7, 1997 *Washington Post*, it quickly disappeared from the news. Meanwhile, according to Steinberg, the hunt was abruptly halted.

According to the *Post* article, it all began when the NSA intercepted a phone conversation between an Israeli embassy official and Danny Yatom, the head of the Mossad, Israel’s foreign intelligence service. The official was seeking permission to “go to Mega” in order to obtain a copy of a confidential letter that had been sent to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. In an apparent sign of Mega’s high position in the administration, Yatom admonished his agent, “This is not something we use Mega for.”

For information that Mega could not obtain, the Israelis had other resources. In a prescient article in the May 29, 2000 *Insight*, a publication of the *Washington Times*, J. Michael Waller and Paul M. Rodriguez revealed the FBI was “probing an explosive foreign-intelligence operation that would dwarf the other spy scandals plaguing the U.S. government.” Specifically, the Bureau’s counterintelligence division was “tracking a daring operation to spy on high-level U.S. officials by hacking into supposedly secure telephone networks” at the State Department, Defense Department, Department of Justice, and even the White House.

The President himself suspected that his White House phones were being tapped, according to Monica Lewinsky. Yes, while the mainstream media dutifully reported every lurid detail about semen stains and cigars, it managed to ignore one of the most

newsworthy parts of Lewinsky’s testimony. As Steinberg put it, Lewinsky testified that “the President had warned her, on March 29, 1997, at the height of the Mega hunt, that he suspected the White House telephones were being tapped by agents of an unnamed foreign country.” That country, according to unnamed U.S. government officials cited by both Steinberg and Waller/Rodriguez, was Israel.

Furthermore, it appears that the Israelis had both the means and the opportunity to penetrate the White House communications system. According to Steinberg, the system was overhauled and modernized during the early years of the Clinton administration, and “one of the main outside contractors involved in the project was an Israeli firm, Amdocs.” [For more on Amdocs, see “I-Spies” article, page 18.] It should be noted that neither the firm nor its employees have been charged with or proven to have any involvement in espionage.

The compromise of White House communications was “a very serious security failure with unimaginable consequences,” a source with detailed knowledge of White House security issues told Walker and Rodriguez. How did it happen? Echoing criticism now being leveled at the Clinton administration in light of 9/11, FBI sources told *Insight* that under the Clinton administration, disregard for security had been “epidemic.” Indeed, as late as Spring 2000, the magazine writers were able to obtain “virtually every telephone number within the White House, including those used by outside agencies with employees in the complex, and even the types of computers used and who uses them.” With such information, according to experts interviewed by *Insight*, “a hacker or spy could target individual telephone lines and write software codes enabling the conversations to be forwarded in real-time for remote recording and transcribing.”

Like the Mega spy hunt, the investigation of the massive eavesdropping operation appears to have been fruitless. One reason, according to the *Insight* article, was the Clinton Justice Department’s “unwillingness to seek an indictment against a suspect.” Others have speculated that there were more sinister forces at work. Gordon Thomas, in his book *Gideon’s Spies* (1999), alleged that Israel had blackmailed the Clinton Administration by threatening to release Clinton and Lewinsky’s “phone sex” tapes.

Smallpox: Everything You Know is Wrong

• According to Sherri Tenpenny, D.O., writing in the *Idaho Observer*, our federal and local governments are preparing for a massive, mandatory smallpox vaccination campaign. This, despite the fact that smallpox vaccine has the highest risk of complications of any vaccine, and a weak track record of success. On June 20, 2002, Tenpenny attended the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) meeting of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP). After hearing nearly two days of expert testimony, she has concluded that nearly every generally-accepted ‘fact’ about smallpox is wrong, and that the cure may well be worse than the disease.

“Smallpox has a slow transmission and is not highly contagious,” stated Joel Kuritsky, MD, director of the CDC’s smallpox preparedness program. As Tenpenny noted, this statement is “a direct contradiction to nearly

everything we have ever heard or read about smallpox.” In fact, the spread of smallpox through casual contact is the exception rather than the rule. Transmission occurs only after constant exposure for a minimum of 6–7 days. In short, as Dr. Kuritsky put it, “The scenario in which a terrorist could infect himself with smallpox and contaminate an entire city by walking through the streets touching people is purely fiction.” As for the effectiveness of the smallpox vaccine, Tenpenny noted that the worst smallpox outbreak occurred in the Philippines after a 10-year compulsory vaccination program. So, the government plans don’t make much sense, unless they’re planning on injecting us with something more than a vaccine. Microchips, perhaps?

Bush Sr. and the JFK Assassination

- A recent search of the National Archives JFK Assassination Collection (www.nara.gov) for “Bush” has produced a document dated 11/22/63 which contains the name George H.W. Bush. The document is entitled “Subjects: JFK, Earwitness, Bush, George, H.W.” Another document is known to exist which referred to a “George Bush of the CIA” having been briefed by an FBI agent on November 23, 1963. Oddly, another FBI document says that a “George H.W. Bush” (as a private citizen, no CIA affiliation given) had reported to the Houston FBI office—on November 22, 1963—that one James Parrott had threatened to kill JFK.

So, it appears that President Bush, Sr. was a CIA agent who was in or near Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination; that private citizen George H.W. Bush warned the FBI’s Houston office—on the day of the assassination—of a bogus assassination threat, perhaps as part of a disinformation campaign; and that Bush Sr. represented the CIA at an FBI assassination briefing the very next day. Finally, we have the fact that Bush Sr.’s name and address appeared in the personal address book of George de Mohrenschildt, Lee Harvey Oswald’s close friend and possible CIA handler.

Researcher Bruce Campbell, whose website features two of the above documents, has also reported another strange de Mohrenschildt connection. It seems that Mohamed Al Fayed—father of Dodi Fayed, who was killed with Lady Diana—met with de Mohrenschildt in 1964, and that Al Fayed was representing one Mohamed El-Amir Atta, which is the name of 9/11 ringleader Mohamed Atta’s father. (www.ciajfk.com)

Bush Airlifted al Qaeda and Taliban Fighters to Freedom

- On November 25, 2001, the Northern Alliance took control of Kanduz and captured some 4,000 Taliban and al Qaeda fighters. The next day, as President Bush crowed that he was “smoking them out” of their presumed holes, he was also apparently airlifting hundreds—if not thousands—of the captured fighters to freedom.

Writing in the May 29, 2002 *New Yorker*, journalist Seymour Hersh reported that the secret airlift involved a considerable number of Pakistani Army officers, intelligence advisers, and fighters, who were among the 4,000 captured. Although the evacuations were strongly denied by U.S. and Pakistani officials, Hersh said that American intelligence officials and high-ranking military officers had confirmed that “the Pakistanis were indeed flown to safety, in a series of nighttime airlifts that were approved by the Bush Administration.” It should be remembered that Pakistan went from being the Taliban’s strongest military and economic supporter to

America’s No. 1 ally in the War on Terrorism, virtually overnight. So the capture of a large number of Pakistanis fighting alongside al Qaeda and the Taliban would have been a major embarrassment for both countries.

The American sources explained to Hersh that what was supposed to be a politically-expedient limited evacuation apparently “slipped out of control,” and consequently an unknown number of Taliban and al Qaeda fighters managed to jump on the bandwagon. “Dirt got through the screen,” a senior intelligence official told Hersh.

Greedy Corporations Profit (Quietly) from Deaths

- Even if you don’t work for the mob, your boss may have taken a contract out on your life. Call them a new low in worker exploitation or a new high in corporate greed, but corporate-owned life insurance policies (COLIs) have become a trend among Fortune 500 companies.

Using the ghoulish but legal COLIs, companies like Wal-Mart, AT&T, and Procter & Gamble have made millions of dollars off their unknowing employees’ deaths. In fact, many of America’s most respected companies have been routinely (and quietly) taking out secret life insurance policies on the lives of their low-level employees for years. The insurance business has even given COLIs a nickname: “dead peasant” policies. Families never know the policies are in place and typically receive none of the money. Only one state—Texas—bans such policies. As an exposé in the *Houston Chronicle* put it, “the state legislature did not want to create an incentive for murder or wagering on human life.” But even there, employers continue to buy them, expecting no one will ever find out.

This has caught the attention of U.S. Representative Gene Green (D-Houston) who is looking into whether employers can be required to notify employees of such policies. According to the *Chronicle*, he is also concerned that COLIs may “create a disincentive to provide a safe workplace,” because companies profit from their employees’ deaths. In January

2002, Wal-Mart cancelled all of its COLIs, and opponents of the practice hope that more companies will follow suit. In addition, the IRS has recently challenged the tax deductibility of COLI premiums. (Yes, big business managed to turn COLIs into a tax loophole, too.)

The Mickey Mouse Preservation Act

• On October 9, 2002, the Supreme Court heard the case of *Eldred v. Ashcroft*, which presents a challenge to the controversial 1998 Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act (CTEA), which lengthened copyright terms by 20 years, to 70 years after an artist's death. "What the Supreme Court must answer is whether the intention of copyright is to protect economic value or to promote science and the arts," says Peter Jaszi, a professor of copyright law at American University Law School. (The Constitution stresses the latter purpose.) If the court overturns the law, it could call into question many other unpopular laws, especially the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. But if the law is upheld, it will be a huge setback for digital-rights activists.

