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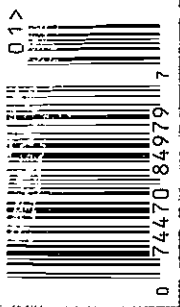
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The image consists of several electron micrographs showing nanobacteria. One prominent image in the center shows a large, textured, spherical cluster of tiny particles. Other smaller images around the page show individual chains and clusters of these tiny structures.

Strands of nanobacteria once thought too small to exist are commonly found growing on various mineral deposits, as seen in these electron micrographs.

Is new life merely just the beginning of eventual death, as scientists believe? Or is death the beginning of “eternal life,” as religions teach? Or could life be a never-ending cycle of reincarnation?

Can new life develop from non-living things? Or was all life and the universe created eons ago by the Creator, or through some freak accident of the cosmos? Where did I come from? What will happen to me after death? These are questions human beings have attempted to answer for centuries.

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Re-examining the Work of Louis Pasteur

by Alan Cantwell, Jr., M.D.

Nanobacteria, NASA, and Astrobiology

Robert Folk is a geologist who specializes in microscopic examinations of limestones. Working in Italy in the 1980's with a new scanning electron microscope (SEM) with magnifications up to 100,000X, he repeatedly came across “hordes of tiny bumps and balls” entombed within the rock, which he initially passed off as artifacts or laboratory contamination, as had every other geologist using the SEM. However, after a year of doubts and some reading in microbiology, Folk learned that exceedingly small cells called “ultramicrobacteria” did, in fact, exist.

With further microscopic work, Folk realized that the enormous numbers of tiny grape-like and chain-like clusters were, indeed, bacteria. Most amazing was that these “nanobacteria” could be easily cultured as common forms of bacteria, known as cocci, bacilli, staphylococci, and streptococci. His first scientific presentation of these astounding findings was met with “stony silence” and “howls of disbelief” from many microbiologists.

For fifty years it has been standard microbiological dogma that bacteria smaller than 0.2 micrometers cannot exist.

Bacteria and the ns of Disease

Robert Koch, Antoine Bechamp, and Henry Bastian

To this day, some scientists contend these nanobacteria are simply too small to contain the necessary genetic material for life.

The ultramicroscopic bacteria are regarded as stressed or resting forms of bacteria, and are thought to be both rare and dormant. Geologists prefer the spelling "nannobacteria" to conform to the spelling of the tiny "nannofossils," a common term in geology dating back to the 19th century. However, Folk claims nanobacteria are enormously abundant in minerals and rocks and that they form most of the world's bio-mass. If so, how could they have been missed for so long? Folk says microbiologists have little or no interest in bacteria found in soils or rocks. For fifty years it has been standard microbiological dogma that bacteria smaller than 0.2 micrometers cannot exist.

Size does matter, even when discussing the tiniest forms of life. The term "ultramicroscopic" is applied to bacterial cells smaller than 0.3 micrometers. At this size, bacteria are still barely visible as the tiniest of dots discernable with a light microscope. The ordinary light microscope can magnify objects up to 1000X, but objects smaller than 0.25 micrometers cannot be seen. The electron microscope is able to photograph objects at magnifications of 300,000X, or higher.

Nanobacteria are the smallest of living creatures, measuring in the 0.05 to 0.2 micrometer range. (A micrometer is 1/1000 of a millimeter). This makes

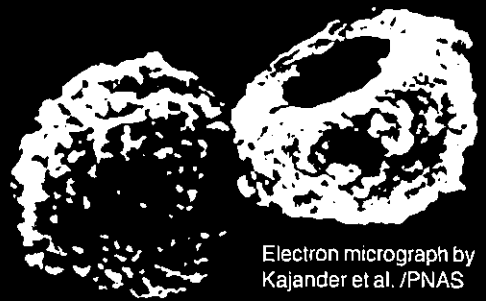
nanobacteria an intermediate life-form between normal bacteria and viruses. Viruses are around 0.01 to 0.02 micrometers in size and cannot be seen with the ordinary light optical microscope.

The size of bacteria, nanobacteria and viruses is exceedingly important to bear in mind because it is connected to more than a century of microscopic study into the germ origin of infectious disease. Furthermore, the "dividing line" between bacteriology and virology has been the customary "filter pore size" of 0.2 micrometers. Microbiologists have always assumed that such a

filter pore will catch all bacteria, and that a fluid running through a 0.2 micrometer filter pore would be bacteria-free.

When geologists photographed 0.1 micrometer "bumps" they passed them off as contamination, never believing that they could be living bacteria.

By the early 1990s these nanobacteria were investigated by a team of biologists in Finland, headed by Olavi Kajander. Since that time nanobacteria have been found in



Electron micrograph by Kajander et al. /PNAS

Shells created by nanobacteria, about 2 micrometers in diameter

kidney stones, dental plaque, the gall bladder, in calcified arteries and heart valves, and in certain skin diseases. Kajander's team also reported nanobacterial forms as small as 0.05 microns in human blood, and have retrieved DNA on particles as small as 0.2 microns. Most disturbing are reports showing nanobacterial contamination of fetal bovine serum used in the production of many viral vaccines. This adds concern to the controversial problem of vaccine-induced illness.

The Origin of Life

Are nanobacteria connected with the origin of life on Earth? Nanobacteria-like "fossils" have been observed in several meteors, such as the Martian meteorite found on

the Antarctic ice shelf in 1984. This meteorite is believed to be 4.5 billion years old, and is thought to have left Mars 16 million years ago. Supporters of nanobacteria research insist these bacteria have implications for how life began on Earth and on other planets like Mars.



An electron micrograph of the "Mars Rock"

NASA, the U.S. space agency, has an Astrobiology Roadmap program, which consists of more than 200 scientists and technologists. Astrobiology addresses three basic questions: How does life begin and evolve? Does life exist elsewhere in the universe? What is the future of life on Earth and beyond? According to NASA's program, there are revolutionary changes going on in the world of microbiology:

Our ongoing exploration has led to continued discoveries of life in environments that have been previously considered uninhabitable. For example, we find thriving communities (of microbes) in the boiling hot springs of Yellowstone, the frozen deserts of Antarctica, the concentrated sulfuric acid in acid-mine drainages, and the ionizing radiation fields in nuclear reactors. We find some microbes that grow in the deepest parts of the ocean and require 5000 to 1000 bars of hydrostatic pressure. Life has evolved strategies that allow it to survive even beyond the daunting physical and chemical limits to which it has adapted to grow. To survive, organisms can assume forms that enable them to withstand freezing, complete desiccation, starvation, high levels of radiation exposure, and other physical and chemical challenges.

In addition, astrobiologists tell us that huge amounts of bacteria and possibly viruses are contained in Earth's upper atmosphere. It is estimated that a ton of these organisms arrive on Earth every day.

Quorum Sensing & Communication Between Bacteria

Scientists have learned that bacteria can communicate with each other. When enough microbes gather to form a "quorum," they release a hormone (a phenomone) which allows them to "talk" to one another and plan strategies, and even make some genetic changes to allow survival. Not only do similar bacteria talk to each other, they also talk between species.

Barbara Bassler, a molecular biologist at Princeton, is a leading pioneer in quorum sensing. Writing about her work for *Wired* magazine (April 2003), Steve Silberman says that "communicating microbes are able to collectively track changes in their environment, conspire with other species, build mutually beneficial alliances with other types of bacteria, gain advantages over competitors, and communicate with their hosts, the sort of collective strategizing typically ascribed to bees, ants, and people, not to bacteria."

Quorum sensing has profound implications in the war against disease, particularly now that so many bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics. According to Silberman, "Bassler's research points to new ways of fighting disease that will aim not to kill but to scramble data in the bacterial network. One approach would be to block the receptors that receive the molecular signals so that cells never become virulent, another would target the DNA-replication mechanisms set in motion inside cells when the signals are received."

Viruses, Bacteria, & the Beginnings of Life

Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*, published in 1859, is the book that gave rise to modern biology, as well as to the scientific and religious controversies that continue to this day. People were incensed to be told that humans arose from monkeys and apes. Now some scientists think we developed side-by-side along with bacteria.

Every human, plant and animal cell has genetic material inside a nucleus. Surrounding the nucleus is a jelly-like cytoplasm which contains the "mitochondria," which are considered to be tiny chemical factories that process the nutrients that provide energy to the cell.

Evolutionary biologist, Lynn Margulis, of the University of Massachusetts believes the ancestors of all life are the bacteria, which fused into higher forms of life. Margulis follows in the footsteps of American biologist, Ivan Wallin, who in 1927 first claimed that mitochondria



Lynn Margulis



originated as free-living bacteria. Wallin thought ancient bacteria and their host cells evolved together to establish an inseparable symbiotic partnership. He even claimed to have removed mitochondria from cells and to grow them. Needless to say, Wallin's ideas were ridiculed and almost universally rejected.

Margulis further theorizes that the origin of the mitochondria in our cells is derived from separate organisms that long-ago moved into other cells and entered a symbiotic (co-dependant) relationship with multi-cellular forms of life. Remarkably, the DNA in the mitochondria is totally different than the DNA in the rest of the cell, which lends support to this idea.

Margulis subscribes to the vision that the Earth, as a whole, is a living being. In *What is Life?* (1995), co-written with (her son) Dorion Sagan, she maintains that all life is bacteria, or descends from bacteria. As such, bacteria are closer to immortality than animals with bodies. Bacteria account for the vast majority of life forms on Earth, and are essential to maintain the conditions for life on the planet. They are the smallest living cells that can replicate without a nucleus, and are indeed the building-blocks of life. In comparison, the fertilized human egg is about 150-200 micrometers in size: about the size of a grain of sand and barely visible with the naked eye.

What can microbes tell us about our origin and our destinies? Could we be immortal like our one-celled ancestors?

Creating "life" in the laboratory

What is the lowest form of life? Can life be created from non-life? Some scientists believe viruses are the lowest form of life. We are told viruses need to penetrate a cell and use the cell's genes to survive. In the process, disease can be produced, but are viruses "alive" or "dead"? Scientists can't agree on the answer.

In 1991 Eckard Wimmer and associates created a polio virus in a test tube. They extracted a soup of proteins from human cells and added genetic material from a polio virus. After a few hours, assembled polio viruses appeared in the mix. According to a *New York Times* report (Dec 13, 1991), Wimmer was asked whether the product in the test tube was living or nonliving. Some consider viruses to be simple living organisms, others consider viruses to be very complicated chemicals, was his reply, adding that, "when it hits the cell it is very much alive. Some argue that one attribute of life is that it can reproduce itself. Well, that is what viruses do when they get into the cells. The debate on whether viruses are alive has been going on since they were discovered 100 years ago."

Although the cause of most cancers remains a mystery, research over the past half-century has focused on cancer viruses as a probable cause. With research focused on viruses it would seem ludicrous to ask, Can bacteria cause cancer?

The mere thought of bacteria causing cancer drives most cancer experts up the wall! However, with the recent interest in nanobacteria and their discovery in the blood and in various diseases of unknown origin, the question should not be so easily dismissed. Furthermore, in the past decade physicians have come to accept the fact that stomach ulcers can be produced by bacteria (*Helicobacter pylori*), and that some ulcers eventually lead to stomach cancer. For many decades, it was dogma that bacteria could not live in the acid environment of the stomach. Furthermore, pathologists could never see or detect bacteria in the stomach lining around ulcers.

With the discovery of helicobacteria and special staining techniques, doctors can now demonstrate bacteria in many ulcers. Interestingly, microbiologists and pathologists were unable to "see" microbes, which became clearly visible once it was accepted that microbes might be present. As Robert Folk says, "You see what you are looking for and what you have faith in."

Cancer, New Life, & Reich's "T-Bacilli"

Although the origin and cause of cancer is mysterious, there is no doubt that cancer is the body's futile and often fatal attempt to create new life and new growth. This is why cancer is so intimately connected with theories about the origin of life.

One the most controversial physicians of the last century was Wilhelm Reich (1897-1957), a psychiatrist and cancer researcher who claimed to discover "orgone energy," an energy that pervades the world and is intimately connected with our physical and mental well-being. In *The Cancer Biopathy* (1948), Reich wrote that cancer is a systemic disease caused by emotional despair and resignation. Reich also theorized that cancer was caused by the chronic thwarting of natural sexual functioning. These were just a few of his highly unorthodox beliefs based on many observations and experiments.

Reich also uncovered infectious "T-bacilli" (bacteria) in cancer, which had resulted from the degeneration of cancerous tissue. In his view, these bacteria formed a bridge between the living and the non-living. The T-bacilli were present in the blood and tissue before the cancer tumor developed, and these microbes were intimately connected to "bions" and the loss of biological energy. Reich's heretical bions were



Wilhelm Reich

All cancer
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the carriers of biological energy, and the staphylococcus and streptococcus germs he connected to cancer were formed from the degeneration of the bions.

Just as there is no clear dividing line between life and non-life, there is no clear boundary between healthy and diseased individuals. Reich claimed the cancer cell developed as the body's attempt to resist the build-up of the T-bacilli in energy-depleted tissue. He wrote, "The first step in the development of the cancer tumor is not the cancer cell... it is the appearance of T-bacilli in the tissue

or in the blood." But T-bacilli were not only found in cancer; they were also present in the blood and tissues of both healthy and sick, non-cancerous individuals. However, sick and cancerous patients showed a larger number of these forms, and Reich developed a blood test to show this.

T-bacilli bacteria were always found where there is degeneration of protein and, in that respect, Reich wrote: "All humans have cancer."

According to Reich, the orgone energy of the body determined the resistance of the body to these microbes. As long as the tissues and blood are "organotically strong, every T-bacillus will be destroyed and eliminated before it can propagate, accumulate, and cause damage," wrote Reich. Because cancer germs were present in healthy people, Reich knew this would be a very difficult concept for physicians to consider and accept.

Reich wanted scientists to look at science in a new way and to try and see it from the point of view of "energetic functionalism." In *The Cancer Biopathy*, he wrote:

The bacteriologist, for instance, sees the staphylococcus as a static formation, spherical or oval in shape, about 0.8 micron in size, reacting with a bluish coloration to Gram stain, and arranged

in clusters. These characteristics are important for orgone biophysics, but are not the essentials. The name itself says nothing about the origin, function, and position of the blue coccus in nature. What the bacteriologists call 'staphylococcus' is, for orgone physics a small energy vesicle in the process of degeneration. Orgone biophysics investigates the origin of the staphylococcus from other forms of life and follows its transformation. It examines the staphylococcus in connection with the processes of the total biological energy of the organism and produces it experimentally through degenerative processes in bions, cells, etc.

Through his scientific experiments with orgone energy, Reich hoped to harness orgone for the treatment of disease and the good of humanity. Needless to say, his entire life's work was considered hogwash, and a scientific inquisition eventually ensued. Branded a menace and a quack, Reich ran afoul of the Federal Drug Administration, which claimed his experimental "orgone accumulator" was being used illegally to treat cancer, and that it was nothing more than a perverted sex box. Refusing to obey a court injunction, Reich was sentenced to prison. His books were burned and his equipment destroyed by FDA agents. He died at the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in March 1957, at the age of 60.

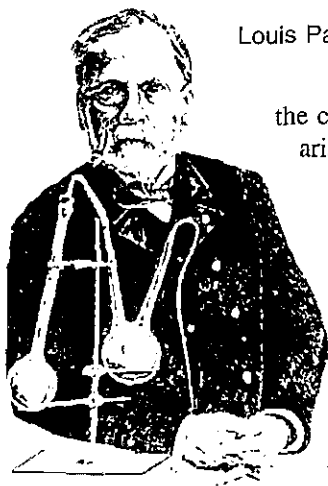
Reich's research into the origin of life, and his belief that the orgone energy contained within the tiniest forms of life could not be destroyed, made him one of the most misunderstood and hated physicians of the 20th century. As we shall discover, there are other heretics in medicine, mostly ignored and forgotten, who also believed that cancer was connected with bacteria of human origin. Like Reich, they claimed that the study of these microbes would not only lead to the infectious cause of cancer, but to the origin of life itself.