Opponents say the 20-year copyright extension is a digital land grab by corporations, in particular Disney, which fears it will lose billions of dollars if characters like Mickey Mouse enter the public domain. In fact, Congress has extended copyright terms 11 times since 1962—each just as the copyright on the first Mickey Mouse film, *Steamboat Willie*, was set to expire. Coincidence? We don't think so. Indeed, opponents of the law have taken to calling the CTEA the "Mickey Mouse Preservation Act."

Meanwhile, Hollywood is lobbying hard for two new bills, one that would mandate copyright protection technology in all new consumer electronics, and another that would permit copyright owners to hack into consumers' personal computers if the copyright holders suspect illegal activity. (*Business Week*)

Was Flight 93 Shot Down?

• Richard Wallace, of the U.K.'s *Mirror* newspaper (www.mirror.co.uk), has raised several questions about the fate of Flight 93, the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania on 9/11. Most Americans accept the story that heroic passengers stormed the cockpit and brought the plane down, but is that what really caused the crash? There are several facts that raise the possibility that the aircraft was actually shot down by a U.S. fighter jet, or brought down by a hijacker's bomb—although it should be noted that these theories do not preclude the possibility that heroic passengers did in fact fight the hijackers.

At least six witnesses reported seeing a white "military-style" jet before or immediately after the crash. One witness, Susan McElwain, 51, who lives two miles from the site, says the white jet "came right over me, I reckon just 40 or 50ft above my mini-van ... Then it disappeared behind some trees," and "a few seconds later I heard this great explosion and saw this fireball rise up over the trees." Government officials at first denied the existence of the jet. In fact, McElwain says, "The FBI came and talked to me, and said there was no plane around." Then, officials admitted the jet was there, but that it was a private executive jet. To this, McElwain responds that it was "definitely military, it just had that look ... It definitely wasn't one of those executive jets." Yet another official explanation acknowledged that a military plane was there, but that it was a surveillance plane taking pictures of the crash from 3,000 ft up. No way, says McElwain. "I saw it and it was there before the crash, and it was 40 ft above my head." She is quick to point out, however, that she has "no doubt those brave people on board tried to do something, but I don't believe what happened on the plane brought it down."

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Further evidence that some kind of explosion brought the plane down comes from witnesses who reported smoke and flames trailing from Flight 93 before it crashed. Perhaps the most convincing evidence is the extremely wide displacement of the plane's debris, one explanation for which would be an explosion of some sort prior to the crash. Pieces of mail, in-flight magazines, and seat material were found eight miles away from the crash site. Similarly, a large one-ton piece of the plane's engine was found over a mile from the crash site. Authorities say it bounced there.

Finally, we have the last mobile phone contact from Flight 93, at 9:58 a.m. The 911 call was made from one of the airliner's restrooms by passenger Edward Felt. Glenn Cramer, the emergency supervisor who answered it, has stated, "He was very distraught. He said he believed the plane was going down ... He did hear some sort of an explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane, but he didn't know where. And then we lost contact with him."•

*Bioterrorism or
Mother Nature
(Again)?*

The New West Nile Virus Epidemic

by Alan Cantwell, Jr., MD

West Nile Virus encephalitis is yet another new infectious disease that has mysteriously appeared in the U.S., seemingly out of the blue. Is this another disease like AIDS that poses a threat to certain "high risk" groups? Could the outbreak of WN virus be some sort of biologic "test" (like the anthrax mailings) to wake people up to the dangers of bioterrorism?

Are all these new "emerging diseases" and "emerging viruses" merely continuing (and unprecedented) cruel acts of Mother Nature? Or could the "hand of man" (i.e. biological warfare scientists) be causing these new outbreaks? Is it just a "coincidence" that all these weird bugs and illnesses have erupted in the past two decades? Or is all this just "paranoid" thinking?

New Emerging Diseases: Accident of Nature or Man-Made Illnesses?

In the 1970s it was thought that many infectious diseases had been banished from the industrialized world. But, remarkably, over the last two decades more than thirty "emerging diseases" have appeared in various places. Some of the better-known diseases include AIDS, Legionnaire's disease, toxic shock syndrome, Lyme disease, hepatitis C, "mad cow disease," hanta virus, various new encephalitis and hemorrhagic viruses, Lassa fever, and Ebola virus. (New controversial diseases like chronic fatigue syndrome and Persian Gulf War Illness affecting veterans, are not included in the government's list of "emerging diseases.") In addition, older diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and cholera have re-emerged in more virulent

and drug-resistant forms. After eighty years of steady declines in infectious disease, the mortality rate from infectious disease in the U.S. rose 58% between 1980 and 1992.

Health officials place the blame on increased global travel and globalization, population growth and movements, deforestation and reforestation programs, human sexuality (in the case of HIV), and increased human contact with tropical mini-forests and other wilderness habitats that harbor unknown infectious agents.

Nowhere in the official list of causes is the fact that for many decades millions of animals and innumerable vials of infectious material have been shipped around the world for commercial and biological warfare purposes. The world trade in deadly agents, coupled with the gene-splicing technology developed in the 1970s, has increased the dangers of new disease outbreaks. In addition, many new viruses have been passed around between various species of animals, and some of these viruses have been adapted to human tissue. This has resulted in the production of new laboratory diseases that have potential biowar-

fare capabilities. The biowarfare implications of all these scientific "advances" have led some conspiracy-minded people to suspect that the hand of man might be responsible for the outbreak of one or more of these newly emerging diseases.

The anthrax mailings that followed the World Trade Center bombings of 9/11 were certainly a "wake up call" indicating America was unprepared for a bioterrorist attack. More than a year later, the perpetrators have not been apprehended, and the U.S. government's own biowarfare scientists are the #1 prime suspects. On the first anniversary of the anthrax attacks, Barbara Hatch Rosenberg (Chair, Federation of American Scientists Working Group on Biological Weapons) confirms that the strain and properties of the weaponized anthrax bacteria found in the letters originated within the U.S. biodefense program. "Government officials recognized that the anthrax source was domestic less than two weeks after they learned of the letters, and nothing in their investigation has led them to say otherwise," writes Rosenberg.

Rosenberg sounds like a conspiracy theorist when she concludes: "given the origin of the anthrax and the warnings contained in the letters, the perpetrator's motive was not to kill but rather to raise public fear and thereby spur Congress to increase spending on biodefense. In this sense, the attacks have been phenomenally successful." ("Anthrax attacks pushed open an ominous door," *Los Angeles Times*, 9/22/02). No doubt a public trial of the perpetrators would open a Pandora's Box of government biowarfare secrets that would shock the public.

The New Epidemic of West Nile Virus Encephalitis in America

West Nile virus infection in humans first broke out in New York City in August 1999. The first sign of the WN epidemic occurred in early July when many birds died mysteriously. Half the crows in the New York City area died, as well as some exotic bird species housed at the Bronx zoo. The virus has an affinity for some species of birds, and the mosquito acts as a vector for the virus. Thus, the virus spreads from birds to mosquitoes, and the virus is spread to humans and other animals via mosquito bites. A few weeks later, the first human cases of encephalitis appeared in local hospitals in northern Queens. By September, 9 of 25 infected horses with WN virus died in Long Island.

Although the virus is contagious between birds, the disease is not contagious between humans. It is estimated that only 20% of infected people will develop a mild flu-like form of the illness; but 1 in 150 people will develop a severe form of the disease with mental confusion, headache, swollen glands, high fever, severe muscle weakness, and the tell-tale symptoms of encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Mild cases last a few days; severe cases can last several weeks.

In 1999, the disease was totally confined to the New York City area, with 62 cases and 7 deaths. As many as 10,000 wild birds died. In the year 2000, there were 21 cases and 2 deaths; in 2001 there were 56 cases with 7 deaths. By October 8, 2002 the CDC had reported a cumulative total of 2,768 cases of WN virus with 146 deaths. It is estimated that as many as 200,000 people have been infected nationally.

Until 2002 the virus was confined to the eastern half of the country. By the summer of 2002, all but 6 of the lower 48 states reported WN virus in birds, mosquitoes, animals or humans. In 2002 the CDC confirmed that a transplant patient became infected by WN virus after having received organs from a Georgia accident victim infected with the virus. There was

also evidence that the virus could be transmitted by an infected mother to her infant during breast feeding. Shockingly, it was announced that West Nile virus was in the nation's blood supply, and there is no blood screening test available to test for the new virus.

At first, infectious disease experts believed that the St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) virus was the cause. Oddly, this endemic virus occasionally causes mild outbreaks of disease in other areas of the U.S., but no cases were

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ever seen in New York. At the Bronx zoo, veterinary pathologist Tracey McNamara suspected a different virus because the SLE virus was not known to kill birds. Trained at Plum Island, the pathologist suspected a connection between the bird kills and the human cases, but the

mined on September 24, 2002, that the virus was indeed WN virus—a virus that had never been seen in America—and a virus for which there was no testing available in any NY state laboratory.

West Nile Virus: Out of Africa or Out of a Virus Laboratory?

WN virus was first discovered in 1937 in encephalitis cases in Uganda, in East Africa. African cases tend to be mild, and the virus there does not affect animal and bird populations to any significant degree. In fact, the ability of WN virus to infect and kill birds has only been noticed very recently. Could this indicate that the virus has been genetically-altered or 'weaponized' for biowarfare purposes during the many decades that it has been available for study in virus laboratories?