Dogma and Heresies in Microbiology

After a century of "modern" medical science, we still don't know the cause of cancer, heart disease, and many other chronic diseases. The reason, in my view, is that medical science refuses to recognize the role that microbes (smaller than bacteria and larger than viruses) play in these diseases. Much of the fault lies in the dogma left over from the 19th century by such scientific icons as Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch, who are revered as fathers of microbiology and bacteriology. At a time when viruses and nanobacteria and astrobiology were unknown and when "the germ theory of disease" was in its infancy, both scientists held rigid views as to what was possible and not possible in biology. Neither Pasteur nor Koch could fathom

Robert Koch





Louis Pasteur

the concept that living organisms might arise from non-living sources.

Pasteur (1822-1895) had no medical training. He was consumed with fermentation experiments and with proving "air germs" were the basis for human disease, although he provided no explanation for the origin of atmospheric germs or how life began on Earth. Koch (1843-1910) discovered the bacteria that caused tuberculosis. He was obsessed with classifying microbes grown in the laboratory into exact species, depending on their size, structure, physical, and chemical properties. He insisted the species that were created were pure and stable, and that microbial species were unable to change back and forth between each other. According to Koch, each species of bacteria produced a separate and distinct disease. Each germ also had to originate from similar "parent" germs, which reproduced by dividing in half by "binary fission."

Not every physician of that era believed all the pronouncements of Pasteur and Koch. A few physician-scientists challenged them because they knew what was often "proven" in laboratory experiments might not always be applicable to what was going on in the human body.

Antoine Bechamp (1816-1908) was a scientific rival of the famous Pasteur. The Frenchman was not only a Doctor of Medicine and Science, but at various times was Profes-

sor of Medical Chemistry and Pharmacology, and Professor of Physics, Toxicology and Biological Chemistry. There is also some evidence that Pasteur plagiarized much of Bechamp's original research. Pasteur, however, is credited in history with saving the French beer, wine and silkworm industries, and with pasteurization and vaccine research. Bechamp, despite his brilliance, was eventually eclipsed by the younger man. The details of the scientific controversy and plagiarism accusations are chronicled in Douglas Hume's book, *Bechamp or Pasteur?: A Lost Chapter in the History of Biology* (1923), remarkably still in print.

Bechamp had his own ideas concerning the origin of life and the germ theory of disease. In animal and plant cells he observed infinitesimal microscopic "granulations" that he considered the incorruptible elements of all life. After many laboratory experiments and microscopic examinations of these granules, the physician-scientist claimed these so-called "microzymas" were capable of developing into common living organisms that today go by the name of bacteria.

In his view, Pasteur's "air germs" had nothing to do with the origin and appearance of these microzymas in tissue. In fact, Bechamp wrote that Pasteur's air germs most likely derived from dying life-forms. Like Folk a century later, Bechamp found barely visible microzymas/bacteria in chalk and limestone that he interpreted as survivor life-forms of past ages. Although all the microzymas looked similar, they varied in their chemical abilities. Each tissue, organ or gland had microzymas that differed from each other.

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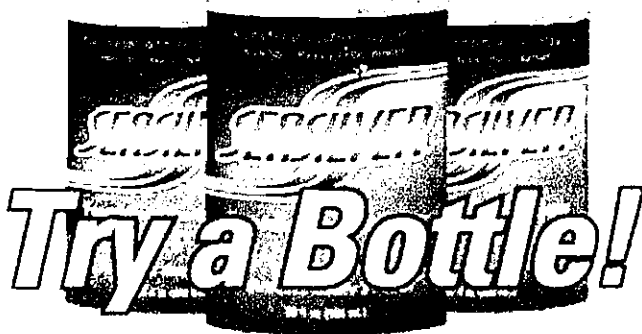
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According to Hume, Bechamp and his colleagues showed these tiny microzymas were, in reality, "organised ferments" with the potential to develop into bacteria. In this development, they passed through certain intermediary stages. Some of these intermediate bacterial stages were regarded by people like Koch as different species, but to Bechamp they were all related and

derived from microzymas. Adding more heresy to Pasteur's dogma, Bechamp wrote that without oxygen, microzymas do not die, but go into a state of rest. Bechamp preached, "Every living being has arisen from the microzymas, and every living being is reducible to the microzymas."

Like Bechamp, Henry Charlton Bastian's (1837-1915) investigations into the origin of life were closely tied into his understanding of the origin of infectious disease. He was also the last of the great scientists to uphold the theory of "spontaneous regeneration," by concluding that life could come from non-life. Like Reich a century later, he argued that microorganisms were produced as by-products of the disease process, not as opportunistic infections, but from degenerating tissue by a process Bastian termed "heterogenesis." In heterogenesis, living organisms can arise without parents from organic starting materials, an idea not in accord with those of Pasteur and Koch.

Bechamp and Bastian's research was also a threat to the followers of Charles Darwin (1809-1882), whose evolutionary theories caused a revolution in science. Like Pasteur, Darwin was not a medical doctor and had no training in human pathology. While doctors like Bechamp and Bastian and others were discovering new forms of life emanating from human diseased tissue and from the bowels of limestone, Pasteur, Koch and the Darwinians simply disregarded all this in favor of their own research and pronouncements.

Bastian paid dearly for his unorthodoxy (and for some well-publicized but failed experiments) and his once-famous name is largely forgotten. Microbiologist and science professor, James Strick, has recently revived interest in Bastian's books and research, and his books on the origin of life. A six-volume set reprinting much of his work has been recently published. Strick is also the author of *Sparks of Life* (2000), which chronicles the famous 19th century scientific and bacteriologic debates over Darwinism and spontaneous generation.

Pleomorphism & the Classification of Bacteria

Koch, famous for his tuberculosis discoveries, was rigid in his belief that a specific germ had only one form (monomorphism). He opposed all research showing that some germs had more than one form (pleomorphism) and complex "life cycles." Thus, from the very beginning of bacteriology there was conflict between the two camps, with the monomorphists dominating microbiology to this day.

In the attempt to "classify" bacteria as the lowest forms of life known at that time, there was no consideration given to any possible connection between the various species of bacteria. The dogma was that a coccus remained a coccus, a rod remained a rod, and there was no interplay between them. There was no "crossing" from one species to another, and the research of the pleomorphists that suggested otherwise was ignored.

When viruses were discovered they were made separate from bacteria, although bacteria are also known to be susceptible to viral infection. Viruses were put in one box and bacteria in another. As a result, the spectacular number of "filterable" pleomorphic microbial forms that form a bridge between the "living" bacteria and the "dead" viruses are still largely unstudied, and are considered of no great importance in clinical medicine. Most doctors simply want to know the name of the microbe, if any, cultured in the lab from their specimens, and what antibiotics the germ is "sensitive" to. Thanks to Pasteur, common "skin" bacteria like cocci and bacilli are often viewed as suspicious "contaminants," "secondary invaders" or "opportunistic infections" of no great importance as etiologic agents.

Koch's postulates became dogma to prove that certain bacteria cause disease, but the postulates did not work very well for viruses. When "filterable" pleomorphic bacteria were shown to cause disease and Koch's postulates were fulfilled, the research was still generally ignored because such germs were not considered "valid" life-forms. As a result of this rigidity, medical thought was turned off to the possibility that cancer was caused by bacteria. However, in the minds of some medical heretics, these century-old scientific beliefs were wrong, wrong, wrong.

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The Cancer Microbe

The Hidden Killer in Cancer, AIDS, and other Immune Diseases

Cancer & the "Cancer Microbe"

As some scientists are finally realizing, there is a large realm of microbial life-forms that lie between "bacteria" and "viruses." It is this relatively uncharted never-never land of

microbiology that lies at the heart of life, disease, cancer, death, regeneration, and perhaps even immortality.

In the life of every researcher there is a person or group of people to whom a great debt is owed. In my scientific life as a practicing dermatologist and clinical researcher, there are four women who are my icons in medical science. I knew them personally as valued friends, and each contributed greatly to my understanding of the greatest mystery of medical science: the origin and cause of cancer.

The combined research of physician Virginia Wuerthele-Caspe Livingston, microbiologist Eleanor Alexander-Jackson, cell cytologist Irene Diller, and chemist Florence Seibert, famous for developing the TB skin test, is a treasure-trove for anyone seeking to learn about "the cancer microbe" and the heretical microbiology of cancer. In my book, *The Cancer Microbe* (1990), I connect this cancer research to Bechamp's and Bastian's discoveries in the 19th century, as well as to Reich's condemned cancer and orgone research.

In 1950, Livingston and Alexander-Jackson, along with John A. Anderson (head of the Department of Bacteriology at Rutgers), James Hillier (head of electron microscopy at the RCA Victor Laboratories at Princeton), Roy Allen (a cell histologist), and Lawrence W. Smith (author of a well-known pathology textbook used in medical colleges), all combined their talents to write a paper entitled "Cultural Properties and Pathogenicity Obtained from Various Proliferative and Neoplastic [cancerous] Diseases," published in the December issue of *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences*. The characteristics of the cancer microbe in blood, tissue and



sized" microbial forms, which grew in time to the size of conventional bacteria. For the next two decades these four women and their colleagues continued publishing details about the microbiology of cancer. Livingston's two books, *Cancer: A New Breakthrough* (1972) and *The Conquest of Cancer* (1984) can be found in used book store searches.

Livingston believed everyone carried cancer microbes in their blood and tissues, and, further, that microbes were essential for life. In 1974, she discovered some cancer-associated bacteria produced an HCG-like hormone, the human choriogonadotropin hormone, which is an essential hormone needed to start life in the womb. She believed the microbe was the germ responsible for aging and death: the microbe was Mother Nature's built-in terminator to force old people off the planet and to make room for new life.

At the time of her death in 1990, Livingston was regarded among the cancer establishment as a quack. Even though her research was published for three decades in reputable medical journals, the American Cancer Society still claims her "cancer microbe" does not exist. An ACS-sponsored internet web page states: "One report on the bacteria Progenitor cryptocides, which Dr. Livingston-Wheeler claimed caused cancer, found that the bacteria does not exist but is actually a mixture of several different types of bacteria which Dr. Livingston-Wheeler labeled as one." Who was the author of the report claiming her microbe did not exist? According to the ACS, the author was "anonymous."

Over the past four decades I have tried to keep this research alive by showing pictures pleomorphic cancer bacteria in human cancer and in certain other diseases of

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culture were described in detail. The extreme pleomorphic nature of the organism was revealed in photos taken with the electron microscope at a magnification of 31,000X.

The cancer microbe (which Livingston later called Progenitor cryptocides) was filterable through a pore designed to hold back bacteria. In the filtrate were "virus-

unknown origin. Some of my photos of cancer microbes are presented on the web site of the on-line *Journal of Independent Medical Research* (www.joimr.org). Abstracts of my medical publications can be found on the National Library of Medicine's "PubMed" web site (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/). Simply type in "A Cantwell + cancer bacteria."

In my research, I have observed germs grown in the lab from cancerous tissue. Frequently they grow as simple round cocci, or as a mixture of cocci and rod-shaped bacilli, and rarely as streptococci. From diseases like scleroderma, I have seen "old" cultures evolve into peculiar and highly pleomorphic fungus-like "actinomycete" organisms, or evolve into bacteria resembling tuberculosis-type bacteria. Not infrequently, expert microbiologists could not agree on what to name these pleomorphic bacteria.

I have seen microbes change from one species to another, depending on what they are fed in the laboratory — staphylococcus germs that turn into rod-forms of corynebacteria

believed to be frequent laboratory "contaminants." Physicians still expect disease-causing bacteria to be of a specific species type and to cause a "specific" disease. Likewise, medical doctors believe each form of cancer is different. The variety of different species of pleomorphic bacteria recovered from various forms of cancer makes physicians highly dubious about a bona fide cancer microbe specific for cancer.

In a series of papers (1970-1979) using the electron microscope and various testing procedures, an Italian team of researchers headed by Guido G. Tedeschi showed that the erythrocytes (red blood cells) and the blood

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and back again to "pure" staphylococcus, depending on the lab media for growth. Most importantly, I have seen these bacteria in specially-stained (acid-fast stain) tissue sections made from cancerous tissue, indicating that these microbes are not contaminants falling out of the air. Decade after decade, all cancer microbe research remains forgotten, ignored and overlooked because physicians cannot conceive of such bacteria as causing cancer.

Milton Wainwright, at the University of Sheffield, UK, is a rare microbiologist who has written about the bacteriology of cancer in the following publications: "Nanobacteria and associated 'elementary bodies' in human disease and cancer" (1999); "The return of the cancer germ"; "Forgotten microbiology: back to the future" (2000); "Highly pleomorphic staphylococci as a cause of cancer" (2000); and "Is this the historical 'cancer germ'?" (2003).

In, *Can Bacteria Cause Cancer?: Alternative Medicine Confronts Big Science* (1997), David J. Hess charts the history of bacteria as etiological agents in cancer. An anthropologist at Rensselaer University, Hess claims this research has not only been forgotten or disregarded, but actively suppressed. Hess cites financial and professional interests, as well as more general cultural factors to help explain the suppression.

Blood Bacteria

The idea that the blood contains bacteria related to cancer has been repeatedly raised by various cancer microbe researchers, but the idea was never taken seriously. Bacteria grown from cancer patients are never considered to be more than inconsequential bacteria like staph, strep and various common bacilli of no etiologic significance, which are

platelets of both normal and diseased patients are cryptically infected with pleomorphic bacteria. Electron-dense "granular bodies" were found within the erythrocytes, and a variety of microbial forms and species were reported as mycoplasma-like and corynebacteria-like L-forms of bacteria, staphylococcus epidermidis, micrococci, cocci, and cocco-bacillary forms. Such microbes are similar to what various cancer microbe researchers have reported over the past century. Some of Tedeschi's microbes were acid-fast, a staining quality characteristic of Livingstone's cancer microbe.

All of this indicates that human blood is definitely not sterile, and should raise suspicion that these tiny blood bacteria could be involved in the production of disease, a conclusion Reich came to a half-century ago. Like Reich, Tedeschi's team suggested the evolution of cocci and diphtheroids taking origin from cell-wall-deficient forms seems not to be related to a particular state of illness, but is the consequence of a generalized crypto-infection.

A study published in the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology* (December 2002), entitled "Are there naturally occurring pleomorphic bacteria in the blood of healthy humans?" by R.W. McLaughlin and associates, confirms the presence of a wide diversity of microorganisms within the blood of healthy people. With new research showing nanobacteria in the blood, it is apparent there is much to learn about the bacteriology of the blood and what it contains normally and in disease.



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As they have done for a century, microbiologists will undoubtedly quibble about what to name these organisms, but what is much more important than a name is to determine what microbes “do,” not in the laboratory, but in the human body. What is the energy force that allows these microbes to exist in harmony with us, and what turns them into killers?

Science, Soul and Spirit

Helena P. Blavatsky (1831-1891) is the controversial founder of Theosophy, a philosophical and spiritual group with a keen interest in the origin of life. In researching this article, I came across her name on a web page connected to Bastian’s 19th century studies on tiny bacteria in limestone. Her ideas about the origin of life are amazingly prophetic in light of current findings of nanobacteria in microbiology and geology. Her idea of a “vital force” seems similar to Reich’s “orgone energy.”

Blavatsky wrote: “Life is not the expression of the organism, but, on the contrary, the organism is the expression of some prior and indestructible vital force. Nothing ever dies. Life’s opposite is not death, but latency. Indeed ... one is compelled to ask whether all humanity, past and future, is not imprisoned in latent form in the rocks and sands of our terrestrial sphere.” In *The Secret Doctrine* (1888), she claims: “Everything that is, was, and will be, eternally IS, even the countless forms, which are finite and perishable only in their objective, not in their ideal Form. They existed as Ideas, in the Eternity, and, when they pass away, will exist as reflections.”

Science has little or nothing to say about spirit, soul and the hereafter, and skeptics are always seeking “proof.” Yet, if a disease like cancer is, indeed, caused by microscopic bacteria, it would indicate that physicians have been unable to see what was quite plain for some 19th and 20th century scientists to observe using simple light microscopy. With powerful electron microscopes there is now little excuse for not “seeing” bacteria. With this in mind, it would behoove scientists, especially cancer experts, to do a little soul-searching (pun intended).

Scientists cannot seem to agree where life begins, so can we trust them completely to know when life ends? If human life continues after death, it must exist largely as energy. Can energy ever be destroyed? Einstein tells us that matter and energy are interconnected but different forms of the same thing. Professor of Mathematical Physics, Frank Tipler, confidently proclaims physics will lead to the immortality of humankind. In his controversial

1994 book, *The Physics of Immortality*, he states “Either theology is pure nonsense, a subject with no content, or else theology must ultimately become a branch of physics ... The goal of physics is understanding the ultimate nature of reality. If God is real, physicists will eventually find Him/Her.”

In *The Bible*, God tells us we came from dust, and to dust we shall return, which is not terribly encouraging for those not confident about an afterlife. However, what if dust contained elements and building blocks that could re-make life over and over again for all eternity? Isn’t Earth basically a big pile of dust? Could this be “God’s little secret” that He wants us to unravel?

What is life if it is not pulsating with cosmic energy? If the tiniest of life forms can exist in meteors millions or billions of years old, and if we are composed and descended from the tiniest forms of life, why can’t we live forever? All we might need is a speck of dust and a little “faith” to ignite that spark of life that would get us going again. **P**

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... and the Merovingian Master Plan

by Tracy Twyman

Within the next few years could possibly be achieved the fulfillment of a millennium's worth of manipulation on the part of Europe's hidden hierarchy in pursuit of what some may call their Merovingian Master Plan to construct a new version of the Holy Roman Empire. This time they may not so easily give up their power.

They intend their new and improved, and vastly more powerful empire, to last a thousand years.

Since the time of Clovis I, the Merovingian kings of France have been the rightful heirs to the senior crown of Europe, the Holy Roman Empire, although that right has not always been recognized.

The title given by Pope Anastasias II to Clovis and his descendants in 496 A.D., when the covenant between the Vatican and the Merovingians first began, was "New Constantine." This title bestowed secular authority over the choicest bits of Christian Europe, as Constantine had once enjoyed. Constantine had been the "13th Apostle," responsible for the incorporation of Christianity into the Roman institution. He was a priest-king, holding spiritual dominion as well as secular dominion, as previous Roman emperors had held. However, when the later Merovingian kings began to exhibit a desire to exercise their own spiritual authority, which rested partially upon the foundation of their blood relationship

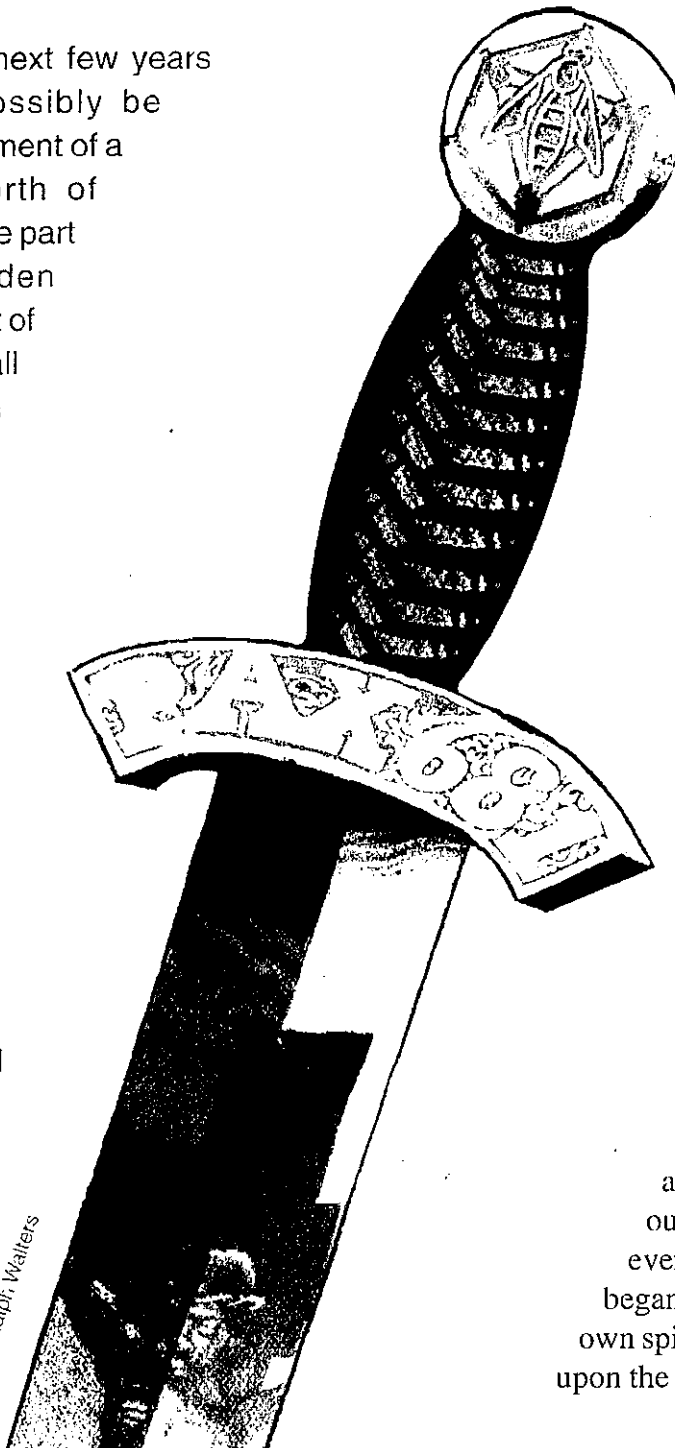


Illustration by Ralph Walters

to Jesus Christ and King David, it sparked a chain of events that culminated in the assassination of Dagobert II, the last Merovingian king, and the loss of the title "New Constantine."

It appears that the Merovingians' right to the title and to European hegemony was rooted in something more ancient than Clovis. They believed, perhaps because of their descent from Christ and King David, they had been entitled to rule over Europe long before it was sanctioned by Pope Anastasias II. This "Divine Right" was recognized by their loyal subjects, who regarded the Merovingians as semi-divine priest-kings and formed a cult worshipping Dagobert II after his death. The Merovingians were not about to give up their rightful inheritance without a fight.

Less than two hundred years later, a man named Charlemagne (Charles the Great), who married a Merovingian princess, was made Holy Roman Emperor and was given dominion over a land mass greater than that of the Merovingians. Thus began the majestic Carolingian dynasty, which consisted, after Charlemagne, of men with partially Merovingian blood. Charlemagne too was considered a priest-king, and is probably the most beloved figure in French history. He carried the Spear of Destiny as his scepter, a holy relic said to be bloodied by the wound of Christ, and said to confer upon its possessor transcendental power over the entire Earth. While he may not have ruled over the entire world in actuality, Charlemagne did have dominion over its most significant portion. For at that time Western Europe was without a doubt the foremost bastion of culture, science, philosophy and morality; a light in the darkness surrounded by "barbarian hordes."

The Carolingian dynasty ended in 918, but the Holy Roman Empire continued to play a decisive role in the unfolding of its destiny. It was during this time that the

Empire began to turn its sights toward the Holy Land. The first Crusade began in 1095, and the entire enterprise was brought about because of the pressure certain Merovingian descendants placed upon Pope Urban II and the nobility of Europe. This resulted in the capture of Jerusalem four years later, and the creation of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem as part of the Holy Roman Empire. The capture was led by Godfroi de Bouillon, a descendant of Dagobert II. His brother, Baldwin I, was proclaimed King of Jerusalem. The Merovingian descendants appear to have considered the Holy Land their rightful possession due to their direct descent from King David. Jerusalem was in a way their coronation stone, legitimizing their eventual return to the rule of the Holy Roman Empire.

To this goal they immediately dedicated themselves. In 1099, with the help of Baldwin II (son of Baldwin I, who died shortly after the capture of the Holy Land), a group of Knights was formed supposedly to help keep the roads to Jerusalem safe for pilgrims. Its core members

were all from the Merovingian "Grail families," and they soon established their own sort of empire throughout Europe—one based upon the power of money. The Templars were legally beholden to none but the Pope, and even that they took lightly, so any land controlled by them was essentially an independent principality. They held possessions throughout the continent, and controlled major industries, especially that of banking. Soon, they had all the princes of Europe

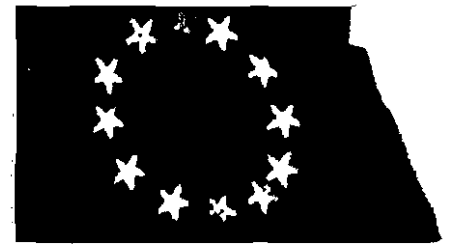
indebted to them. It took Pope Clement V and King Phillip of France in collusion to get them disbanded, excommunicated, and in some cases burnt at the stake, before the Templar "menace" was finally subdued.

Meanwhile, Merovingian descendants were busy reclaiming the throne of the



Flavius Valerius Constantinus
Imperator of Rome

Illustration by Rajon Walters



This is the Official European flag

The flag consists of a circle of twelve gold stars on a blue background that represents a covenant-like solidarity and harmony between the governments of Europe.

The number of stars is not related to the number of Member States in the covenant. There are twelve stars because the number twelve is traditionally the magical symbol of power, perfection, completeness, and unity. The flag remains unchanged regardless of how many governments choose to join the European Union.

History of the flag

The history of the flag dates from 1955, at which time the European Union existed only in the form of the European Coal and Steel Community, with six Member States (later called the Common Market). However, there existed a separate body with a larger membership calling itself the Council of Europe.

The Council of Europe wanted its own symbol and entered into discussions with its rival. As a result of collaboration between these two bodies, the European flag was born. The two then coerced other European institutions to adopt the same flag, until, finally, the European Parliament acquiesced. In 1985, the flag was adopted by all EU heads of state and governments as the official emblem of the European Union.

It is an unusual federation flag in that its symbols do not represent individual member states (as is the case with many other nation's flags, including the fifty stars of the USA's flag). This flag's symbols represent the abstract ideas of magick and its related quest for power.

In 2002 a new flag, one that is far more consistent with the economic principles of the EU, was proposed, but has yet to be adopted.

It looks like this:



See back cover for full color reproductions of the European Union flag and the proposed 2002 barcode-like revision.



Childeric III - The Last of the Merovingians

Holy Roman Empire via another avenue. In 1273, Count Rudolf, of the Merovingian-entwined Habsburg dynasty (later Habsburg-Lorraine), was elected Holy Roman Emperor. The title stayed in the family until the Empire collapsed in 1806. Interestingly, the Empire was ended by Napoleon, who was married to a Merovingian princess. Napoleon had attempted to associate himself with the Merovingian mystique by placing golden bees from the tomb

of Merovingian King, Childeric III, on his coronation robe. Although he wasn't of royal blood himself, he was recognized as an emperor, and ruled over a pan-European empire much like the one he had just crushed. The Habsburgs remained the emperors of Austria, and then Austro-Hungary, until the revolution of 1919, making them the longest reigning European dynasty in history. Their role in European politics wasn't over by a long shot.

The Priory of Sion

Sixty-seven years from the end of the Holy Roman Empire, the Merovingian Grail families began jockeying once again for control of Europe. The Knights Templar had been the brainchild of another secret society, the Priory of Sion, an order dedicated to the restoration of the Merovingian bloodline to the thrones of Europe. In 1873, they sponsored the creation of another front organization, the Hieron du Val d'Or, which contains an anagram of the place-name "Orval," a location important to the Merovingians and the Priory of Sion. In French, the word "Val d'Or" means "Valley of Gold."

In his 1979 book *Le Tresor du Triangle d'Or (The Treasure of the Golden Triangle)*, Jean-Luc Chameil states that the Hieron practiced a version of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, and that the upper degrees of this order constituted the lower degrees of the Priory of Sion. Chameil described the group's disposition as "Christian, Hermetic, and aristocratic." They proclaimed themselves to be Catholic, even though the Church of Rome condemned them. Their mystic teachings contained, according to *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, "a characteristic emphasis on sacred geometry and various sacred sites ... an insistence on a mystical or Gnostic truth underlying mythological motifs," and "a preoccupation with the origins of men, races, languages, and symbols." The order was, "simultaneously Christian and 'trans-Christian.'" It stressed the importance of the Sacred Heart ... sought to recognize Christian and pagan mysteries [and] ... Ascribed special significance to Druidic thought, which it ... regarded as partially Pythagorean."

The Hieron du Val d'Or was also unabashedly pro-monarchist, and sought a restoration of the Holy Roman Empire. This one, unlike the previous one,

would be built on an ultimately spiritual basis, a vision specifically echoed in the Priory of Sion's own literature. The new empire would have been a reflection of Heaven on Earth, a specifically Hermetic Arcadian ideal. Jean-Luc Chameil described the Hieron's agenda as:

... a theocracy wherein nations would be no more than provinces, their leaders but proconsuls in the service of a world occult government consisting of an elite. For Europe, this regime of the Great King implied a double hegemony of the Papacy and the Empire, of the Vatican and of the Habsburgs, who would have been the Vatican's right arm.

The authors of *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* were quick to point out that this envisioned scenario accords with the Nostradamus prophecy about the "Great King" who would issue from the House of Lorraine, since the Habsburgs were the House of Lorraine. This vision accords with that shared by numerous cultures throughout the world and throughout history who have embraced the myth of the King of the World, a legendary quasi-divine global monarch. It is said by those who believe in him that he currently lives in the center of the Earth, psychically directing the affairs of mankind, and will incarnate in human form at the end of our current epoch to rule earth directly. It further accords with the "King of the Blood of Sion" image discussed in the infamous *Protocols of Zion*, which, as *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* hypothesizes, may well have been the minutes of a meeting of the Priory of Sion, as it describes a plot by the descendants of King David to take over the world.

The events surrounding World War I toppled the Western monarchies, and for the first half of this century Europe was in total chaos. It seemed impossible for current events to be any more out of sync with the goals of the Merovingian bloodline. The chaos worked to their advantage because it created the need for order. At the close of the First World War, people began to theorize that a United Europe would make it impossible for member countries to go to war with each other in the future. The pitch became even more fevered during and after the Second World War, as people began to realize the true danger of the U.S.S.R. and the need for a European power bloc to balance the ratio of world power against the Communists. Even though most of Europe was appreciative towards the U.S. for freeing them from Hitler, they knew the U.S. now held more influence than any one European power could stand up to in a conflict. A United Europe would create a balance, and stand as a bulwark against both Communist imperialism and bourgeoisie American culture. Not surprisingly, it was the royal families of Europe, particularly the Grail families, who campaigned for a United Europe, often working through the apparatus of the Priory of Sion and other groups.



Jean Cocteau

Vaincre & the United States of the West

During World War II, the Priory was led by the poet and artist Jean Cocteau, who held the post of Grand Master from 1918 until 1963. However, another organization operated under the umbrella of the Priory of Sion. Alpha Galates was led by M. Pierre Plantard, who claimed to be a direct descendant of Dagobert II, and who would one day become the Grand Master of the Priory of Sion itself.¹ Alpha Galates was largely concerned with politics, both of France and Europe. They published a journal called *Vaincre* (Victory). Pierre Plantard has claimed that *Vaincre* was a "Resistance" journal (although on the surface it doesn't appear to be) and, indeed, European unity was a popular tenet amongst the Resistance. According to *Vaincre*, the mission of Alpha Galates, as described in *The Messianic Legacy*, included:

1. The unity of France within her geographic frontiers and the abolition of the line of demarcation between German-occupied zones and those under Vichy control;
2. The mobilization of all French energy and resources for the defense of the nation and, particularly, an appeal to the young for obligatory service;
3. The creation of a 'new western order,' a 'young European chivalry' whose keynote was to be 'Solidarity.' Within each European nation, this organization, known as Solidarity, was to represent 'the first stage of the United States of the West.'