Mild outbreaks of West Nile have occurred in Israel in 1951-1954 and 1957, and also in South Africa in 1974. However, since the mid-1990s, outbreaks of West Nile virus have appeared in Morocco, Tunisia, Italy, Israel and Russia, accompanied by a large number of bird deaths. A Romanian epidemic reported in 1996 infected 90,000 people and caused 17 deaths.

Scientists have determined that the closest viral "relative" of the New York 99 strain of the WN virus is a strain of WN virus that circulated in Israel from 1997-2000. The NY99 strain has remained stable for the past three years. Health authorities suspect the virus entered the U.S. via travelers from the Middle East, or via a stray mosquito on an airplane. Other researchers claim the WN virus arrived with African animals or birds placed in zoos. But, in fact, the WN virus has been housed in U.S. labs for decades, and has been openly sold to researchers around the world. It's hardly a secret that West Nile virus, along with dozens of other infectious agents, was sold to Iraq by the National Type Culture Collection in Maryland during the 1980s when the U.S. was on friendlier terms with Saddam Hussein.

From the very beginning of the WN virus outbreak, there were rumors that the disease outbreak was bioterrorism, but these rumors were denied by health officials. CDC spokesperson Barbara Reynolds told CNN that "the possibility of bioterrorism is at the bottom of the list for how some outbreak may have occurred. It appears Mother Nature is at work." (CNN report, 10/11/99).

Various new theories of origin still appear in the press. For example, a *Los Angeles Times* editorial (9/28/02) proclaimed that "scientists think (the virus) may have arrived in the early 1980s when Asian tiger mosquitoes traveled in tire casings from Japan to Houston." One wonders who supplies the press with these bizarre and undocumented stories. None of these theories has deterred Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy from urging federal officials to determine if the introduction of WN virus is a terrorist attack. On September 12, 2002, Leahy declared: "I think we have to ask ourselves: Is it a coincidence that we're seeing such an increase in WN virus—or is that something that's being tested as a biological weapon against us." Leahy is no stranger to bioterrorism, having received an anthrax-laden letter at his Washington office a year earlier.

The current presence of WN virus in the blood supply poses a potentially serious threat. Receiving WN virus by a blood transfusion undoubtedly infects the body with a larger dose of virus than a dose received from an infected mosquito. High-risk people for WN virus infection include elderly, debilitated, immunodeficient people (like

Some WNV patients have developed polio symptoms, even though polio is caused by a different virus. Could these new manifestations of WNV mean the virus has been altered in a laboratory?

Centers for Disease Control rebuffed her concerns. In September, officials re-instituted extensive spraying over New York in attempts to kill the mosquito population and control the encephalitis epidemic.

It was only through McNamara's heroic efforts to enlist the aid of biologists at other national labs, as well as at Fort Detrick, that it was finally deter-

cancer, AIDS, and transplant patients) and the very young. Currently, all blood is tested for syphilis, as well as viruses such as HTLV-1 and 2, HIV-1 and -2, and hepatitis B and C virus. A blood screening test for WN virus may be available within a year, and a vaccine might be developed in three years. But, at present, there is no treatment or cure for WN virus disease.

Secret U.S. Military Biowarfare Experiments on Human Populations

A July 24, 2000 Report ("The West Nile Virus Wake Up Call") from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee dismisses the idea of WN virus infection as biowarfare, although the CDC was criticized for its "tunnel vision" and its failure "to expect the unexpected." The Committee concluded that: "The next outbreak of an infectious disease—whether naturally occurring or deliberately inflicted—may not be so forgiving." The 2001 anthrax attack proved to be the next "deliberately inflicted" biowarfare attack.

It is surprising that the U.S. government quickly eliminated bioterrorism as a cause for the WN outbreak, particularly when the government has a long and well-documented history of biowarfare experimentation against unsuspecting citizens.

In the 1950s the U.S. military planned a project to cripple the Soviet economy by killing horses, cattle and swine with biowarfare weapons developed from exotic animal diseases. The laboratory at Plum Island, off the coast of Long Island, is the Army's repository for viruses derived from the most dangerous animal diseases in the world. According to Norman Covert, base historian and public information officer at Fort Detrick, only a handful of scientists were aware of this project. "In many cases there were only maybe five people who knew what was going on in weapons research. People in one lab didn't know what happened in the next lab, and they didn't ask." Details of these Plum Island animal experiments were classified as secret until 1993 ("Plum Island's shadowy past: Once-secret documents reveal lab's mission was germ warfare," *Newsday*, 11/21/93).

During the 1950s and 60s secret military biowarfare attacks on unsuspecting civilians took place in many parts of America. The most notorious was a six-day attack on San Francisco in which clouds of potentially harmful bacteria were sprayed over the city. Twelve people developed pneumonia due to the infectious bacteria, and one elderly man died from the attack. This attack was not revealed to the public until years later when classified documents were finally released ("Army germ fog blanketed S.F. for 6 days in '50 test," *Los Angeles Times*, 9/17/79).

In other classified experiments, the military sprayed bacteria in New York City subways, in a Washington D.C. airport, and on highways in Pennsylvania. Biowarfare testing also took place in military bases in Virginia, Key West, and off the coasts of Southern California and Hawaii ("Army used live bacteria in tests on U.S. civilians," *Los Angeles Times*, 3/9/77).

The Army also experimented on its own soldiers. Project Whitecoat, a code name for a series of biowarfare experiments that took place at Fort Detrick between 1954 and 1973, utilized about 2,300 Seventh-Day Adventist volunteers who were exposed to germs causing tularemia,

malaria, anthrax, Queensland fever, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, encephalitis, and a host of other exotic diseases. The experiments were aimed at preventing, diagnosing, and treating these



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through October 13, 1993.

Dear Senator Riegle:

In 1993, at your request, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) forwarded to your office a listing of all biological materials, including viruses, retroviruses, bacteria, and fungi, which CDC provided to the government of Iraq from October 1, 1984 through October 13, 1993. Recently, in the course of reviewing our shipping records for a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from a private citizen, we identified an additional shipment, on May 21, 1985, that was not included on the list that was provided to your office. Following this discovery, we conducted a thorough review of all of our shipping records and are confident that we have now included a listing of all shipments. A corrected list is enclosed (Note: the new information is italicized).

These additional materials were hand-carried by Dr. Mohammed Mahmud to Iraq after he had spent three months training in a CDC laboratory. Most of the materials were non-infectious diagnostic reagents for detecting evidence of infections to mosquito-borne viruses. Only two of the materials are on the Commodity Control List, i.e., *Yersinia pestis* (the agent of plague) and dengue virus. (The strain of plague bacillus was non-virulent, and CDC is currently petitioning the Department of Commerce to remove this particular variant from the list of controlled materials).

We regret that our earlier list was incomplete and appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

David Satcher
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Director

West Nile Fever Virus

Date	Description	Recipient
4/26/85	8 vials antigen and antisera (R. rickettsii and R. typhi) to diagnose rickettsial infections (non-infectious)	Minister of Health Ministry of Health Baghdad, Iraq
5/21/85	Etiologic Agents lyophilized arbovirus seed	Dr. Mohammed Iaad
	West Nile Fever Virus lyophilized cultures of avirulent <i>Yersinia pestis</i> and <i>X. mallei</i>	Al-Deen M. Mahmud Dept. of Microbiology College of Medicine University of Basrah Basrah, Iraq
	0.5 ml Dengue Virus (Tg 599)	
	0.5 ml Dengue Virus type 2 (New Guinea C)	
	0.5 ml Dengue Virus Type 3 (H-87)	
	0.5 ml Hanta Virus (Pak IC 200)	

The U.S. Government was sending biowarfare materials to Saddam Hussein as late as October 13, 1993, well after the Gulf War.

diseases, as well as the development of vaccines. No one died in the experiments, but critics contend that the men were essentially coerced into participating in research that, despite military assurances to the contrary, could have been used to produce biowarfare weapons ("Adventists' faith put to test; 2,300 soldiers were used in germ-warfare experiments," *The Washington Times*, 10/19/98).

In preparing America for nuclear attack during the Cold War years follow-

ing World War II, thousands of U.S. citizens were used as unsuspecting guinea pigs in over 4,000 secret and classified radiation experiments conducted by the Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies, such as the Department of Defense, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Public Health Service (now the CDC), the National Institutes of Health, the Veterans Administration, the CIA and NASA (see "The Nuking of America; Secrets and Lies of America's Cold War," *Paranoia*, Issue 18, Winter 97/98).

Not only is the public kept ignorant of biowarfare research, but biowarfare "accidents" are officially covered-up, downplayed, or blamed on animals. For example, the Russians finally revealed the truth about an epidemic of anthrax that caused at least 68 deaths in 1979 in the city of Sverdlovsk, 850 miles east of Moscow. The outbreak was officially blamed on eating meat from infected animals. Officials at the nearby top-secret biowarfare compound maintained that the anthrax spores were spread among cattle through ingestions of contaminated bone meal, and that the people who got anthrax acquired it through the illegal sale of diseased cattle from private farms. In 1992, Russian President Boris Yeltsin finally acknowledged the real truth. The cause was not "natural," but due to the accidental escape of spores of weapons-grade anthrax produced by the nearby biowarfare installation ("Soviet germ lab caused epidemic in '79," *Los Angeles Times*, 6/16/92).