The idea of the "United States of the West" is one of the predominant themes throughout *Vaincre*, and is illustrated by a drawing that ran in the first issue. This drawing depicts a mounted knight riding down a road upon which is written "The United States of the West," situated in between areas labeled "Brittany" and "Bavaria." A rising sun marked with the sign of Aquarius and "1946" indicates the birth of the United States of the West would be the dawn of a new age.

For Alpha Galates, this was not merely a dream. It was a plan. Louis le Fur, a member of Alpha Galates, later founded a group called Energie, which included Robert Schuman, another man who wished for a United States of Europe. Schuman later became an instrumental figure in the drafting of the plans for the European Economic Community (EEC). As the French Foreign Minister, it was his "Schuman Declaration," made on May 9, 1950, that resulted in the formation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), which combined the coal and steel production of several European countries under the same authority. This constituted the real beginning of the European Union, and May 9 is now celebrated as "Schuman Day" in Europe.

Link Between German & French Resistance

Not only were the men of Alpha Galates and the French Resistance dreaming of a United Europe, but the dream was alive in Germany with Hitler and his advocates (who clearly wanted to "unite Europe" in a wholly different way) and with the German Resistance. The German Resistance was largely centered around an aristocrat named Claus von Stauffenberg, a nobleman and monarchist with a large following of acolytes called the Kreisau Circle. Stauffenberg was responsible for the famous "Bomb Plot," the attempt to assassinate Hitler on July 20, 1944, now celebrated as Europe's Stauffenberg Day.

Among his circle were his cousins, Count Helmut James von Moltke and Hans Adolf von Moltke, the latter of whom was apparently a member of Alpha Galates. In an article from *Vaincre*, in which it is announced that Pierre Plantard had been elected Grand Master of the Alpha, Hans Adolf von Moltke, who is described as "a great German, one of the Masters in our Order," is quoted as stating:

I have the pleasure to say, before my departure for Spain, that our Order has at last found a chief worthy of it in the person of Pierre de France. It is therefore with total confidence that I depart to perform my mission; for while not deluding myself about the perils I run in discharging my duty, I know that until my last breath my watchword will consist of recognition of Alpha Galates and fidelity to its chief.

Von Moltke had been the German ambassador to both Poland and Britain, and had just been appointed Ambassador to Spain. His cousin Helmut James von Moltke had been attempting to circumvent Hitler by negotiating a peace deal with the Allies through associates in Sweden. It is likely that Hans Adolf von Moltke was on a similar mission in Spain. Von Moltke died in Spain later that year, and although the Allies won the war, the peace that followed was not at all what the Kreisau Circle had in mind. Had they been successful in negotiating

The Grail families control Europe, but do so almost with the permission of the Vatican, the other great power that secretly manipulates European politics.

their peace deal. Europe may well have turned out differently.

The link between the Kreisau Circle and Alpha Galates represents the first definitive link between the French and German Resistance movements yet known. Furthermore, the relationship between the two groups seems not to have begun until 1942, the same year that *Vaincre* began publishing. Like the members of Alpha Galates, the Kreisau Circle became involved in the planning of the EEC through their associates in the Swiss branch of the British Foreign Office, and through Allen Dulles, then head of the Swiss station of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), which later became the CIA, with Dulles at the head.

After the war, Pierre Plantard apparently gained high rank within the Priory of Sion itself, and began editing its official journal called *C.I.R.C.U.I.T.*, which stood for "Chevalerie d'Institutions et Règles Catholiques d'Union Indépendente et Traditionaliste" ("Chivalry of Catholic Rules and Institutions of the Independents and Traditionalist Union"). It is very similar in style and content to that of *Vaincre*. However, with regard to the politics of state, *C.I.R.C.U.I.T.* did not confine itself to mere statements of

opinion, but rather predicted what they believed would inevitably occur. They argued for the abolition of the French system which carved the country's geography into departments, and laid out their own blueprint for the restructuring of the French government into nine sections: "Council of the Provinces; Council of State; Parliamentary Council; Taxes, Work, and Production; Medical; National Education; Age of Majority; and Housing and Schools." In another article, Plantard describes plans for the restructuring of the entire world,

including, "the creation of a Confederation of Lands becomes a Confederation of States: the United States of Euro-Africa, which represented an African and European community of exchange based on a common market and the circulation of wealth in order to serve the well-being of all, this being the sole stable foundation on which peace can be constructed."

CIA, Vatican and Priory of Sion

The formation of a United States of Europe appears to have been one of the most consistently-stated goals of the Priory of Sion and those associated with it during the 20th century. According to *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, "The Prieuré de Sion [sought] a United States of Europe partly as a bulwark against the Soviet imperium ... a self-contained and neutral power bloc capable of holding the balance of power between the Soviet Union and the United States." The idea of

a united Europe was also popular amongst the French Resistance, espoused by people such as the national literary hero of the French, André Malraux, who advocated a "European New Deal" allied against the U.S.S.R. In 1942, Winston Churchill is quoted as saying, "I trust that the European family may act united as one under a Council of Europe. I look forward to a United States of Europe." Organizations such as Pan Europa, founded by Count Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi, began to pop up in the 1940s. Pan Europa included Jean Cocteau's friend and fellow poet, Paul Valéry, and is currently directed by Otto von Habsburg. They employ a Celtic cross as their insignia.

Other groups that were interested in seeing European unity were the Western intelligence agencies, especially British and American intelligence, which sought to build a pro-European network amongst militant Catholic and right-wing political groups. When the OSS, precursor of the CIA, was under the control of William Donovan, they had attempted to infiltrate the Vatican and put priests in top positions on their payroll. They made use of Father Felix Morlion, founder of Pro Deo (For God), a European Catholic intelligence agency, which the OSS funded and installed first in New York and then in the Vatican itself. They also made use of the Society of Jesuits, which had been involved in Catholic espionage for years.

In 1948, the same year that the Congress of Europe met at the Hague, the OSS became the CIA. Immediately, the CIA began funding European political parties, particularly the Christian Democrats, in an attempt to manipulate European governments and pull them to the right. The following year, the American Committee on a United Europe (ACUE) was formed, and William Donovan was made its chairman. Allen Dulles, former head of the OSS in Switzerland, friend of the Von Moltke cousins and future head of the CIA, was Vice-President of the committee. The Director of the Council on Foreign Relations, and the future coordinator of the Trilateral Commission, George S. Franklin, was the Secretary of the committee. Another CIA employee, Thomas Braden, was their Executive Director. Because of these men, the U.S. State Department decided to fund the European Movement. In May 1954, Joseph Retinger collaborated with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and others to create the globalist think tank, the Bilderberg Group.

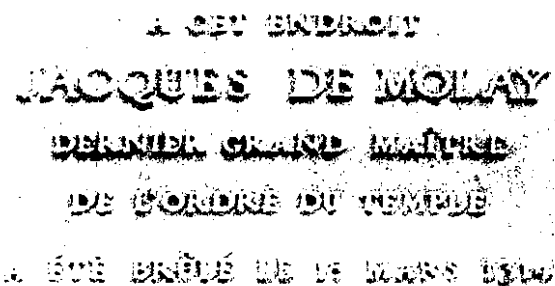
Meanwhile, the CIA busied itself funding pro-Catholic and anti-Communist organizations and newspapers all over Europe. A major recipient was Italy's Christian Democrat party, which was started by the father of Pope Paul VI, who was also on their payroll. Since World War II, he had been a spy and liaison for the OSS, and later the CIA. It has been said that Pope John Paul II began receiving weekly briefings from the CIA in 1978.

P2 and the Vatican

During the 1960s, the CIA began distributing funds to its favored groups through the Vatican's own bank. This was done with the help of a shadowy, pro-Catholic, anti-Communist Masonic order known as "P2," which allegedly had lodges in Italy, France, Portugal, Switzerland, the United States, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, and Venezuela. As David Yallop writes in *In God's Name*, "It



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[interlocked] with a number of the military regimes of Latin America, and with a variety of groups of neo-Fascists. It also [interlocked] very closely with the CIA. It [reached] right into the heart of the Vatican. The central common interest of all these elements [was] apparently a hatred and fear of Communism.”

All of this came out in the Italian press, in 1981, when a massive banking scandal broke involving the official Vatican bank, Banco Ambrosiano, and P2. The main figures implicated were P2 member, Michael Sindona (a high ranking official in the bank and P2’s financier), and the lodge’s Grand Master, Licio Gelli, a man with far-right viewpoints. After the scandal broke, Gelli was found hanging from the Blackfriar’s Bridge in London in 1982, in a manner consistent with Masonic ritual. The P2 scandal also led to the murder of an Italian investigator, Giorgio Ambrosoli, and later to the murder of the chief suspect in the first two murders. It is claimed that P2 is under the direction of an even more powerful organization, which one former member, Mino Pecorelli, named as the CIA. Pecorelli was murdered after making this acknowledgement. But there is another possibility. Supposedly, “P2” stands for “Propaganda Due,” the meaning of which is not elaborated. However, it has also been suggested that “P2” simply means “Priory 2,” and that it is a break-off group of the Priory of Sion.

Sovereign & Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

When the P2 scandal broke in 1981 and Licio Gelli’s property was raided, they discovered links between P2 and the Vatican. These included a Vatican intelligence agency called “Opus Dei,” which controls Vatican Radio, and another group that claims descent from the Knights Templar: the Sovereign and Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. This order, which dates back at least to 1804, is claimed to have been created by the Templars’ last Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, who purportedly drew up a charter prior to his execution naming a successor. They are a genuine continuation, they say, of the original order, and they now dedicate themselves to “antiquarian interests.” However, when the authors of *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* met with one of their representatives in 1982, and did some research on their own, a much more complicated picture emerged.

The representative told them they had just undergone a schism in which members of their group broke away to form their own, headquartered in Switzerland. Another spinoff, the “Grand Prieuré de Suisse,” made its headquarters in the Swiss city of Sion, led by a man named Anton Zapelli. This organization included members who belonged to the Grand Suisse Loge (Swiss Lodge) Alpina, and Zapelli had been named by one of the informants interviewed for *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* as being, “The real power behind the Prieuré de Sion.” In their subsequent research, the authors came across internal documents from the Grand Prieuré de Suisse dealing with two

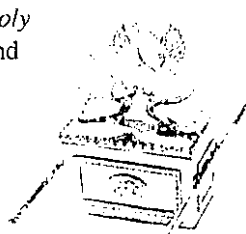
themes: international banking and European unification, specifically, “the role of modern

Templars in the reunification of Europe.” Could it be that the “Gnomes of Zurich” and the powerful men and women throughout Europe, who have influenced the formation of the European Union, were in fact “modern Templars”—members of chivalrous and traditionalist secret societies dedicated to furthering the political goals of the Grail families? That certainly appears to be the case.

Pierre Plantard admitted as much in his last interview with the authors of *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* (conducted just after he had withdrawn from the Priory of Sion). In this meeting, Pierre Plantard expanded upon the Priory of Sion’s political goals for the immediate future. He remarked, according to *The Messianic Legacy*, that “Mitterand ... had been a necessary stepping stone,” but, “had served his purpose, and was expendable. The time had come to move on, and nothing could now stop ‘it’ from doing so.” He said that for some of the Priory’s members, their ultimate aim was a United States of Europe, to balance the power exercised by the Soviet Union and the United States. They also desired a larger “common market” of the Occident, which would include both Europe and the United States.

Regarding the involvement of the Vatican in this grand plan, Plantard said that Rome was “cooperating” in accordance with their “ongoing policy” on such matters, “to which individual popes were bound.” Without elaborating, he admitted that, “Certain concessions had been necessary in return, but they were essentially nominal.” The Grail families, according to Plantard, ultimately control Europe, but with the permission of the Vatican, the other great power that secretly manipulates European politics. It is a sort of symbiotic relationship built not so much on mutual respect but on the recognition on the part of each that neither party could hope to hold power for very long without the acquiescence of the other. In this way, the situation is much the same as it was during the days of the Holy Roman Empire.

When the European Union officially began in 1950 as the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), it was a purely economic confederation built for the purpose of helping Europe recover from the war and fend off the growing Communist threat. Today, the European Union is a swiftly coalescing superstate, with a common currency, central bank, parliament, judiciary, police force, and international laws that in many cases overrule member states. Plans are in place to create a standing European army, navy and air force meant to phase out European reliance on NATO and the UN. They even have a common flag and a transnational anthem, Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy.”





The European Union consists of fifteen member countries and is looking to acquire ten more on May 1, 2004 (the pagan holiday of Beltane). It will then contain more than a half billion people. The European Union constitutes a power equal in magnitude to the United States. The Communist bloc, which the EU was partially conceived to combat, has been destroyed. Indeed, the trend toward transnational superstates is growing: Otto von Habsburg stated in a recent interview that, "NAFTA will also develop into such an organization [like the EU]. Then we can gradually come to what will be a global ... organization."

The Scarlet Woman

There are those, such as J.R. Church (host of the "Prophecy in the News" television program) and the late Herbert W. Armstrong (of the Worldwide Church of God) who have seen in the European Union a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, the kingdom of the Antichrist described in The Revelation of St. John the Divine. In this book, the woman who gives birth to the Antichrist is described as "a woman clothed with the Sun, and the Moon under her feet,

Revelation of St. John the Divine when it talks about the Scarlet Woman, "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters ... with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication"?

The cup held by the Scarlet Woman is reminiscent of the Grail, symbolized as a holy vessel. The Catholic Church has personified this image of the scarlet woman in the form of St. Mary Magdalene, the reformed whore of the New Testament who became Christ's closest disciple (and, according to apocryphal literature, also his wife). The Grail families worship Mary Magdalene as a personification of the Venus/Ishtar love goddess archetype, and she is often depicted holding a vase "full of healing balm," which is said by esotericists to symbolize the Grail.

Another notable feature of the Scarlet Woman is the Beast upon which she rides. St. John the Divine states, "The seven heads [of the Beast] are the seven mountains on which the woman sitteth." (Rev. 17:9) Rome was built upon seven hills, so this statement may indicate the Catholic Church of Rome, a revised version of the old Babylonian priesthood

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and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rev. 12) When one reads this, it is impossible not to think of the flag of the European Union, consisting of twelve stars on a blue field, supposedly because "12 is the number of perfection," according to the European Union's official website (<http://europa.eu.int/>). (This is the same flag proposed in *Vaincre* for the United States of Europe.) Furthermore, the description of the woman in Revelation 12 accords precisely with that of the Babylonian mother goddess, Ishtar, the "Queen of Heaven," who also stands upon the Moon, clothed with the Sun, with a crown of twelve stars around her head.

This image was later adapted by the Catholic Church into their image of the Virgin Mary, also called by them the "Queen of Heaven." Indeed, Pope John Paul II has officially declared the Virgin Mary to be the patron deity of the European Union. Also, the 20-pence coin of the British colony Gibraltar once bore the image of the Virgin Mary crowned with the twelve stars and labeled both "Queen of Heaven" and "Our Lady of Europa." Ishtar was the Babylonian love goddess, worshipped as a divine whore with the sacred rite of temple prostitution. Can there be any doubt, then, that this is the same goddess discussed later in The

(with the old gods disguised as Christ, Mary and the saints). Rev. 17:12 states: "the ten horns ... are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the Beast." Could these be the crown heads of Europe, who will one day rule over ten forthcoming kingdoms in a newly-revised Holy Roman Empire? Herbert W. Armstrong certainly thought so. He believed (in accordance with our own research) that the royal houses of Europe were made up of the descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel, and that they were destined to establish the kingdom of the Antichrist, exactly as these tribes had been prophesized to do in the Bible.