The full extent of the U.S. government's experiments on unsuspecting people will probably never be known because many incriminating documents remain Top Secret or classified. Other documents are often declared as missing, destroyed, or "unavailable," in an attempt to hide the truth from the public.

Genetic Engineering and Species Transfer of New Killer Viruses

As the 1970s began, the U.S. Army's biowarfare program intensified, particularly in the area of genetic engineering research. This genetic manipulation of cells and infectious agents, and the mixing and transferring of viruses between various animals (including monkeys, chimps and other primates) resulted in the creation of many "man-made" infectious agents for research, commercial and biowarfare purposes.

In order to placate the fears of critics, President Richard Nixon renounced germ warfare, except for "medical defensive research." But despite the 1972 treaty forbidding nations from developing or acquiring weapons that spread disease, the biowarfare buildup continued. Scientists understood that to create a defense against bioweapons, it was also necessary to study offensive biowarfare agents. As a result, biowarfare research continued worldwide, despite the ineffectual treaty.

In 1971, Nixon transferred a major part of the Army's Biological Warfare Unit at Ft. Detrick to the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Thereafter, secret biowarfare experimentation continued under the cover of bonafide cancer research. Utilizing the latest genetic engineering techniques, virologists forced cancer-causing viruses to "jump" from one species of animal to another. In the hazardous transfer of dangerous infectious agents, scientists developed new forms of cancer in animals, as well as AIDS-like immunodeficiency diseases in cats, primates, and other lab animals. (See *AIDS: An Explosion of the Biological Time Bomb?*, by Robert E Lee.) In 1981, a decade later, a new and mysterious immunodeficiency disease called AIDS suddenly appeared exclusively in gay men, the most hated minority in America.

In November 1973 a high-level conference entitled "Biohazards in Biological Research" convened at Asilomar, near Pacific Grove in Northern California. The cancer virologists freely admitted there was no foolproof way to prevent the escape of these highly dangerous viruses into the community. Leaving no doubt that new and dangerous viruses were being created, Robert W. Miller of the NCI warned that "laboratory workers have not only heavy exposures to known viruses, but also to the viruses that they invent."

AIDS: A Designer Disease?

During the 1970s the NCI's Special Virus Cancer Program brought together leading national and international medical scientists in a unified attempt to uncover cancer-causing viruses. In this same decade many human and animal viruses were adapted for commercial and biowarfare purposes. At the end of this decade new "emerging viruses" began to appear.

Some AIDS researchers believe that this Special Virus Cancer Program (and its covert connection to America's biowarfare program) spawned HIV, an immunosuppressive virus that was subsequently



seeded into the U.S. homosexual community via the government-sponsored experimental hepatitis B vaccine program (1978-1981). These experiments in Manhattan, Los Angeles and San Francisco utilized only highly promiscuous, healthy white gay and bisexual men as guinea pigs. Shortly after this experiment began, the first cases of "gay-related immune deficiency disease" (later known as AIDS) erupted in New York City. (See my article "Blaming gays, blacks and chimps for AIDS," *Paranoia*, Issue 27, Fall 2001).

The idea of AIDS as a man-made virus that was deliberately seeded into the American gay and African black population in the late 1970s is considered by most scientists to be a joke. There are many theories pertaining to the origin of HIV, but man-made AIDS is always trashed as paranoid "conspiracy theory." Previous biowarfare experiments against civilians have all been clouded in secrecy, furthermore, the scientific "facts" surrounding these unethical programs were often tainted with government misinformation, propaganda, cover-ups, outright lies, and more than a touch of conspiracy.(1)

Killer Germs for Sale

Further complicating bioterrorism is the sale of deadly microbes to anyone and any country with the cash to buy them. From 1985-1988, when the U.S. was still friendly with Saddam Hussein, his Education Ministry purchased 70 shipments of anthrax, West Nile virus and other disease-causing organisms from the American Type Culture Collection. At that time, such shipments were entirely legal and received quick approval by the U.S. Commerce Department ("Germ library's inventory is making detractors queasy," *Los Angeles Times*, March 16, 1998). Even after Hussein gassed the Kurds in 1988, and even after the Gulf War, U.S. officials continued to supply Iraq with biochemical warfare ingredients ("U.S. was a key supplier to Saddam," *Seattle Post Intelligencer*, Sept 24, 2002). The CDC also sent WN virus and numerous other biological agents to Iraq during the years 1984 and 1993. (See document, page 51, also available at <http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2002/9/23/210336.shtml>)

The Riegler Report (May 25, 1994) further details biological and biochemical shipments from the U.S. to Iraqi government agencies. It was later learned that these microorganisms exported by the U.S. were identical to those the UN inspectors found and recovered from the Iraqi biowarfare program. (<http://www.gulfweb.org/bigdoc/report/riegler1.html>)

On October 18, 2001, the CDC issued an unprecedented alert asking physicians to watch out for cases of smallpox, plague, botulism, tularemia, and even "emerging" hemorrhagic African viruses that cause Ebola and Marburg disease. Before the terrorist bombings, virologists were blaming animals in the wild. Now it is clear that the more likely threat comes from crazy scientists who will use any deadly infectious agent as a potential biowarfare agent if it suits their national, political, or religious agenda.

Was West Nile Virus Deliberately Seeded into the Environment?

Could the new outbreaks of WN virus be a result of decades of animal experimentation and manipulation of the African virus in various laboratories worldwide? Surely over the past sixty years new strains of WN virus have been developed and "weaponized" by genetic and/or biowarfare engineers. Once a virus like WN is "intro-

duced" into the environment it can spread rapidly on its own. Already the WN virus causes disease in humans and animals unlike that seen in Africa in the 1930s. In late September 2002, media reports claimed that some West Nile patients had developed symptoms of polio, even though polio is caused by a different virus. Could these new manifestations of WN virus be an indication that the virus has been altered in a laboratory? Could this more deadly form of WN virus reflect manipulation not by Mother Nature but by the hand of man?

The World Trade Center bombing of 1993 did not serve as wake up call for the second WTC bombing of 9/11. Similarly, the introduction of WN virus into the New York population in 1999 did not serve as a wake up call for bioterrorism because it was followed two years later by successful anthrax letter attacks. How many more wake up calls with bioterrorism will be required before health officials stop looking in rain forests and African animals for the origin of these new epidemic diseases—and begin to look at the world trade in deadly infectious agents, and the insanities of biowarfare and biowarfare research, as reasons for our current new plagues?

Biowarfare agents are designed solely to kill large numbers of civilians. Any country that is willing to employ and deploy these agents should be fully aware that "What goes around, comes around."*

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(1) It is only possible here to discuss a tiny bit of evidence pointing to AIDS as a manmade disease. My two books, *AIDS and the Doctors of Death* (1988), and *Queer Blood: The Secret AIDS Genocide Plot* (1993), provide extensive documentation for the manmade origin of AIDS. Previous issues of *Paranoia* have covered this research. Internet searches may be made at google.com—enter "AIDS biological warfare" or "alan cantwell." This research has been ignored by the scientific community and the major media.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ILLUMINATI AGENDA

WHAT HAS THE 20TH CENTURY DONE FOR ME?

by
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*It riles them to believe that you perceive the web they weave...
and keep on thinking free. — The Moody Blues*

The 20th century has come and gone and what have we got to show for it? Is it possible to come up with an adequate reply to such an imposing query? There are two sides to this question—the planetary and the personal. The first is addressed from the perspective of the present state of affairs of humanity and the second is posed from the viewpoint of how current events are affecting our individual lives. Each of us must approach these dual implications in our own way and try to come up with an answer that includes input from both sides. It will take some deep reflection on our part to see the bigger picture if we are to seriously respond to this challenging inquiry.

It may be too much to expect that such a broad question could ever be answered, not just because of the many world-changing events that we learned about at school, but more importantly because it will be hard for people to accept that there have been occult forces behind the scenes of these events that caused them to happen and shaped their outcomes. Just as there are two sides to the question of how the 20th century has turned out, there are two sides to the story of history—the conventional side that we find ourselves in the middle of and the secret side that we keep ourselves in the dark about.

The forbidden side of the story of our life and times has up to now been relegated to the discredited realm of conspiracy theory and occult nonsense, so that even if there are established truths to be found there they will be quickly dismissed. You only have to read publications like this one on a regular basis to see that there is more going on than government officials and the mainstream media are letting us know about. The time has come to part the curtain of lies and expose the shadowy figures that are manipulating and controlling our minds and lives. What happened on September 11th should make us wonder how much we are not being told and weary of the govern-

ment's use of national security measures to control the population.

It is our collective responsibility to work to uncover the truth of our life and times. It is vital that we make an effort to overcome our own inner reluctance to pull back the subconscious curtain covering our view of current events. It's up to every citizen to work on being able to see more clearly, so that we aren't dragged along by the media drumbeat that clouds the facts and keeps the masses in line. Bearing that in mind, sit back, reflect upon the past hundred years, and ask yourself, "What has the 20th century done for me?"

UnConscious Politics: The Conventional View

Forget the familiar media images of a crude dirty past turning into a bright shiny present. Put aside the list that everybody rattles off about all the marvelous things technology has done for us. Throw away what you have learned about history at school. Get rid of your conditioning right off the bat or you won't get very far. You will need an open mind and a courageous spirit to confront the secret story of our life and times. Prepare yourself for a long trip because it's going to take

leaving behind the conventional authoritarian view to go on a personal search for your own historical illumination.