The image of a woman riding a beast is in itself symbolic of Europe. An ancient Greek myth relates how the goddess Europa (after whom the continent of Europe was named) was kidnapped and raped by the great god Zeus in the form of a bull. He came to her from out of the sea, and carried her off beneath the waves. I have identified this story (in *Dagobert's Revenge* Vol 4. #1) with the myth of the Quinotaur, or sea bull, whose rape of a Visigothic princess led to the birth of Meroveus, the founder of the Merovingian dynasty. Of course, the Merovingians went on to provide Europe with the



royal families who ruled over the Holy Roman Empire, now currently being resurrected in the form of the European Union.

Indeed, the image of Europa riding the bull is used on numerous official European Union documents, including currency, and can be found depicted in motifs and statuary throughout the official European Union buildings in Brussels and Strasbourg.² This has been interpreted by a number of Bible prophecy preachers as a statement by the European Union identifying itself with the Beast of Revelation, yet many of these people are ignorant of the Greek myth of Europa. It is clear that the man who called himself St. John the Divine certainly was not ignorant of the Greek myth. He saw that the Roman Empire was destined to dominate the world, and he specifically chose to depict it this way.

Templars of the Apocalypse

The Priory of Sion also appears to see in the United States of Europe an apocalyptic scenario, although they declare themselves to be working for the establishment of Christ's kingdom on Earth. Priory of

Europe's union can a genuine state of peace and security, a true "Pax Europa," be achieved in the West, a peace that will spread throughout the entire world if maintained. In a globe such as ours today, external threats to the Western order need to be met with common immigration policies, travel restrictions, defense policies, and health and safety codes. Even more so, those who attempt to destroy our culture need to be met by a West that is healthy, strong and proud; one which acknowledges its common heritage and cherishes its traditions.

The threat that faces us today is ultimately spiritual in nature, and therefore our unity must be ultimately spiritual, not merely materialistic and political, which is what the European Union appears at present to be. In *Men Amongst the Ruins*, Julius Evola, wrote of this concept that, "the principle of the Empire can have ... dignity only by transcending the political sphere in the strict sense, founding and legitimizing itself with an idea, a tradition and a power that is spiritual." Francis Parker Yockey expressed a similar point of view in *Imperium*, writing: "the nature of the unity of [Western] culture is purely spiritual in its origin. The

throughout Europe is the only sort that would be accepted would be considered a despot with no mandate to rule.

Sion member Paul le Cour wrote in his book *The Age of Aquarius* (1949, translated by Peter O'Reilly): "Let us try to understand what our mission consists of. Let us try to fulfill it by preparing knights of the Apocalypse whose head will be Christ when he returns!" A one-time spokesman for the Priory, Jean-Luc Chaumeil, wrote a book about the Priory called *Templars of the Apocalypse*. One can certainly see their point of view. For one thing, the kings of a future European empire would be blood descendants of Christ, David, and the patriarchs of the Bible, quite fitting for the administrators of God's kingdom. If a strong European empire actually managed to fend off the Barbarian hordes of the Third World to become the dominant cultural force on the globe, it would indeed seem like Heaven on Earth.

This may be the most convincing argument in favor of a strong European Union: the need for Western civilization, exemplified by Europe, to defend itself against its enemies, especially Islamic fanatics, the same enemy the Holy Roman Empire faced during the time of the Crusades. Today we face a threat that, if not met, could end in the destruction of our culture and the ultimate extinction of our people. This can be done only by presenting a unified front. Only through

material unity that follows is the unfolding precedent of the inner, spiritual unity." Pope John Paul II appeared to be making the same argument during a speech he gave to the Italian legislature in which he said (quoting from *Men Amongst the Ruins*):

[The] common European house [should be built with] the cement of that extraordinary religious, cultural and civic heritage that has made Europe great down the centuries... It is necessary therefore to be on guard against a vision of the continent which considers only its economic and political aspects, or which critically engages in ways of life based on a consumerism that is indifferent to the values of the spirit. If one wants to give durable stability to Europe's new unity, it is necessary to ensure that it rests on those ethical foundations which were once at its base...

It is clear that the heritage which the Pontiff is referring to here is that of the Holy Roman Empire, and of the Catholicism that sustained it.

One thing that will be necessary in order for the Euro-

pean Union to survive will be for European society as a whole to reject the overwhelming degree of anti-Americanism that has long been fashionable for them to embrace. The U.S. has been and will continue to be Europe's greatest ally, a friend in good times and in bad, something they would not do well to reject. As we explained earlier on, the U.S. government was integral to the formation (as well as the funding) of the European Economic Community since the very beginning, and U.S. Presidents have always been outspoken in their support of a united Europe. Furthermore, there is obviously a common cultural bond between Europe and North America that cannot be ignored, which is why the Priory of Sion had advocated a "United States of the West," rather than the more restrictive "United States of Europe." This bond between Europe and America will only become stronger as the common threat to our civilization becomes more grave.

European society must also resist its recurring tendency toward anti-Semitism, once again making a comeback amongst the political left, for whom it is fashionable now to campaign against Israel and maintain belief in Zionist conspiracy theories. Israel, and particularly its capitol of Jerusalem, has been tied to Europe by a spiritual bond since the Crusades. The kings of Europe come from the bloodline of the Jewish kings, and Judeo-Christianity is our predominant religion. There is no straining the Jewishness out of Europe without destroying its culture. Further-

more, Jerusalem was once seen as the jewel of the European empire, and there is evidence to indicate that it will be again one day. Writes Tim Cohen in *Antichrist and a Cup of Tea*: "In September, 1993, [Shimon] Peres signed a secret deal with the Pope John Paul II promising Vatican hegemony over Jerusalem's Old City by the year 2000." Peres' friend Mark Halter, who was apparently in charge of delivering the message to the Pope, was quoted as saying that, "The city will stay the capital of Israel, but will be administered by the Vatican. The city will have an Israeli mayor and a Palestinian mayor, both under orders from the Holy See."

A few years later, Pope John Paul II, barely able to stand, made the difficult journey to Jerusalem to offer a formal reconciliation with the Jewish nation, apologizing for the Vatican's seeming complicity with the Nazis during the Holocaust. On March 11, 2001, Israeli President Moshe Katsav was quoted by the *Bild* newspaper as saying that he

was "firmly in favor of his country joining the European Union." France, Britain, and Germany have also expressed their willingness to admit Israel into the European Union. Perhaps Israel will be known again one day as the "Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem." Let us not forget that Otto von Habsburg still holds the title "King of Jerusalem," and that title will pass to his son Karl upon his death.³

The only thing missing in this vision is a new Clovis, a new Dagobert, a new Charlemagne, what the Priory of Sion refers to as the "Grand Monarch," the new messianic figure who will be a rallying point for the revival of the Empire. However, the appearance of this figurehead will probably not

occur until Europe reverts back to its royal tradition of monarchy. This will inevitably occur in a situation in which a unified Europe decides to embrace its common heritage, for it will soon find that without its royal tradition it has no appreciable heritage.

A European leader from a royal house with established branches all over Europe is the only sort that would be accepted by people from all European countries. Any other leader would be considered a despot with no mandate to rule. Further, whenever a people embrace or re-embrace an established tradition of monarchy, it always makes them stronger. Julius Evola wrote a great deal on this topic, stating, "in the interpretation of the genesis of historical nations, we shouldn't forget what was essentially due to dynasties representing a tradi-

tion, and to the loyalty that was created around them...." Of the sort of government that should lead a united Europe, Evola wrote (in *Men Amongst the Ruins*):

European unity would always be precarious if it leaned on some external factor, like an international parliament lacking a common higher authority ... Only elites of individual European nations could understand one another and coordinate their work, overcoming every particularism and spirit of division, asserting higher interests and motives with their authority. In other times, it was royalty ... who could make the great European policy; they regarded each other almost as members of the same family (which, in part, they were, due to dynastic intermarriages), even when grave conflicts temporarily arose between their peoples.



Pope John Paul II has officially declared the Virgin Mary to be the patron deity of the European Union

Finally, Evola made a suggestion for how a European empire could be achieved:

We could suggest the idea of an order, whose members would act in the various nations, doing what they can to promote an eventual European unity ... A first group should be composed of members of ancient European families that are still 'standing,' and who are valuable not only because of the name they carry, but also because of who they are, because of their personality.

Evola could have hardly predicted any closer what was soon to occur: the creation of a united Europe by the very same royal bloodlines—the Habsburgs and other Merovingian descendants—who had once ruled over it before, and whose dynasties had been crushed not a century earlier in some instances. The goal of those families—a United States of Europe—is almost fully achieved. Even the title they envisioned for this new empire is soon to become a reality.

In November of 2002, the newspapers reported that the Convention on the Future of Europe, led by the former President of France, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, had just drafted a proposed constitution for Europe in which the very first article declares the establishment of a "United States of Europe." **P**

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Endnotes

(1) Pierre Plantard's claim to be descended from Dagobert II was claimed to be unfounded in a 1996 British television documentary, *The History of a Mystery*, using primary evidence of Jean-Luc Chaumeil. Robert Richardson also claims Pierre Plantard is a fraud in his book, *The Priory of Sion Hoax*.

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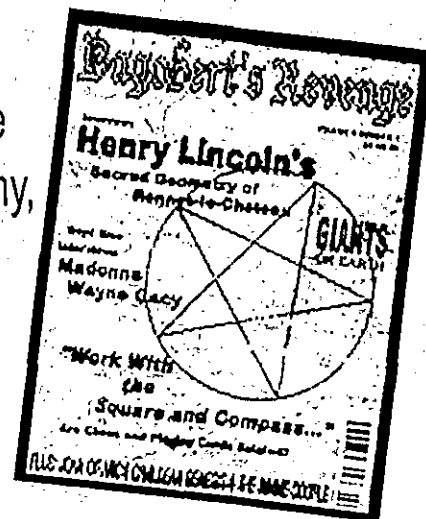
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- Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

Why it Was Time for Saddam

Hidden Economics of the Iraq Wars

by Al Hidell

Despite the denials of the Bush administration, it’s clear that U.S. interest in Iraq has always related to the fact that

Iraq has some 112 billion barrels of proven oil reserves, or about 11 percent of the world’s known remaining oil. Indeed, in the chaotic days after the fall of Saddam Hussein, museums, hospitals, and even nuclear research plants stood undefended from looters while one building was heavily guarded by the U.S. military: the Iraqi Oil Ministry.

The oil motive emerges through a process of elimination. Recall that the threats of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction were the Bush administration’s main justifications for the war. Indeed, as late as September 2003, President Bush declared that there was “no question” the Iraqi ruler had ties to al Qaeda. However, in January 2004, Secretary of State Colin Powell finally admitted there was “no concrete evidence” linking Saddam Hussein with al Qaeda. Nor has any solid evidence emerged linking him to 9/11, despite the blind conviction of many Americans.

In fact, alleged 9/11 “mastermind” (it seems that every al Qaeda figure who is captured becomes the 9/11 mastermind) Khalid Sheikh Mohammed told interrogators that al Qaeda rejected the idea of a working relationship with



Iraq, which they viewed as a corrupt, secular regime. In addition, when Saddam Hussein was captured in December 2003, he was found with a document warning his supporters to be wary of working with foreign Islamic fighters, whom Saddam apparently feared might move to overthrow his secular regime once their common anti-American goals were fulfilled. A January 23, 2004 *Los Angeles Times* article by Greg Miller concludes that while some al Qaeda operatives have found haven in Iraq in the past, "no intelligence has surfaced to suggest a deeper relationship, and other information turned up recently has suggested that any significant ties were unlikely."

As far as weapons of mass destruction are concerned, President Bush assured the nation on March 17, 2003, "Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised." Post-war events have not borne this out. A January 8, 2004 MSNBC report put it bluntly: "Since the U.S. victory in Iraq, U.S. and U.N. teams have been scrubbing the country for the chemical and biological weapons the administration insisted the Baghdad government had been hiding. That effort ... has failed so far to find any such weapons." Indeed, on January 25, 2004, outgoing chief U.S. weapons inspector David Kay told the *New York Times* that after nine months of searching, "I don't think they exist."

That leaves the oil. As professor Michael Klare of Hampshire College reminds us in a January 2004 article for *Foreign Policy in Focus* (www.fpif.org):

When first assuming office in early 2001, President George W. Bush's top foreign policy priority was not to prevent terrorism or to curb the spread of weapons of mass destruction. ... Rather, it was to increase the flow of petroleum from suppliers abroad to U.S. markets. In the months before he became president, the United States had experienced severe oil and natural gas shortages in many parts of the country, along with periodic electrical power blackouts in California. In addition, oil imports rose to more than 50% of total consumption for the first time in history, provoking great anxiety about the security of the country's long-term energy supply. Bush asserted that addressing the nation's "energy crisis" was his most important task as president.

Furthermore, in a rare admission, Under Secretary of Commerce Grant Aldonas was quoted in an October 16, 2002 *Christian Science Monitor* article by Peter Grier as saying that war with Iraq might end up having a positive economic effect. "It will open up the spigot on Iraqi oil, which would certainly have a profound effect in terms of the performance of the world economy for those countries that are manufacturers and oil consumers."

Yet, the United States currently obtains only about 18 percent of its imported petroleum from the Persian Gulf area. Some observers say this discredits the idea of an oil motive.

In this regard, Professor Klare makes an important distinction. "Controlling Iraq is about oil as power, rather than oil as fuel. Control over the Persian Gulf translates into control over Europe, Japan, and China. It's having our hand on the spigot."

Up For Grabs?

The idea that the war in Iraq amounts to an American grab for oil resources is strengthened by the fact that the Bush administration is the most oil-soaked regime in American history. Bush himself was an oilman, as was Vice President Dick Cheney. In addition, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice served on Chevron's board of directors, and even had an oil tanker named after her.

To be fair, even an administration with a business background in, say, widget production couldn't help but recognize the critical importance of petroleum to our nation's economy. "America faces a major energy supply crisis over the next two decades," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham told a National Energy Summit on March 19, 2001. "The failure to meet this challenge will threaten our nation's economic prosperity, compromise our national security, and literally alter the way we lead our lives." Thus, unless and until serious efforts are made to develop alternative energy sources, our leaders have little choice but to engage in an oil-driven foreign policy.

An oil-driven foreign policy, however, isn't necessarily limited to the interests of the petroleum industry. In fact, prior to the invasion, the oil lobby in Washington generally favored the relaxation of U.S. sanctions against doing business with Hussein, not his removal. Here's why. First, the petroleum industry generally prefers stability and predictability in the world's oil-producing regions. Before the U.S. invasion, Anthony Sampson wrote in the December 22, 2002 *Observer* (U.K.), "All oil companies in the Middle East would face a more dangerous political climate, caught between the American-Israeli intervention and nationalists fearing reversion to a neo-colonial system." He noted, "Oil companies dread having supplies interrupted by burning oilfields, saboteurs and chaotic conditions."

Second, it's a little-known fact that U.S. oil companies already had access to Iraqi oil prior to the war. In "U.S. buys up Iraqi oil to stave off crisis," Faisal Islam and

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The three countries most opposed to the U.S. invasion of Iraq also happened to have negotiated the most lucrative oil deals with Saddam.

Nick Paton in the January 26, 2003 *Observer* (U.K.) reported, "Facing its most chronic shortage in oil stocks for 27 years, the U.S. has this month turned to an unlikely source of help—Iraq. Weeks before a prospective invasion of Iraq, the oil-rich state has doubled its exports of oil to America, helping U.S. refineries cope with a debilitating strike in Venezuela."