The conventional view of the 20th century is that there have been two world wars and many more regional ones; horrific crimes of racial genocide; a steady loss of individual rights in democratic countries; the continuing destruction the earth's ecosystem; and the unchecked spread of global commercialization and militarization. But the conventional view's absence of inquiry into the state of human consciousness fails to include the notion that what's going on inside our minds affects the way historical events turn out. The psychological factors that have shaped our lives are missing from our view of current events; awareness of other-dimensional consciousness is absent from our understanding of who we are.

Millions of minds manipulated by forces beyond their control make up consensus reality and provide fuel for the Mental Status Quo (MSQ). Many of us have been raised to believe that the question of evaluating the events of the 20th century must be put in political, economic and military terms. Yet this partial framework focuses on the material and physical dimensions of human experience at the exclusion of the transcendent side of human nature: higher consciousness and the development of the individual. Living in this impoverished life of the mind, we are manipulated into obeying the authorities and conditioned into existing on lower levels of consciousness.

Living Is Easy With Eyes Closed

Each of us is in some way responsible for what is happening in America and each of us must do our inner part to set things right. Psychologically speaking, WE are all in it together. As consumers of mass media, we are systematically indoctrinated into accepting inadequate explanations for the sad state of human relations and international affairs into which the world has fallen during the past hundred years. For example, we've been told over and over that elections and legislation are the answers to our problems, and all the while the infrastructure of society has been falling apart.

The media controlled public deludes themselves into thinking that corporate-sponsored demonstrations and single-issue politics are signs of a healthy democracy. They believe that these tepid actions will be enough to

protect them from the dangerous conditions they are facing. However, in truth these are signs of very effective methods of mass mind control that reflect a diminished state of real democratic involvement and participation. People cannot admit to themselves that the government has done little to change things for the better. Look at how low we have allowed the standards of health care and education to fall, and all the while a few corporate conglomerates are ravaging the federal budget and raking in billions of dollars in profits.

We have allowed this to happen because we permit

money and security to dominate our lives and we are afraid to face the fact that the government and the corporations are taking over everything. We try to deny that we share complicity in creating this totalitarian monster while watching it devour our freedom and destroy our humanity. We have created our own Frankenstein monsters within ourselves by living in denial of our shadow self and blocking access to the innate capacity we all have for acquiring self-knowledge and attaining higher levels of consciousness. In her essay, "Frankenstein's Fallen Angel," Joyce Carol Oates, referring to the monster's creator, Victor Frankenstein, writes that:

Frankenstein is a parable for our time ... a remarkably accurate diagnosis of the lethal nature of denial: denial of responsibility for one's actions,

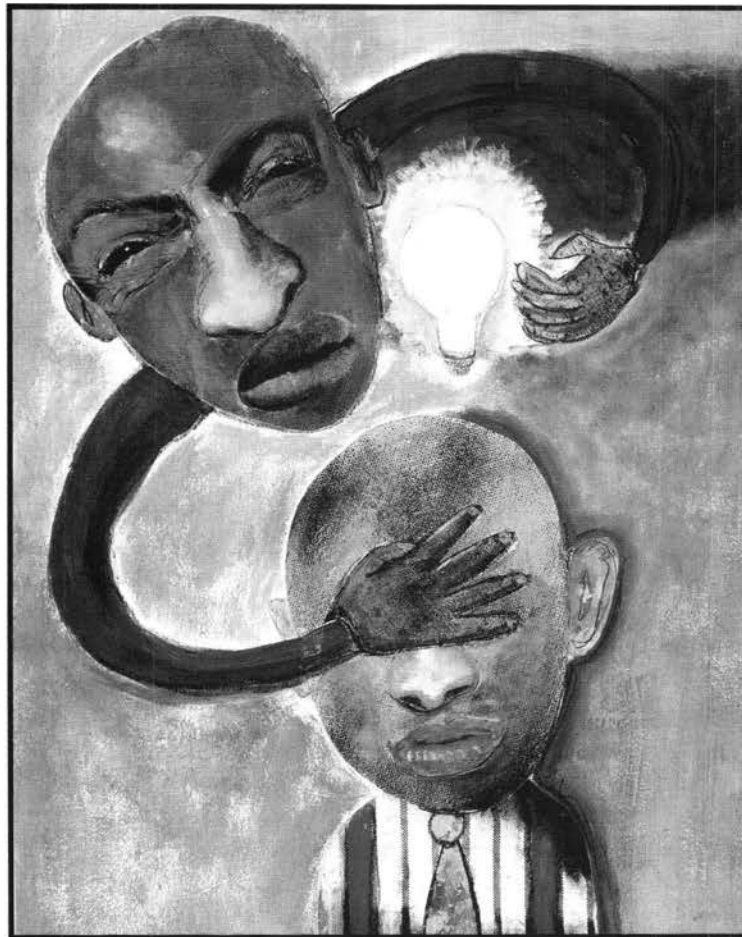


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denial of the shadow self locked within consciousness. The monsters we create by way of an advanced technological civilization 'are' ourselves as we cannot hope to see ourselves—incomplete, blind, blighted, and, most of all, self-destructive. (1)

Human beings are not just physical creatures with big brains; we have a transcendent side that makes us more than the sum of our parts. We are turning into Frankensteinian monsters because this innate capacity for transcendence is denied expression by occult forces of mass mind control working through the collective manipulation of our shadow side. What this means to us as individuals is that we must fight to remain true to ourselves and stay human lest our autonomy wither under the relentless onslaught of the corporate agenda.

Being a guardian of our inner selves is a concern that has fallen away in the lives of most people because they have fallen victim to the dehumanizing violations of their spirit by the new world order. To comprehend the reasons why the world is in such sorry shape one must realize that everything cannot be explained by external matters alone. You must include the internal factors responsible for bringing about these dehumanizing conditions.

It's not possible to see the bigger picture of our life and times when all we care about are matters related to the periphery of life, the world of appearances in which we live our illusory lives. It's what we don't know, or don't want to know, about what's going on behind the curtain of lies called history which is at the heart of the matter. There, behind the façade, a self-induced ignorance masquerading as the inno-

cent bystander comes face to face with itself for the first time. A character from a 60s comic strip, Pogo, said it all: *We have met the enemy and he is us.*

It's painful to awaken and look behind the wizard's curtain to come to terms with what is happening there. You come to see that governments and institutions are not the ultimate authority, something is running the show from behind the scenes and it has been going on for a very long time. Then one day it hits you that a secret ruling elite has been engineering the major events of western civilization for centuries—and during each generation they have been co-opting the prevailing circumstances of the times to advance their new world order agenda.

A cryptocracy has been manipulating the masses using the dark side of religion and politics for many centuries, and by turning society into a money-grubbing race for private success during the past century the cryptocracy has made rampant unconsciousness a fundamental part of everyday life. When you come to see the bigger picture of these apocalyptic times, it will look like history is going in the opposite direction, as our planet is turning into a giant corporate monolith and living in virtual reality is the order of the day. So much is left out of the historical picture that from now on nothing will ever look the same to you again.

When In Rome Do As The Romans Do

The first thing you learn in your inquiry is that a diminished state of human consciousness is the basis of the secret side of the story of our life and times. It will take more than reading lots of underground books to expose the occult forces working behind the scenes of history. It will take a great deal of courage to examine the subliminal working of your subconscious mind and encounter there your repressed shadow self. The process of confronting your shadow is painful, but it is the only way to free your mind from subconscious bondage and wake up to your transcendent potential. Carl Jung explained this process of self knowledge in *Civilization in Transition*:

What our age thinks of as the 'shadow' and inferior part of the psyche contains more than something merely negative. The very fact that through self knowledge, that is, by exploring our souls, we come upon the instincts and their world of imagery should throw some light on the powers slumbering in the psyche, of which we are seldom aware so long as all goes well. (2)

Knowing ourselves inside out is absolutely necessary if we are to come to grips with the unbelievable truth behind the wizard's curtain. Once you have acquired a sufficient degree of self knowledge and have attained a working knowledge of the occult forces operating behind the scenes of history, you will come to realize that some form of mind control has been occurring from day one. From the perspective of mass mind control, the history of the past century starts out with discovering the secrets of the unconscious mind, which gave the cryptocracy a powerful new weapon to use against its bewildered subjects. This allowed the cryptocracy to gradually get inside our minds and direct our thinking, as the new science of psycho-technology became more and more sophisticated over the decades.

Right on schedule, along came radio, movies and television to shape public opinion through subliminal reinforcement of the belief system of the master programmers. Since mid-century, television has given them the weapon of choice to deliver the right views and appropriate images that burrow deep into the subconscious minds of all who are within range of its neuro-electronic grasp. The story is over by the end of the century, with millions of people surrendering their autonomy and becoming a population of media-dominated zombies. A hundred years is not a very long time in terms of mass mind control, and getting inside the subconscious mind has not happened overnight.

Many centuries ago, when the quality of life in ancient Rome was steadily declining, the foundations of civil order were giving way beneath their feet. As things got progressively worse, society tumbled down into the darkness of ignorance and fear. Desperate to be saved from the nameless terror that was rapidly approaching, people were eager to close off their minds and live their lives in a trance. There was no satellite TV broadcasting live coverage of apocalyptic news, but they did have an oral version of the tabloids that spread hyped-up rumors and sensational stories among the masses. People were terrified and had no way of coping with what was completely beyond their comprehension or control. As a result, they plunked down some heavy coinage to the high priests to banish whatever it was from their midst.