Lastly, in about five years, the Iraqi oil industry will be able to produce about six billion barrels a day, estimates Amy Myers Jaffe, an energy analyst at the James A. Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. If pumped at full capacity, abundant Iraqi oil could actually lower the world price by \$3 to \$5 per barrel, says Jaffe. That would, of course, translate to lower profits for the oil industry. All in all, then, the liberation of Iraq's oil wells may prove to be a mixed blessing for Big Oil.

On the other hand, there are big profits to be made in getting Iraq to the point where it can begin producing that six billion barrels a day. As Kevin Ward notes in a December 16, 2002 article for the *Canadian Press*, Iraq's oil fields remain largely undeveloped. "There are 526 prospective drilling sites in Iraq,

but just 125 of them have been drilled." Ward concludes, "Behind the scenes, the race is already on to get contracts to secure access to Iraq's reserves." It's interesting to note that the three countries that were most opposed to the U.S. invasion of Iraq (Russia, France and China) had previously negotiated the most lucrative oil development deals directly with Saddam Hussein. The takeover of Iraq invalidated these deals and ensured that the Bush administration would decide which companies would get a piece of the pie. (*Agence France-Presse*, "Oil majors gearing up for battle over post-Saddam oil," February 16, 2002).

Certainly, the rebuilding of Iraq's oil industry has proven to be a boon to U.S. companies such as Halliburton—formerly led by Vice President Dick Cheney, who continues to receive "deferred compensation" of about \$150,000 per year according to the *Houston Business Journal*. However, the argument that the Bush administration invaded Iraq to serve the economic interests of Big Oil doesn't explain everything. In fact, for the reasons cited above, the petroleum industry generally opposed a U.S. invasion. If so, what were America's other, more occult, economic motives?

Saddam vs. The New World Order

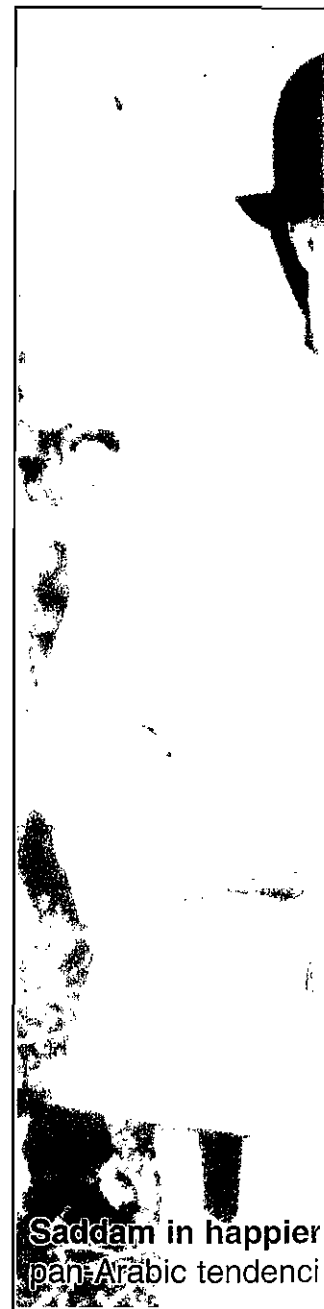
Considering all the attention paid to Saddam Hussein's foreign and domestic security policies, surprisingly little has

been said about his economic policies. Perhaps, as is often the case, we can gain some insight into why Hussein had to be removed by looking in a direction that official sources have scrupulously avoided. Here, we may find the hidden economic reasons why the U.S. felt it had to overthrow Saddam Hussein. As we'll see, some involved oil while others did not.

In the eyes of U.S. policymakers, Saddam Hussein's economic policies set a bad example for the rest of the Middle East. For example, in 1972, he nationalized Iraq's oil fields. In response, the U.S. immediately branded him "unreliable" and even "a terrorist leader." Here is the template, then, for the government turning on Saddam Hussein and linking him to terrorism in response to his oil policies.

Writer Louise Neville provides further examples of Hussein's economic policies as a motive for U.S. animus in "Why Does Washington Hate Saddam?" (www.sonic.net/~doret/nxarchives.html). Writing in Spring 1998, she observes, "Part of the recent U.S. policy of containment is to demonize Saddam Hussein, telling us that he is a vicious dictator who abuses his people. Yet everything in the U.S. Army's own 1990 publication *Iraq: A Country Study* directly contradicts that view." It is truly ironic that the U.S. Army was the source for information that this supposed brutal dictator who oppressed his own people actually:

- Liberated women and offered them high-level government and industry jobs;
- Provided social services to his people that no other Middle Eastern country—nor the United States, in fact—has ever offered its citizens;
- Established universal free schooling up to the highest education levels;
- Granted free hospitalization to everyone;
- Brought electricity to everyone in Iraq, including those in far outlying areas;



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- Promoted mining and other industries to remove total reliance on oil;
- Provided both Arab- and Western-style banking systems to give the people a choice between interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing accounts;

- Created a fair, Western-style legal system.

Hussein's largesse even extended to a Detroit church, to which he contributed \$250,000 in 1979. Saddam subsequently received the honorary key to the city, courtesy of then Mayor Coleman Young, according to a March 26, 2003 *Associated Press* report.

Despite its positive aspects, Hussein's Iraq was also a brutal dictatorship. In April 2001, the UN Commission on Human Rights adopted a resolution strongly condemning "the systematic, widespread and extremely grave violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law by the Government of Iraq, resulting in an all-pervasive repression and oppression sustained by broad-based discrimination and widespread terror." However, the United States has long supported brutal dictators all over the world. Of greater concern to our rulers was the fact that Iraq was a socialist state. It was thus a bad example in the eyes of the architects of the New World Order. As Neville explains, "Socialism seriously competes with capitalism by nationalizing industry and selling its products cheaply. The 'New World Order' is a capitalist economic order run by capitalist methods, capitalist finance and carried out by capitalist corporations. In such a world there is no place for socialism."

Neville also reports that the U.S. Army publication noted "Iraq was the leading country in forming an Arab Alliance similar to the European Economic Commission. All oil nations would share and work together and plan their own army that would include no Europeans." This, says Neville,

is when alarm bells went off ... Independent oil states working in concert could make their own terms and control OPEC. The last thing the West-

ern world wants is an alliance of oil states—especially if they have their own army. Their control of oil would result in a huge financial crunch to big business.

Another economic policy that may have been even more crucial in putting Hussein on America's hit list was his rejection of the GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs). In a speech made on September 10, 1997, he explained that he viewed the GATT and similar international trade systems as a threat to national sovereignty. He mocked those

Arab states [that] consent or seek to become part of regional or international organizations in which a new flag flutters above their flags, over which flies the U.S. or other flag, as is now the fashion with the so-called GATT and subsequently the World Trade Organization, ... and [then] find it strange that the will of [that outside] nation should fly over their will...

Neville speculates on what signing the GATT would have done to Iraq, and by implication what it has done to those nations that have signed it:

The GATT would automatically remove all social programs in Iraq, remove sovereignty from the nation, demand 50% of all products from the earth for the use of international corporations on whatever terms they chose, dictate what products Iraq could buy or sell, dictate the wages of workers, demand that all seeds planted by farmers be bought from international corporations, claim corporate ownership of indigenous plants and trees, and replace the laws of Iraq with laws and regulations made by the World Trade Organization.

The GATT, then, essentially puts all political and financial power into corporate hands and severely limits the ability of a nation's leaders to follow independent economic policies. It's little wonder that Saddam Hussein saw fit to reject it. Indeed, the real question is why so many nations have capitulated and accepted it.

The importance of Hussein's defiance of the GATT as a motive for the first Iraq War is suggested by a report related by Neville which, unfortunately, is not sourced. She writes,

In 1972, Hussein nationalized Iraq's oil fields. In response, the U.S. branded him "a terrorist leader." Here is the template for linking him to terrorism in response to his oil policies.



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Saddam and the CIA

U.S.- Iraq relations were not always hostile. In fact, it may be instructive to consider how Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath Party came into power. According to "Blood, Oil, and Sand: The Hidden History of America's War on Iraq" by **Cliff Pearson**, Dallas Peace Center (www.greens.org/s-r/), in 1953, **General Abdel Karim Qassem**, the ruler of Iraq, attempted to nationalize his oil fields. Predictably, CIA Director **Allen Dulles** declared General Qassem's actions to be "Communist," and soon afterward General Qassem was assassinated in a coup led by Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath Party. As Pearson reports:

"This coup came as a result of an oil deal between Iraq and a French company, IRAB," says **Ahmed Al Bayati**, London Representative of the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution In Iraq. "This contract upset the West and the Americans in particular. So they encouraged a coup in Iraq at that time." In 1972, according to former Iraqi Oil Minister **Fadel Chalabi**, a former Ba'ath Party member named **Al Saadi** spoke openly of having been trained for their successful coup by the CIA.

"At the last minute just before the military attacks on Iraq began, Hussein was told by a member of our State Department that if he signed the GATT there would be no war. He refused to sign."

Rumsfeld's Pipe Dream

Despite his socialist and pan-Arabic policies, Saddam Hussein was aggressively courted and supported by the Reagan administration in the early to mid-1980s. This had to do with the fact that Iraq was at war with Iran, an enemy of the U.S., as has been widely reported.

There was another factor that is less well known. As detailed in a well-documented investigative report by Jim Vallette, Steve Kretzmann and Daphne Wysham of the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS, www.ips-dc.org), the Reagan administration was working hard to convince Hussein to permit the development of the Aqaba pipeline from Iraq to Jordan. In fact, current Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld personally pitched the plan to Saddam when he served as a Reagan administration special envoy. At that time, it should be



noted, Rumsfeld didn't seem concerned with Saddam's use of chemical weapons and the dictator's other misbehaviors.

Echoing the recent controversy over Vice President Dick Cheney's former company Halliburton being awarded lucrative no-bid contracts for work in Iraq, the IPS report reveals that then Secretary of State George Shultz "pushed the [Aqaba] pipeline project on behalf of his former company, Bechtel," which stood to make at least \$500 million on the deal.

However, Saddam rejected the plan on December 31, 1985. That's when U.S.-Iraq relations began to sour. As the IPS report observes, "The break in US-Iraq relations occurred not after Iraq used chemical weapons on the Iranians, nor after Iraq gassed its own Kurdish people, nor even after Iraq invaded Kuwait, but rather, followed Saddam's rejection of the Aqaba pipeline deal." In short, as the report concludes, "The hard lesson of the Aqaba pipeline project, it seems, is that an 'evil dictator' is a friend of the United States when he is willing to make a deal, and a mortal enemy when he is not."

Saddam Embraces the Euro

Lastly, Saddam committed an unpardonable economic offense in 2000 when he dared to begin pricing his oil in euros rather than dollars (all oil has been priced in U.S. dollars since 1859). So, was Saddam's switch to the euro really such a big deal?

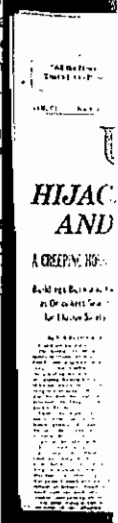
Although his motivation was more political than economic, if other oil-producing nations were to follow his example, the economic fallout for the United States could be massive. Currently the pressure to do so is growing as the dollar continues its unprecedented decline in value. This decline is due to three main factors: the ballooning U.S. budget deficits, the low U.S. interest rates, and the general weakness of the U.S. economy. The reason a weak dollar is tempting oil-producing nations to switch to euro pricing is simple. Trading one's goods in a weak currency means lower revenue. In fact, in January 2004, OPEC raised crude oil prices, saying the weaker U.S. dollar brings member nations lower revenues because oil is traded in dollars.

In addition, worldwide nearly 70 percent of official exchange reserves are held in dollars. This has been a crucial advantage for America, giving it great political leverage and allowing it to run a huge trade deficit. Because countries that conduct their international trade in euros would no longer

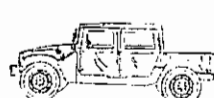
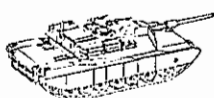
Rebuilding America's Day

policy goals and would trouble Allies.

Further, the process of transformation even if it brings revolutionary change likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event - new Pearl Harbor. Domestic political industrial policy will shape the pace and content of transformation as much requirements of current missions. decision to suspend carrier production, report and as justification of military technology upheaval. Likewise production today - example - will be in decades to come. The process will consist figuring out the right production of currency and shift to radically expense associated make them roadblock of transformation - program, not total



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need American dollars, they would likely start holding their reserve currency in euros, too. All of this would translate into a decrease in U.S. economic and political influence, and a concomitant rise in the influence of the European Union.

Australian journalist Geoffrey Heard (www.gulu-future.com) has described the U.S. advantage of the oil-dollar connection in terms everyone can understand:

Imagine this: you are deep in debt but every day you write cheques for millions of dollars you don't have ... Your cheques should be worthless but they keep buying stuff because those cheques you write never reach the bank. You have an agreement with the owners of one thing everyone wants, call it petrol/gas, that they will accept only your cheques as payment. This means everyone must hoard your cheques so they can buy petrol/gas. Since they have to keep a stock of your cheques, they use them to buy other stuff too. You write a cheque to buy a TV, the TV shop owner swaps your cheque for petrol/gas, that seller buys some vegetables at the fruit shop, and on it goes—but never back to the bank. You have a debt on your books, but so long as your cheque never reaches the bank, you don't have to pay. ... This is the position the USA has enjoyed for 30 years—it

has been getting a free world trade ride for all that time. It has been receiving a huge subsidy from everyone else in the world. As its debt has been growing, it has printed more money (written more cheques)...

In "Saddam's Last Laugh: The Dollar Could be Headed for Hard Times if OPEC Switches to the Euro" (available at www.tompaine.com) Arjun Makhijani, president of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, elaborates on the threat represented by Saddam's switch to the

cheap that there could be a major buy-up of U.S. assets by foreigners. He concludes, "There is no predicting whether chaos and uncertainty would take hold first. In any case, the U.S. economy would likely be deeply damaged."

What kind of damage? In "The Real Reasons for the Upcoming War With Iraq" (www.ratical.org/ratville/CAH/RRIraqWar.html) William Clark presents this alarming and perhaps overstated scenario:

The effect of an OPEC switch to the euro would be that oil-consuming nations would have to flush dollars out of their (central bank) reserve funds and replace these with euros. The dollar would crash anywhere from 20-40% in value and the consequences would be those one could expect from any currency collapse and massive inflation. You'd have foreign funds stream out of the U.S. stock markets and dollar denominated assets, there'd surely be a run on the banks much like the 1930s, the current account deficit would become unserviceable, the budget deficit would go into default, and so on. Your basic third world economic crisis scenario.

At the very least, the rise of the euro represents the threat of increased U.S. interest rates, an effort to make the weak dollar more attractive to foreign investors. Furthermore, a declining dollar makes imports more expensive for U.S. consumers, and makes general inflation more likely. When you factor in the recent OPEC price increase cited above, the dollar drop and stronger euro are clearly bad news for the average American.

All these scenarios have Washington in a panic, though you don't hear about them on the news. They're the reason the government is working hard behind-the-scenes to keep oil priced in dollars, and why Saddam's move to the euro represented such a serious threat.

The genie, though, may be out of the bottle. On April 17, 2003, Bloomberg reported that Indonesia's state oil company was considering dropping the U.S. dollar for the euro in its oil and gas trades. More troubling, on November 24, 2003, Reuters reported that Russia, the world's No. 2 oil exporter after Saudi Arabia, said it wants to sell its oil output in euros instead of the U.S. dollar.