Here it is, the dawn of the 21st century, and can anyone deny that, in terms of how we are reacting to events beyond our control, we're behaving a lot like people who lived over fifteen centuries ago? Ever since the planes crashed into the World Trade Center and Pentagon, we're facing our own brand of apocalyptic fear. [See cover of *Time*, 6/10/02: "Understanding Anxiety," where our 'scientific authorities' tell us "the brain is hard-wired for fear and sometimes it short-circuits."] Anybody who wholeheartedly goes along with the media party line and refuses to examine their own thought processes is doing as the Romans do. Like they did, many people think that the only way to cope with feelings of helplessness in the face of these random acts of terror is to surrender their minds to the authorities.

The Real Apocalypse is Within

Everything may have changed overnight in terms of people waking up to the reality of terrorism that most of the world has been living with for a long time. But things have been steadily getting worse in the U.S. for more than a decade, as year by year more people become inner victims of the machinations of the national security state. There were the tragic events of the Gulf War, the terrible massacre at Waco, the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, the U.S. military's use of destructive force in places like Somalia and Bosnia, up to the recent atrocity at The World Trade Center and the Pentagon and its devastating aftermath in Afghanistan. Each of these events was followed by 'anti-terror legislation' that in the long run could do far more damage to our freedom than all these atrocious acts combined. We're ready to give up much of our freedom because there is danger at airports, at our jobs and in almost any public place. We're willing to accept more police powers and infringement of privacy.

The end result is that we give our consent to the authorities to do whatever it takes to solve the problem even if it means giving up our rights to freedom of movement and privacy. We want to lose ourselves in some sort of private unreality that we believe will protect us from danger. Like children, we want to believe that staying oblivious will be enough to keep the big bad wolf from huffing & puffing and blowing our flimsy little realities away. As it was during Rome's decline and fall, a frightened public demands security, not freedom.

Nothing much has changed when it comes to a steady supply of braying sheep for the slick shepherds of this world to fleece. However, unlike the ancient Romans, we have the benefit of a century of revealing the mysterious inner workings of the human mind, and all we have to do is avail ourselves of its liberating potential and wake up! Depth psychology and the psychedelic exploration of inner space was the 20th century's most revolutionary revelation, but we have been instructed to give more credence to

great events like $E=mc^2$, nuclear energy and the colonization of space: gifts from our godlike techno-scientific pantheon. Yet these great advancements have gone from being very beneficial to becoming threats to our own survival.

The reason we don't know the apocalypse is happening within ourselves is because we have been conditioned to think the apocalypse means the end of the world. This shows how much we perceive reality as being totally material and how we see everything from a perspective of self-interest. When it comes to the ability to think freely and perceive without constraint, far too few of us are concerned with how the human mind works. Self-knowledge and higher consciousness is not a very high priority for most people. The ability to change and grow as a person is at the heart of being human, and this can only be achieved by remaining true to oneself at whatever cost. Take that away and we will surrender our autonomy and allow our minds to be taken over. This is the real apocalypse of our times.

Here There and Everywhere

A stark juxtaposition of realities took place during the unfolding decades of the 20th century: an explosion of knowledge and communications alongside an implosion of the mind and decline of autonomous individuality. It is almost as if a great crossroads of human potential was intercepted and veered off in another direction.

The social potential contained within the people's movements of the early decades had to be neutralized in order for the cryptocracy's plans to proceed without rude interruptions from upstart revolutionaries and their crazy ideas. Enter war and chaos: age-old methods of deflecting social forces away from discovering hidden human potential and toward mundane activities of daily life—keeping people stuck in dead-end lives keeps

them from ever knowing their true selves or experiencing their real potential. The authorities have seen to it that the public is not left with too much time and energy on their hands so they won't accidentally stumble upon their autonomy and start demanding that they run their own lives. Psycho-spiritual freedom is not an issue for unconscious people and this is the reason why learning about the dynamics of consciousness does not interest them.

Exception to the Rule of Cryptocracy

The example of Modern Art in all its varied forms of expression has demonstrated how important consciousness and perception are in coming to terms with apocalyptic conditions. When people encounter these outrageous works of art, they are thrown into a perceptual crisis, forcing them to confront their deep-seated prejudice and conditioning. This experience can break down habitual thought patterns and mental resistance, and build up of new ways of thinking and exploring other modes of consciousness.

What these revolutionary forms of expression are showing us is that by taking away all the religious clap-trap and scientific mumbo-jumbo what you're left with is pure consciousness unfettered by a materialist paradigm. Such perceptual power has the potential to break the grip of the psychic sorcerers, making it possible to see what's going on behind the scenes. This revolution of consciousness has made the past hundred years the most transformative time for western civilization since the arrival of the scientific revolution more than five centuries ago.

Think back to the beginning of the century when the avant garde stormed the world of senses with a perceptual revolution that refracted inner light and illuminated the depths of the psyche. Hyper-dimensionality was breaking through all over the place—the principles of quantum physics and the psychology of the unconscious presented insights into the inter-relationship between materiality and consciousness—what might be referred to as the yin/yang-ness of *the real world* and *the kingdom within*. These mounting inexplicables created a big hole in the fabric of consensus reality.

Einstein with his fantastic equations, Picasso defying perspective with his four-dimensional *cubist* paintings, Louie Armstrong pouring out his soul through his horn, Nicola Tesla and his otherworldly technology, James Joyce's literary masterpiece about the life of the mind, and Herr Freud with

his mind-opening interpretation of dreams—all of these astounding influences lifted perceptual veils of the unconscious mind so that we could see the world more clearly. These powerful psychological effects came to bear either on bewildered people who looked at it as nonsense and went about their business, or those who became bedazzled by it and left everything behind, unable to cope with the suffocating banality of a life without transcendent potential.

Movements for inner change came bubbling up from

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the occult underground into mainstream society, rescuing people from being dragged down into materialism and dehumanization, and warning coming generations of the encroaching takeover of their subconscious minds. Starting with Madame Blavatsky during the late 19th century and Rudolf Steiner during the early 20th, a whole new area of study appeared on the scene: a strange realm of esoteric knowledge about another domain of consciousness beyond the brain-bound borders of the sense-based mind. Suppressed knowledge about the hidden potential of the unconscious mind that had been kept from the masses for centuries was being made available to the general public, and the consciousness revolution was born.

Theosophy and its offshoots spread across the face of Europe and America like wildfire, forming the foundations of many efforts to introduce the Science of Mind into public consciousness, hoping to ignite inner passions long suppressed beneath the staid composure of orthodox religions. At the same time, another group of mind tinkerers concerned about the mental

welfare of their subjects decided that it would be better for us to be kept in the dark about our inner world. The cryptocrats turned around and used this vital knowledge about the subconscious basis of mental activity to subliminally manipulate people into doing their bidding.

The mind invaders want to burrow into the collective psyche and take over the functioning of our minds, before messing around in forbidden territory changes us and we take back control of our lives. Repressed areas of the psyche are considered forbidden territory because they can lead to states of consciousness that would be considered threatening to their power. The cryptocrat's century-spanning war on the human spirit is an outrageous attempt to undermine human consciousness, using a strategy of subliminal invasion and economic subversion to pave the way for global mind control by the end of the 20th century. Their occult goal is to get inside our minds and prevent us from awakening to the transcendent side of human nature, by forcing us to live our lives bogged down on lower levels of consciousness.

It's difficult to acquire awakened perception when our minds have been conditioned to function in a semi-conscious state that keeps the masses snoring away on lower levels of consciousness, lost in fantasy land. Sadly, many people mistake this diminished state of consciousness for being optimally awake. They may never come to know that self-knowledge and higher consciousness can free our inner selves from a life sentence in the mental prison of *me alone in my body waiting to die*.

It's up to each individual to clear away his or her previous assumptions about reality and make mental room to accommodate the bigger picture, bringing about one's own historical illumination. The perceptual veil of the world of appearances has been rent asunder by the knowledge that there is more to the mind than what happens on the surface of awareness. When we are no longer bound by the imprisoned perceptions and fixed horizons of the discarded ego and conventional history, we can stop living private lives and start living together as part of a global community.

Riders On The Storm

The 20th century was also the historical turning point in the cryptocracy's plans for achieving their goal of global mind control. To reach this pivotal position they have had to make systematic dehumanization a part of each generation's way of life, with their methods getting more and more sophisticated and widespread over the centuries. Currently, they have attained direct access to the human brain and technical control over the individual mind. Our impressions and opinions can be identified and defined according to manufactured mental specifications.

The inner freedom to explore our consciousness, uncover the repressed dimensions of our psyches and discover our higher selves, is being seriously threatened by the global mind-controlling forces of the new world order. The dehumanizing effects of this invasion of the collective psyche has been to weaken the human spirit. The Illuminati invasion has steadily gained more inner ground as it wears down archetypes and lessens resistance to mind control, and imprints another model of reality more suitable to their world plan.

It is incomprehensible to our co-opted minds that history could actually be a grand scam perpetrated by a cryptocracy. For centuries on end, the semi-mythical origin of secret societies has been shrouded in layers of propaganda, sensationalism and morbid drama, but some of their long-held secrets have also become the stuff of popular legend. The theme of many blockbuster movies with apocalyptic overtones involves sinister

forces operating behind the scenes that are responsible for enslaving the human race and destroying the future. Is this fiction or reality?