The Big Picture

In conclusion, the overthrow of Saddam Hussein went beyond the needs of the petroleum industry—which generally favored the relaxation of U.S. sanctions against doing business with Hussein, not his removal. America's real motives, largely absent from public debate and news reports, involved Saddam Hussein's economic policies. To the Bush administration, they represented a dangerous example for the rest of the Middle East and, in some cases, a direct threat to the U.S. economy. Therefore, the Iraqi leader had to be removed from power. This would end his troubling economic

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euro. "To date, the oil-dollar link has given the United States a huge advantage in international trade. Corporations and countries carry out trade in U.S. dollars, making the U.S. Treasury and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board the ultimate arbiters of global monetary policy." In addition, pricing oil in euros rather than dollars, says Makhijani, could cause an even greater drop in the dollar's value as foreigners who hold dollars decide to dump them. This would in turn make U.S. companies and real estate so

enforce the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq, they represent the long-term commitment of the United States and its major allies to a region of vital importance. Indeed, the United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein. In East Asia, the pattern of U.S. military operations is shifting to the south: in recent years, significant naval forces have been sent to the region around Taiwan in response to Chinese provocation, and now a contingent of U.S. troops is supporting the Australian-led mission to East Timor. Across the globe, the trend is for a larger U.S. security perimeter, bringing with it new kinds of

Guarding the American security perimeter today – and tomorrow – will require changes in U.S. deployments and installations overseas.

With Bill Clinton still in office, a cabal of future Bush war advisors was already planning to use Iraq as an excuse to increase U.S. dominance of the oil-rich Middle East.

The Neo-Conservative Report that Called for the Iraqi War

In September 2000, PNAC published “Rebuilding America’s Defenses: Strategies, Forces and Resources for a New Century,” an update of the original Cheney report, available at PNAC’s website (www.newamericancentury.org). In this and similar documents, PNAC urged unprecedented hikes in military spending, the establishment of American bases in Central Asia and the Middle East, the toppling of uncooperative regimes, the militarization of outer space, and the abrogation of international treaties. Oh, and the willingness to use nuclear weapons.

In addition to calling for a war against Iraq, the September 2000 report urged massive increases in military spending by some \$15 to \$20 billion per year. Recognizing that such increases would face great political and public opposition, as would increases in America’s military adventurism, the report longed for “some catastrophic and catalyzing event—like a new Pearl Harbor” to hasten the implementation of its goals. Perhaps not coincidentally, the authors of the report would get their “new Pearl Harbor” on September 11, 2001.

A key goal of PNAC’s planning was control of the world’s energy resources. Significantly, the authors of “Rebuilding America’s Defenses” admitted:

The United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein.

In other words, overthrowing Saddam would be little more than an excuse, and Iraq just a stepping stone, for a major and permanent U.S. military occupation of the Middle East. And it was all planned before George W. Bush even set foot in the White House.

So, which country might be next? Iran, perhaps, which Cheney, Rumsfeld and the other PNACers labeled as “perhaps a far greater threat” than Iraq. And then, according to Floyd’s interpretation of PNAC’s master plan, “Other nations will follow, including Russia and China. In one way or another—by military means or economic dominance, by conquest, alliance or silent acquiescence—they must all be brought to heel.” In short, other nations must be forcibly prevented, according to PNAC, from “challenging our leadership or even aspiring to a larger regional or global role.”

With the dollar in freefall, continued U.S. economic weakness, depleting world energy supplies, and the rising political and economic power of the European Union, PNAC’s words look increasingly like the threats of an overconfident yet desperate nuclear-armed bully. Removing Saddam may have been a cakewalk, but the rest of the world may not present such an easy statue to topple. ■

policies, and send a powerful message to other leaders in the region who may have wished to follow his example. Hussein’s troubling policies were (1) his nationalization of Iraq’s oil fields, (2) his rejection of the Aqaba oil pipeline deal, (3) his socialist government programs, (4) his promotion of a European Union-type Arab economic and military alliance, (5) his rejection of the GATT, and (6) his decision to price his oil in euros. Thus, the invasion of Iraq was indeed largely about oil, but was mired in a more complex scenario than the public and news outlets generally acknowledge.

In addition to the economic dimensions of America’s Iraq policy, there is a larger geopolitical strategy at work. At the risk of sounding melodramatic, it essentially amounts to nothing less than a plan for world domination. It is a plan that was hatched well before Bush’s controversial 2000 election. Indeed, “Not since *Mein Kampf* has a geopolitical punch been so blatantly telegraphed, years ahead of the blow,” charges Chris Floyd in an online commentary (www.informationclearinghouse.com). He elaborates, “The Bush Regime’s foreign policy is being carried out according to a strict blueprint written years ago, then renewed a few months before the Regime was installed in power by the judicial coup of December 2000.”

Drafted in 1992 by a group of Neo-Conservatives led by then Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, the report essentially advocated U.S. dominance of the world through aggressive, unilateral actions. A new group soon coalesced around the doctrine, the Project for a New American Century (PNAC). Funded by various right-wing foundations and what Floyd calls “the military-energy-security apparatus,” PNAC’s membership roster included future Vice President Dick Cheney, future Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and future Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz. PNAC would, essentially, go on to become George W. Bush’s cabal of war advisors.

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A Career In Microbiology May Be Harmful To Your Health

Prior to the death of Dr. David Kelly in July, 2003, seven world-class microbiologists in different parts of the world were reported dead between November 12, 2001 and February 11, 2002:

11/12/01 **Benito Que** was found comatose in the street near his lab at Univ. Miami Medical School. He later died on 12/6.

11/16/01 **Don Wiley** vanished, and his abandoned car was found outside Memphis. His body was found 12/20.

11/23/01 **Vladimir Pasechnik** was found dead near his home in Wiltshire, England.

12/10/01 **Robert Schwartz** was found murdered in his home in Loudoun County, VA.

12/11/01 **Set Van Nguyen** was found dead in his lab in Victoria State, Australia.

2/8/02 **Vladimir Korshunov** was found dead on a Moscow street.

2/11/02 **Ian Langford** was found dead in his home in Norwich, England.



Dr. David Kelly

According to *From The Wilderness*, other suspicious deaths of foreign microbiologists may bring the total as high as 14. On 10/4/01, a commercial jetliner traveling from Israel to Novosibirsk in Siberia was shot down by an "errant" Ukrainian surface-to-air missile. The missile was over 100 miles off-course and as many as five microbiologists were on board. According to *From The Wilderness*, "Novosibirsk is known as the scientific capital of Siberia, and home to over 50 research facilities and 13 full universities for a population of only 2.5 million people." Two Israeli microbiologists also had been recently murdered, allegedly by terrorists, at the time of the crash.

A month later, on 11/24/01, a Swissair flight from Berlin to Zurich crashed on its landing approach. Killed were Avishai Berkman, Amiramp Eldor and Yaacov Matzner, the only Israelis on the flight, including the head of the hematology department at Israel's Ichilov Hospital, directors of the Tel Aviv Public Health Department, and Hebrew Univ. School of Medicine.

DynCorp, Hadron and PROMIS Software

On 11/12/01, DynCorp, a major government contractor for data processing, military operations and intelligence work, was awarded a \$322 million contract to develop, produce and store vaccines for the Department of Defense. DynCorp and Hadron, also connected to classified research programs on communicable diseases, have been linked to PROMIS software, which may have helped identify and target the victims. DynCorp is directly linked to the development and use of PROMIS software by its founder Bill Hamilton of Inslaw. Here's how it all ties in:

Four of the seven microbiologists were doing research of "global, political and financial significance." Wiley, Schwartz, and Benito Que worked for medical research facilities that received grants from Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) of Maryland. HHMI funds many research programs and alleged "black ops" biomedical research for intelligence organizations, including the CIA. In fact, biowarfare investigator Patricia Dole has reported on the murders of several people connected to HHMI. For instance, in 1994, Jose Trias had personal knowledge of HHMI grants being diverted to "back door" black ops bioresearch. He and his wife were found dead in their home in Chevy Chase. In 1996, a former worker at an HHMI-funded lab, Tsunao Saitoh, was shot to death outside his home in La Jolla, California. Both of these killings were described by police as professional hits.

The tie-in with Hadron is through Kanatjan Alibekov, who defected to the US in 1992. Known by his Americanized name, Ken Alibek, his boss had been Russian microbiologist defector, Vladimir Pasechnik (see main story to this sidebar). Alibek is President of Hadron Advanced Biosystems. According to *From the Wilderness*, Hadron describes itself as a "company specializing in the development of technical solutions for the intelligence community." Claiming to be working on non-specific immunity, Hadron announced the company "had received \$12 million in funding for medical biodefense research from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, and the NIH."

Hadron was founded by Dr. Earl Brian, and associated with the theft of the highly sophisticated PROMIS software from INSLAW Corp. According to *From the Wilderness*, PROMIS "has reportedly been mated in recent years with artificial intelligence," and "contains a back door that allows for surreptitious retrieval of stored data."

Given this capability and DynCorp's and Hadron's connections to PROMIS, it is possible the software could have surreptitiously identified certain biomedical research which "threatened to compromise a larger, as yet unidentified, covert operation."

Source: *From The Wilderness Publications*, www.copvicia.com.

Entire article available at www.rense.com/general20/mic.htm, by Michael Davidson and Michael C. Ruppert.

The Dark World of Microbiology and

Intelligence

by Gordon Thomas

Top British microbiologist, Dr. David Kelly, was found dead in the woods on July 18, 2003, just as he said he'd be if the U.S. invaded Iraq.

David Kelly was not employed by MI5 or MI6, or any other intelligence service, but he enjoyed unique access to all the world's top spy agencies. Britain, France, Germany, North America, Japan and Australia, all consulted him. Into his office—room 2/35—in the Ministry of Defense Proliferation and Arms Control Secretariat in London, came emails and phone calls asking for his help.

Kelly knew about types and strains of microorganisms, numbers of shells and bombs filled with botulinum toxin. He knew the latest figures for the production of bio-weapons material in China, the gallons of growth material in Syria, Pakistan, and which countries had sold the material. He kept a large amount of his secret data in his study at home. There on his desktop computer were tens of thousands of secret documents and photographs. For a man who was not a spy it was a collection of data any intelligence officer would envy.

For those who wondered about his ways, he would reassure them his bosses in the Ministry of Defense or the Foreign Office were happy with his unorthodox methods. He liked to say that his loyalty was to what "I believe is right or wrong, true or false." In reality he was an academic who had escaped the dull confines of academia to live in the ever-dangerous world of secret intelligence and the hunt for weapons of mass destruction.

Since 1995 Kelly had worked for the Mossad—with the full blessing of MI6, Britain's secret intelligence service. Kelly had played a key part in helping the FBI trace the origins of the Ames-strain of anthrax, the bacterium mailed anonymously in the wake of 9-11. He had orchestrated the defection of a top Russian microbiologist, Vladimir Pasechnik, working on a doomsday biological weapon "capable of destroying a third of the planet's population." He had been the only outsider allowed by the CIA to question a top Chinese defector, Col. Xu Junping, head of the People's Liberation Army Foreign Affairs

Office, about China's bio-warfare program. Kelly's involvement in intelligence work had placed him on the hit list of Saddam Hussein's

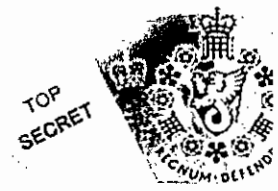
notorious death squad and the Chinese Secret Intelligence Service, CSIS. But a deliberate decision had been taken by Britain's security services, MI5 and MI6, and the Thames Valley police who had day-to-day responsibility to protect Kelly's home in Oxfordshire, not to surround Kelly with protection. "The view was that it would have been hard to protect him without drawing attention to him," said an intelligence source in London, "and Dr. Kelly had himself refused to accept his life could be in danger."

In the last hours of his life, Kelly suddenly found himself hemmed in by security. Two Ministry of Defense detectives accompanied the 59-year-old scientist to the closed hearing of the Parliamentary Intelligence Oversight Committee. Kelly was questioned about whether he was the source who had provided the BBC radio defense correspondent, Andrew Gilligan, with details that led to publication of the dossier on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The clash between the BBC and the Blair government went to the heart of a fundamental issue: had Britain and the United States gone to war against Iraq on a false pretense? The BBC report on its showcase radio program, *Today*, had ignited the fuse which had been sizzling for weeks when no weapons of mass destruction were found.

Kelly had expressed doubts that such weapons of mass destruction would turn up in Iraq, but he had never expected those doubts to be made public. Forty-eight hours after Kelly's death, the BBC admitted that Kelly was the source. Would this have been sufficient reason for a battle-hardened scientist—who had successfully confronted Iraq's security services and had walked unharmed through the intelligence world—to have taken his own life? The unresolved questions include the following:

- What were the MI5 officers seeking when they grilled Kelly after his second appearance before the Commons Select Committee?
- Why did Kelly arrive home so upset that his wife, Janice, was visibly shocked at his manner and appearance?
- Why did Kelly leave his home suddenly on the afternoon of Thursday, July 17, 2003?
- Why, after his body was discovered, did MI5 officers

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The Van Dyke Letters

Letters from the author of *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars*

In the Spring of 2003 (issue 33), *Paranoia* excerpted a pamphlet entitled *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars*, asking readers for any information they might have on the author of the work. The following December, *Paranoia* received a letter, mailed from a federal prison, from one Hartford Van Dyke, claiming to be the author of the work. Being confident that he is the true author of *Silent Weapons*, we wish to share with readers over the next several issues our letters from Hartford Van Dyke wherein he exposes the circumstances surrounding his authorship of *Silent Weapons*.

Dear *Paranoia*,

I thoroughly enjoyed the opening statements in your magazine article about *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars* (*SWFQW*). It had a Sherlock Holmes flavor to it. An analysis of your article would be an interesting way to start this response.

Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars did not have a "preface," and did not make what would have been a "bizarre claim" to have been "found in a surplus IBM copy machine in 1986 by a Boeing Aircraft employee." The claim about being found in the copy machine was made in a news release published in November 1986 by the *America's Promise Newsletter* (APN) of Phoenix, Arizona, and in their publication of *SWFQW*, of which you have either a copy or some derivative writing. The original APN release stated that the said copy machine was purchased at auction from the McChord Air Force Base (located near Fort Lewis) in Washington State.

SWFQW is an "elite blueprint." There is nothing "dubious" about it. *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* was not used as a reference source for *SWFQW*. In the end of your first paragraph, you home-in on the technical essence of *SWFQW*, similar to the APN news release [Problem/Solution]. Your second paragraph suggests that you are unaware of the APN [document] {Ed. This is true.} *SWFQW* is not a "paranoid manifesto." It is a politically-biased technical instruction manual on how to justify, and how to selectively survive, human animal husbandry before the need for animal husbandry becomes unstably critical. The section, *Historical Introduction* states, "a system was necessary which could race ahead of society and predict when society would arrive for capitulation." William Cooper might have read *SWFQW* in a "Naval Intelligence Majority Twelve File." Delamar Duverus of the *American Sunbeam* made a similar claim.

The number 74-1120 is an anagram of the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 41-12-07. The forerunner of *SWFQW*, complete with sources, equations, my signature and address, was published on or about 74-12-07. My book on the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor [*The Skeleton in Uncle Sam's Closet*] was published at the end of August 1973.

You state that "The economic analyses implicated in *Silent Weapons* could only have been made by someone with an advanced understanding of complex socio-economic systems." Sir Isaac Newton said he was able to see far ahead because he "stood on the shoulders of giants." The best parts

of *SWFQW* were from the economic giants of our time. That is one of the reasons it has lasting value. Your analysis of Cooper's capacity to understand economics and present economic arguments is an interesting piece of detective work. It is important to note that the references to the "patriot movement" or to the "Illuminati" blueprint have no significance in reference to *SWFQW* as a scientific textbook of mathematical and economic warfare. Every past method of human conquest by mere physical warfare has been made obsolete by the Silent Weapons technology, except for the mechanics of implementing its use.

Once it becomes recognized that every problem, especially every mathematical problem, contains its own sufficient solution, it also becomes clear that "an error uncovered is two-thirds destroyed," and the remaining one-third is destroyed by division of the house from within. Therefore, *SWFQW* states the problem and the solution, which gives it an "ambiguous" character. It is not a "hoax" any more than any other presentation of a scientific process could be deemed a hoax merely because it was not presented with the endorsement of its original discoverer. *SWFQW* has many authors.