Ultimately, the trail leads to a private reserve for the real landlords of this world: a bunch of madmen calling themselves the Illuminati. The role of the Illuminati in the clandestine implementation of a materialist worldview was adopted by the establishment as the official model of the scientific method. This materialist science diminished the true dimensions of reality by limiting the scope of the mind to the sensory range of the brain. An invisible presence behind the scenes of every branch of society—government, law, military, finance, technology, communications, health care and education—has the power to institutionalize our daily lives and subjugate the individual mind.

The Illuminati are big-time reality brokers who dominate all forms of communication, manufacture public opinion, and set up a state of affairs that will insure that their view is the definitive one and that their interests will be served no matter what the historical outcome. The Illuminati are formulating the agenda of nations and governments through financial, technological and military prowess, to oversee the seminal events of each historical era. They are able to override everyone else in power due to their command of higher knowledge, and via superior planning of the historical blueprints that keep the ball rolling century after century.

All this control has given the Illuminati the power to create authoritarian decrees in religion, science and politics that define the moral, intellectual and legal boundaries of every aspect of our lives. This gives them a wide range of influence over determining the quality of life we experience and what kind of information reaches us. The ability to define the borders of reality and construct a daily routine makes certain that their influence will be spread far and wide. Over time

they will steer our lives away from the spirit world and community life toward full adaptation to inhumane economic and technological conditions.

A bunch of madmen pulling our strings and running the world could not have come about due to events stemming from what history books call the "progress" of the human species. The human spirit is an obstacle to controlling individuality and therefore a crime against the corporate state. Anyone who thinks that dehumanization is the result of "natural causes" has truly been dehumanized. The only way such a devolutionary outcome could have come about by the end of the 20th century was by constantly hacking away at the human condition over the centuries, gradually taking over more and more of the activities of daily life and destroying human potential generation after generation.

Waves of engineered events in each generation carry people along on overpowering nationalistic currents, keeping most of the population bound to lower levels of consciousness, stifling creativity and suppressing dissent among the ever-dwindling artists and free-thinkers. Illuminati engineering of the course of events for centuries on end is having the effect of bending the arc of human evolution away from its intended course. By controlling the major forces that shape our lives—wars, revolutions, technology—the cryptocracy is turning the momentum of history in another direction, toward its ultimate spiritual dead-end.

If you dare to imagine it, you can get an idea where all this control will eventually take us. Specialized cyborgs doing insectoid tasks, oblivious to everything else. Columns of clones marching back and forth inside the corporate monolith, going to and from their workstations, day after day until

they are no longer functional and they are replaced. After each shift, these faceless bio-units engage in lifeless forms of virtual entertainment, in place of the simple forms of pleasure humans shared before they became wholesome robots. Reading a book, making love, watching puppies play, crying at the movies, people helping people, will then look like grainy scenes from an old newsreel, showing people long-dead doing things nobody finds interesting anymore.

Waking Up Is Hard To Do

Think about it folks. Here we are right in the middle of a critical phase of humanity's evolutionary journey and most people are sleeping right through it. They don't know that each of us is playing a role in determining an outcome that could make or break the human race. Most people are only aware of themselves and their own lives. The workings of their co-opted minds are mostly unconscious, and whatever thoughts and opinions they might have about how current events are affecting their lives have been put

there by the media-dominated view of the world. And since most people refuse to apprehend and integrate the transcendent side of their nature, it's a sure thing that they will find anything that threatens consensus reality incomprehensible. It's a given that they will dismiss as nonsense the whole idea that there is a cryptocracy controlling the world.

Crypto-events that are intended to affect the whole population, like what happened on Septem-

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ber 11th, are events of a higher magnitude that go beyond the particular circumstances that make them up. These events enter into another realm altogether, bringing on a collectively-felt experience that changes how society is structured in the aftermath. There must be something going on because far too many people are behaving as if it's okay that the country is turning into an armed camp and that the military is going around the world killing thousands of people.

Media misinformed people are unaware of the hidden causes behind these catastrophic events and remain in the dark about the encroaching takeover of their lives, thinking that everything can be explained in simple terms of bad guys and good guys, and that all our problems can be solved by more military actions and increasing national security. How is this horrendous state of public denial being sustained if not through the abdication of the autonomy of millions of unconscious individuals?

Unconscious people can be manipulated into supporting all the injustice and killing and wasting of resources. They react to media-manufactured events from a level that sees everything from a perspective of self-interest. They subconsciously go along with the media party line because its repressive agenda of covering up the truth is similar to their own need to hide from themselves. The public is being subconsciously carried along by the

engineered events of the past decade toward becoming totally dependent on the government for everything.

The public cannot admit to being hoodwinked by the very leaders they put their faith and trust in, because admitting to such a thing would mean being seen as complicit in their own downfall. Waking up to your inner world is what you must do, but waking up is hard to do the longer you've been sleeping your inner life away. If there are areas of our psyche that we are unwilling to explore and realms of the unknown that we are afraid to enter, then what we hide from ourselves can be subliminally exploited and used against us to control our minds. The high priests of today don't want us to know that by waking up and turning the inner lights on people will see what's been going on behind the subconscious curtain and won't fall for their tricks anymore.

The Answer Lies Within

Are there occult forces influencing the way the mind operates and controlling how we think? Do these perceptual constraints on thought processes prevent consciousness from expanding beyond the borders of the brain and the senses? What are the cryptocrats really up to? Is there anything we can do about it?

Something extraordinary has happened during the 20th century—the consciousness revolution has made it possible for us to free our brain-bound minds from subliminal bondage and wake up to our transcendent potential. This potential is cosmic and yet human in its dual role as spiritual center and autonomous individual: a spiritual center that inspires and guides us from within and a creative and compassionate autonomy that is outwardly representative of the human race.

When you realize that there is more to the mind than meets the brain, you feel that the top of your head has been blown off and your consciousness is set free of its cranial prison. Your true self awakens from its subjective coma and begins to turn on the intuitive lights, opening up the infinite mindspace beyond the brain-bound range of the senses and illuminating the lost realm of the universal psyche. Jung offers a psychological view of what this innate perceptual capacity is capable of:

They are potentialities of the greatest dynamism, and it depends entirely on the preparedness and attitude of the conscious mind whether the irruption of these forces, and the images and ideas associated with them, will tend towards construction or catastrophe. (3)

Higher states of mind are indeed accessible through activating the innate perceptual faculties of the human psyche, and it is true that this transcendent capability is being suppressed in order to keep us bound to lower levels of consciousness and stuck in our small-minded ego. It is the very essence of who we are as human beings that the authorities want to suppress and deny expression. This is what their mind control tactics are all about.

Will higher consciousness be the legacy of the 20th century or will the cryptocreeps win out in the end? If we do not take control of our own minds, they will be taken control of, and when this is accomplished in great numbers the stage will be set to enslave the human race. If too many of us fail in the struggle for transcendence, the collective psyche is in danger of being overrun by the anti-spirit, an evil force that is slowly sucking the spirit out of individuals.

The answer to the question of what we as a people have to show for the past hundred years is that everyone must bear responsibility for their own

downfall if they sell themselves short and go along with a mass takeover of human consciousness. The cryptocreeps know damn well that if left to ourselves we would discover our inner potential and naturally set about getting things back to where they were before the psychic sorcerers stole the show. They're not about to let that happen, even if it means controlling just about everything; controlling everything to the extent that it forces people to trade off their personal integrity for the right to be left alone by the authorities.

Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their planet. The alternative is life under the new world order and nobody but the cryptocracy wants that. •

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THE AWFUL SECRET

(Psst! The objective of the Bush cabal and the war in Iraq is to get control of all of the oil before the blackouts start!)

by John Kaminski

How stupid are Americans — and how false are their elected representatives — to believe and actually repeat the thought that a far-off nation with the world's second-largest oil reserves, a battered and constrained nation that had already witnessed hundreds of thousands of its citizens killed by the United States, that this bedraggled and helpless nation is actually a threat deserving a full-scale invasion by American troops?

How stupid are Americans not to see that all this war talk is a diversionary tactic, a red herring meant to cover up crimes of the American government: widespread corruption that robbed Americans of billions of dollars in scandals named Harken, Enron and Halliburton; a meaningless attack on Afghanistan that failed to achieve its stated objective yet killed 5,000 innocent people; and an attack on American soil that killed another 3,000 Americans. In the meantime, the highest levels of the U.S. government work diligently to cover up the brutal facts that highly placed officials knew this atrocity was going to happen and did nothing to stop it. In fact, they wanted it to happen because it served their purposes.

The shock of 9/11 and the butchery in Afghanistan have been displaced from the headlines of the criminally sycophantic mainstream media as President Bush continues his ludicrous push for more death and destruction, constantly changing his rationale as one lie after another is exposed as vicious fiction. Make no mistake: the purpose of the illegal and unconscionable aggression against Iraq is meant to cover up the Bush administration's complicity in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. The mainstream media, a virtual interlocking directorate with the Bush cabinet and his behind-the-scenes moneymen, continue to ignore the central questions about 9/11: Why did the air defense apparatus fail to respond to the hijackings? Why haven't the stock market anomalies been investigated and identified? Why were fires still burning underneath three structures of the WTC five weeks later?

You haven't read that in the *New York Times*, and you won't. The attack on Afghanistan was planned long before 9/11, yet carried out as if it were a search for someone named Osama bin Laden. Five thousand dead, Americans implicated in a horrific massacre, even some Canadians killed for no good reason. Now it turns out many of the Taliban were evacuated in U.S. planes. American military bosses declared the operation a success, and the newspapers didn't blink.

In truth it was a total failure. We didn't catch the alleged perpetrator, against whom we had no hard evidence. Bush and Blair said they did, but never told us what it was, and still haven't. All of this obfuscation can only mean one thing, as any cop or lawyer will tell you: the people who cover up the facts are the ones who did the crime. And all of this is

erased in public consciousness by Iraq war talk. One lie after another.

First they try to link al-Qaida to Saddam; they're still trying, in fact. Bush counts on the fact that most Americans don't realize that Saddam and al-Qaida are enemies; Saddam is an atheist, al-Qaida is supposedly made up of religious zealots. Plus, al-Qaida works FOR the U.S. in Macedonia and Bosnia. Which leads us to another thing that is never mentioned in the *New York Times*: the long history of the relationship between the Bush and bin Laden families. For instance, why did all the bin Ladens get flown out of the country when everybody else was grounded right after 9/11? You also don't read in the *New York Times* that the president's father is a key player with the Carlyle Group, one of the nation's biggest defense brokers and that the Carlyle Group just bought the company that makes anthrax and smallpox vaccines, which leads to all sorts of interesting questions about who actually ordered the anthrax attacks. (See <http://www.unknownnews.net/cdd081202.html>)

Some people who don't believe the pap they read in the *New York Times* think these are the same people who ordered 9/11. Let's look again at the red herring: Iraq. It's the next chapter in the permanent "war against terror." Which war will follow: Iran, Colombia, Philippines, Indonesia? Nothing has substantially changed with Iraq in the last ten years. Former weapons inspector Scott Ritter has testified that Bush is lying about Iraq's capability, and as a result, Bush has been reduced to castigating Saddam in a Spielbergian future crime

sort of way: "Well, he might have nukes in a few years..."

Why now? Well, first, to cover up Bush's crimes at home, but there's more to it. As they say, it's the oil, stupid! Plus Iraq is not producing oil as rapidly as Saudi Arabia, and the Seven Sisters (or what's left of them) don't like that. America's intent in Iraq is simply to take the oil. America will just take it. Once taken, the U.S. will realize that no one can stop them, and they'll take the oil in Saudi Arabia, in Venezuela and Colombia, and in Indonesia. And it will all be labeled the war against terror. As a prediction of Bush's plan, consider the recent words of Al-Qaida No. 2 man Ayman Al-Zawahri, recorded by station Al-Jazeera, that the U.S. has decided to split Saudi Arabia into separate entities, including an eastern region, which has the major oil field and which will be under direct U.S. control.

There are other reasons for America's aggressive posture. First is that Israel is driving U.S. policy. The "axis of evil" is not America's enemies, but Israel's enemies. Iraq is no direct threat to the U.S., but it is, conceivably, to Israel. There are some who say that America's Christian Zionists are driving this new and vicious U.S. foreign policy, and that America is behaving as if Israel's needs were its own. There is no doubt a large degree of truth to this, but I don't believe it is the foremost motivator.

Remember James Watt? Interior Secretary under Reagan, Watt was castigated for his pro-business trashing of the environment. Comparing then and now casts those corporate plunderers as liberals, seeing what Bush and his unqualified Cabinet members like Gayle Norton and Christie Whitman are doing now. Watt, a prominent Pentecostal, publicly stated that we needn't worry about exploiting natural resources because "I don't know how many future generations we can count on until the Lord returns."

Is there an awful secret that Bush and Cheney and Rumsfeld know that the rest of us don't? Is this awful secret making them want to pile up as much largesse as they can before their expected apocalypse

arrives, an apocalypse they are doing their level best to create? Remember the words of Ben Bradlee during Watergate days: follow the money. When you look back through history, this is a far more reliable barometer of why wars are undertaken than any kind of evangelical gobbledygook. Which leads me to a website that I believe contains the most important information I've read since 9/11. See *The Peak Of World Oil Production and the Road to the Olduvai Gorge* by Richard C. Duncan, Ph.D. (<http://www.dieoff.org/page224.htm>).

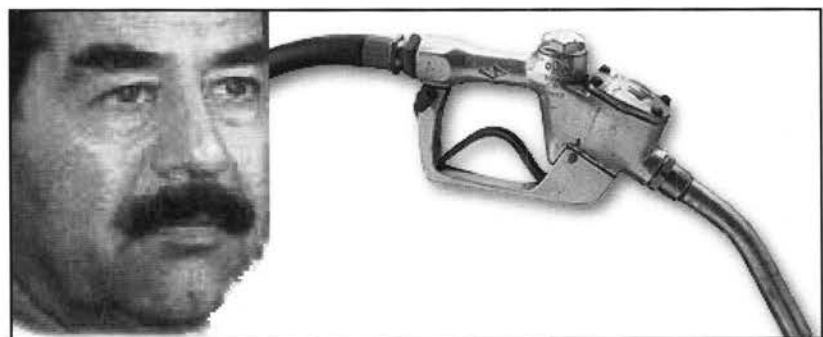
The shocking theme of this document is that the world will run out of oil very soon, no later than 2030, and when that happens civilization as we know it will end because there is no power source as ubiquitously powerful as oil. Don't think oil. Think electricity. What will happen to Western civilization without electricity? Then think about oil again. Think about the cars and planes and computers it powers, and think about how nothing can replace it. Trot out your stock answers, read the article and see those answers vaporize. Duncan's thesis is that the Dark Ages are fast approaching, because when the oil runs out, and the lights go out, civilization runs out. "The collapse will be strongly correlated with an 'epidemic' of permanent blackouts of high-voltage electric power networks worldwide," says Duncan. Briefly explained: "When the electricity goes out, you are back in the Dark Age. And the Stone Age is just around the corner."

The objective of the Bush cabal and the war in Iraq is to get control of all of the oil before the blackouts start. The super rich of the world know the cornerstone of Western civilization is electricity, powered mostly by oil, and they know it's running out. The blackouts, Duncan writes, will become more and more frequent until most of the world is blacked out, except for the super rich in their armored compounds. The push into Iraq, and soon into Saudi Arabia, is aimed at securing enough oil to forestall blackout day for the rich for as long as possible. The majority of the world will be plunged into darkness and primitivism long before that, and the world will evolve into a two-tiered system: those with power and those left in the dark.

One of the most chilling aspects of Duncan's report is the forecast that as blackouts increase shortly after 2008, the death toll among humans will rise in direct proportion. By 2036, world population will rise to about 7.0 billion, and will plunge to 3.2 billion by 2090, "an average loss of 71.4 million people per year (deaths minus births) during 54 years." Large cities will be the most dangerous places to reside when the electric grids die: no electricity means no work, no food.

What is happening now is only a slightly unpleasant foretaste of the unprecedented disaster to come. This explains why the Bush cabal is doing what it's doing. The forecast for the future is dark. Very dark. •

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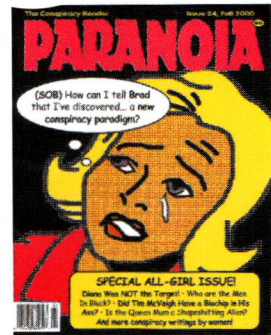
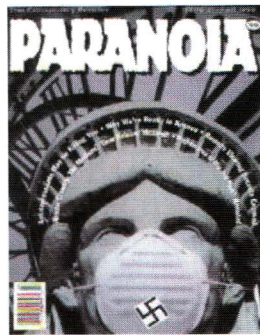
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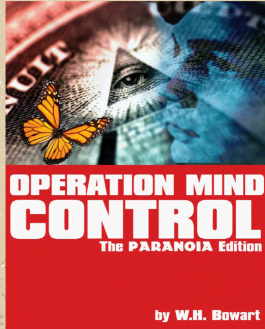
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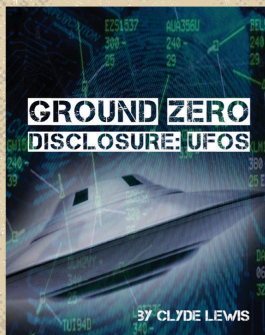
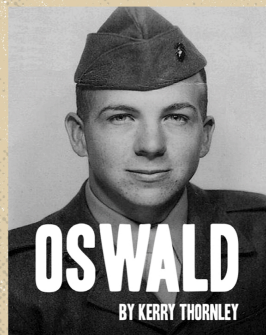
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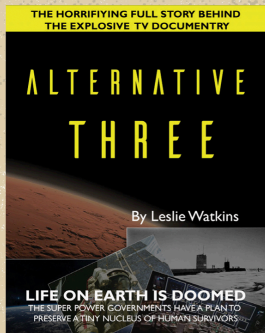
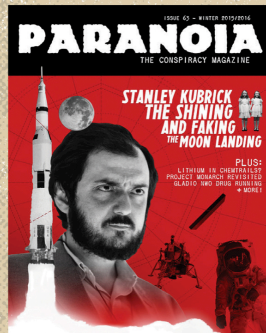


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