You request evidence that I am the author of *SWFQW*. My objective is to inform you about the *SWFQW* subject matter and its origins. You are free to print whatever I send. I am a public servant, and have been since 1967. One of the people who helped me do the final publication work on *SWFQW* became concerned about the book becoming disinformation and asked me to reveal my authorship of the work in 1996, which I did on a radio talk show. Otherwise, it would still be anonymous.

In 1979, it was necessary for me to take a low profile with respect to the government because I had much work to do. I have completed that work and it is all published and released into the public domain. It has made the government angry enough to imprison me. It took them more than 5 years to put me in prison, and that was done by accusing me of being a party to someone else's insufficient doing and wrongdoing. I obey the law strictly. I was imprisoned for enforcing the law.

I will tell you my sources for *SWFQW* so you can expand your knowledge of the subject and inform your readers. I am



Hartford Van Dyke is a member of the Illuminati Club. "Each person

providing you with a sufficient sample of my material so you can have the language structure compared with *SWFQW*.

My given name is Lyle Hartford Van Dyke, Jr. My father went by the name Lyle Van Dyke. I have gone by the name Hartford Van Dyke all my life, with only legal exceptions. Due to the similarity of our names, some of the information about us has gotten mixed up on the internet, some of it deliberately, and then misused in court. Several of my writings are available on the internet, including, *The Skeleton in Uncle Sam's Closet* (1973) Subject: The Attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars* (1979), *My Commercial Law Manual* (1993 – Present), *How to Create Currencies for Local Communities* (2000-2002).

The Skeleton in Uncle Sam's Closet

I was born June 4, 1940, at Honolulu, Hawaii. My father's uncle, Gerald Mason Van Dyke, in G-2 intelligence, sent the warning message about the impending Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, at 2 p.m., December 4, 1941, from Honolulu. The message was received by Rear Admiral Paulus Prince Powell in Washington, DC. Powell relayed the message to Knox and Forrestal, who wanted to get the U.S. fleet out of Pearl Harbor and put a defense perimeter around the Hawaiian Islands. Knox told Stimson, Stimson told Roosevelt. Roosevelt had Knox, Forrestal and Powell put under military guard until after the Pearl Harbor attack (for which there had been 66 hours forewarning). The detailed story is contained in my book *The Skeleton in Uncle Sam's Closet*. A copy was sent to every US Representative and Senator.

My next book was titled *Warning – Surprise Attack Imminent!* It was published in the period of November 30 to December 7, 1941. A copy was

sent to every U. S. Representative and Senator at that time. It contained the input-output (I-O) shock test equations that appeared later in *SWFQW*, but it did not have the electronic diagrams.

Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars

Four years later, in 1978, I was able to obtain enough funding to research and publish *SWFQW*. The project ran from about October 1978 to December 1979. *SWFQW* is about

the sociopathic attitude of those who promote war and have contempt for the common man. The basic premise of the book is contained under the heading *Energy*: "a nation or world of people who will not use their intelligence are no better than animals who do not have intelligence. Such a people are beasts of burden and steaks on the table by choice and consent." The last paragraph echoes this premise under *Factor VI – Cattle*: "Those who will not use their brains are no better off than those who have no brains, and so this mindless school of jellyfish, father, mother, son, and daughter, become useful beasts of burden or trainers of the same."

SWFQW starts out as a very logical sociopathic work and ends as an emotional sociopathic work. Being about war, and especially ongoing war, the subject matter never ceases to be sociopathic, and neither does our nation's current system of foreign or domestic political behavior. The book *SWFQW* is like a gold mining operation with the gold at one end of the process and the tailings (refuse or dross) at the other end of the process.

SWFQW is a collage, an overlay and paste-up of the works and words of many authors. I was the author only in the sense that I compiled and linked the gems of other writers. **The book is not a hoax.** Wassily W. Leontief provided the content of *SWFQW* in his article in *Scientific American* (Sept. 1980) "The World Economy in the Year 2000." Leontief was the father of the Silent Weapons System, and was awarded the 1973 Nobel Prize in Economics long after his creation (1948) became recognized by the elite to be a weapon (c1965). Families of the upper class and their organizations made contributions to Leontief's project. Time does not change the invariant truths of science, not even of economic science. The elite were never fully named in *SWFQW*. It was not necessary to name them specifically. They are always among us, and they always will be among us.

SWFQW was a study in human nature; of motivation, psychological impulse and momentum, and force of habit; of control of social energy by influence, suggestion, and hypnosis; of the use of sociopathic processes to induce paranoid behavior. That is enough description of the theme and conceptual content of *SWFQW*. We now move on to a presentation of information sources.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars may be read by searching the internet.

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974 Technical Train-be his own teacher."

and forensic scientists from Porton Down, Britain's biochemical research establishment, search the Kelly home? They left with a number of items sealed in bags. The police would not say what the items had to do with Kelly's death.

• What information did MI6 continue to allow Kelly to share with Israel? What did Mossad offer Britain in return?

• What did Kelly know about Russia's experiments with smallpox at a secret research center, known as Corpus 6, an underground complex near the Siberian town of Koltsovo?

The smallpox virus, which was eradicated from the planet in 1979, in a weaponized form is a deadly virus. Officially, samples of the virus are held in only two high-security freezers at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta and at Koltsovo.

David Kelly and the Mossad

David Kelly had visited Koltsovo, and had warned his intelligence contacts it was "very possible that stocks of smallpox could be in the hands of states like North Korea and Iran or in the possession of terror groups like al Qaeda." Such claims ensure that Kelly's death will be increasingly linked to his secret work for spy agencies.

Kelly's involvement with the Mossad came in April 1995, when he traveled with two MI6 officers from London to New York. At the city's Israeli consulate, they met two Mossad officers. Present were officers of the Canadian Secret Intelligence Services and agents from the FBI. The purpose of the meeting was to track how 32 tons of bacterial growth medium—essential for manufacturing lethal germs—was being illegally exported to Iraq from Montreal. Kelly—already a world-ranking expert on biological weapons—had played a crucial role in identifying the growth medium. While many of the details to this day remain secret, Shabtai Shavit, who had been Mossad director general at the time of the operation, would later pay tribute to Kelly's "great skills."

His work also ensured the scientist was first choice when the UN came to appoint a senior advisor to supervise the break-up of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program after the first Gulf War. Kelly's ability to do so placed him on Saddam's hit list. But in the end Saddam turned out to be too frightened of the repercussions to have assassinated a senior UN official at the time Iraq was rebuilding itself after the 1991 war.

The Interrogation of Vladimir Pasechnik

In between working in Iraq, Kelly was also in charge of the program to dismantle Russia's biological warfare weapons program under the trilateral agreement brokered between Russia, the United States and Britain. In Moscow, Kelly met Russia's top microbiologist, Vladimir Pasechnik. Pasechnik was then a 53-year-old chemist who was director of the Ultrapture Biopreparations Institute in St. Petersburg. The two men had become friends to the point where Pasechnik told Kelly—according to an MI5 document—that Pasechnik was "part of the Biopreparat, a large secret program, which is developing biological weapons like plague and smallpox." The plague, or *Yersinia pestis*, had brought the Black Death that wiped out a third of the population of Europe in 1348. It was air-transmitted, propelled by coughing.

Kelly reported what he had been told to Christopher Davis, then an MI6 officer who had an office in the Metropole Building near Trafalgar Square, in London. Davis was an analyst on the Defense Intelligence Staff and an acknowledged expert in chemical and biological weapons. Now retired and living in Virginia, Davis has said his job was "to take all the bits and pieces and try to assemble them into a picture of something." Kelly's news galvanized the normally quiet and reserved Davis. Davis informed his own MI6 controller—a man still known only as ADI-53.

Within weeks, with the help of Kelly, MI6 had mounted an operation to whisk Pasechnik from the Paris science conference he was attending. Traveling by Eurostar train, the Russian and his MI6 minders arrived in London. Pasechnik was taken to a safe house, probably similar to the one where Kelly was grilled by intelligence agents in the last hours of his life. Kelly supervised the interrogation of Pasechnik. Later the Russian was given a job at the Center for Applied Microbiology and Research, run by the Department of Health.

In February 2000, Pasechnik founded a company called Regman Biotechnologies. Its articles of association said it was a privately owned company "working to provide powerful alternatives to antibiotics." Kelly was a frequent visitor to the company, and he often took the Russian with him to Porton Down. To go there Pasechnik had signed the Official Secret's Act, forbidding him to talk about his work. A similar stricture governed Kelly and all the other scientists at Porton Down. However, Mossad sources have said that Pasechnik was a leading specialist in DNA sequencing, sophisticated research that is vital to developing biological weapons, and defenses against them.


On Nov. 2, 2001, later described by friends as being in the best of health, the 64-year-old Russian was found dead in his village home outside Salisbury. The cause of death was certified as a stroke. Only a handful of colleagues attended his funeral. A week later news of his death surfaced when Davis confirmed it. Kelly was not one of the mourners at the funeral. He disliked any public occasions. His own death has ensured that he would not enjoy similar anonymity.

On August 21, 2003, Dr. Kelly's colleague, David Broucher, testified before a judicial inquiry in the UK, stating, "My impression was that he felt he was in some personal difficulty or embarrassment about this because he felt the invasion might go ahead anyway and somehow it was putting him in a morally ambiguous situation." Broucher testified that when he asked what would happen if the U.S. invaded Iraq, Kelly replied, "I will probably be found dead in the woods." (CBS News, "Weapons Expert Foretold His Death," London, 8/21/03) **P**

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Jews Behind Dean's Fall?

 Much has been made of Democratic frontrunner Howard Dean's emotional response to losing the January 2004 Iowa Democratic caucuses, but relatively little attention has been paid to why he lost. Behind the scenes, his sudden downfall may have been orchestrated by a particularly influential Democratic constituency. It all began with a September 2003 statement at an election event in Santa Fe, NM, where Dean said, "It is not our place to take sides" in the Middle East conflict.


A few days later he told the *Washington Post* "the United States needs an evenhanded approach to the conflict." The former Vermont governor, it appeared, was not sufficiently pro-Israel. An Israeli newspaper soon predicted that Jewish donors would shun him, and Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, wrote him a critical letter. Another concern, according to the Jewish newspaper *The Forward*, was Dean's "stress on his Christianity for the Southern campaign."

Furthermore, on December 1, 2003, Dean appeared on *Hardball* with Chris Matthews and declared, "We're going to break up the giant media enterprises." This was a direct threat to the Jewish-controlled media conglomerates, which then began to portray Dean as "unelectable" in a flood of negative coverage. It should be noted this began before his infamous post-Iowa scream. So, Iowa's small (some 7,000) but influential Jewish community shifted its support to Skull-and-Bonesman John Kerry.

In addition, according to the Center for Public Integrity, Kerry's top campaign contributor is the Jewish law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo PC of Boston. Kerry is not unique in this regard. Nationally, the largest Political Action Committee (PAC) is the pro-Israel American Israel Public Affairs Committee, with a budget of some \$12 million per year. Also,

according to *Mother Jones*, seven of the top ten individual political campaign contributors are Jewish. Clearly, Howard Dean's own behavior contributed to his downfall. Nevertheless, in politics, money talks, and it isn't "anti-Semitic" to point out that Jews speak with a loud voice indeed. Quite simply, politicians who stray too far from unwavering support for Israel, or who present a serious challenge to Big Media's corporate interests, tend not to get very far.

Hanging Chads, Part II

 If campaign money isn't sufficient to ensure the success of the candidates favored by the powers that be, there's always the old fashioned rigged election. If you thought the 2000 presidential election debacle resulted in a more secure and honest voting system, think again. Martin Bento has published a disturbing analysis of New Hampshire's 2004 Democratic primary election results based on the voting systems used. According to Bento, Howard Dean lost to John Kerry by only 1.6% when the ballots were hand-counted, 9.7% when ES&S optical scanners were used, and 14.7% when Diebold scanners were used (livejournal.com/users/explodedview).


Lynn Landes (ecotalk.org) has sounded the alarm on the increased susceptibility to fraud of the new voting technologies: "Although touch-screen voting machines have received the bulk of criticism lately, computer security experts are quick to point out that optical scanners can also be easily rigged to manipulate votes and remain undetected. Even a specially marked ballot can reprogram software as it's being scanned. Or, Microsoft's Access or Excel program could tally the results incorrectly."

In fact, in December 2003, *Fortune* magazine named paperless voting the

"worst technology" of 2003. Critics say that electronic voting machines must produce a paper trail—hard-copy receipts that voters can check to ensure that their votes were accurately reported, and that can later be used in a recount. California recently mandated paper trails—by July 2006. A bill introduced by Representative Rush Holt would do the same nationally.

As a January 19, 2004 article in the *International Herald Tribune* (iht.com) pointed out, "Compounding the technology issues are the political entanglements of voting machine companies." Amazingly, Walden O'Dell, the head of Diebold Inc., "has raised large sums for President George W. Bush and pledged in a campaign fund-raising letter that he was 'committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president' in 2004."

The Real Iraqi Intelligence Failure

 In February 2004, President Bush declared he would appoint a commission to investigate the alleged "intelligence failure" that led his administration to war with Iraq. The implication is that the CIA gave Bush and Co. bad information about such things as Saddam's purported weapons of mass destruction, and that this persuaded them to go to war. What a crock of shit. The only intelligence failure was between George W.'s ears. The truth is that much of the intelligence community did not fail, but presented correct assessments and warnings, which were overridden and suppressed by an administration hell bent on war.

The media also shares the blame. In "Now They Tell Us" for the *New York Review of Books*, Michael Massing asks, "In recent months, U.S. news organizations have rushed to expose the Bush administration's pre-war failings on Iraq. ... Watching and reading all this, one is tempted to ask, where were you all before the war? Why didn't we learn more about these deceptions and concealments in the months when the administration was pressing its case for



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Regarding these
deceptions, former
Clinton
speechwriter
Sidney Blumenthal
notes in the *Guardian* (U.K.), “On virtually every single important claim made by the Bush administration in its case for war, there was

serious dissension. Discordant views—not from individual analysts but from several intelligence agencies as a whole—were kept from the public as momentum was built for a congressional vote on the war resolution.” Furthermore, “Precisely because of the qualms the administration encountered, it created a rogue intelligence operation, the Office of Special Plans, located within the Pentagon and under the control of neo-conservatives. The OSP roamed outside the ordinary inter-agency process, stamping its approval on stories from Iraqi exiles that the other agencies dismissed as lacking credibility, and feeding them to the president.”

As is all too common, we have a media-manufactured “scandal”—“intelligence failure”—that completely misses the point, comes too late to make a difference, and directs inquiries down a meaningless avenue. Even so, President Bush has made sure the commission won’t release its potentially embarrassing findings until after the November election.

President Johnson Left Navy Men to Die

Only one
Middle Eastern nation
has used its military to
attack U.S. forces. You
might assume it was an Arabian country, but you’d be wrong. It was our “best ally in the region,” Israel. On June 8, 1967, Israel attacked the surveillance ship *U.S.S. Liberty* in international waters off the coast of Egypt—killing 34 U.S. servicemen and



wounding 172. Furthermore, Israel attempted to prevent the *Liberty's* radio operators from sending a distress call by jamming the signal, and Israeli torpedo boats machine-gunned the ship’s lifeboats. To make matters worse, military rescue aircraft were recalled twice “through the direct intervention of the Johnson administration and Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara.”

To date, Congress has yet to hold formal hearings on this atrocity, and no past military investigation has included the testimony of surviving crewmembers. The official 1967 Navy investigation concluded the two-hour attack—on a clear day, on a clearly-marked U.S. Navy ship flying an American flag—was a case of “mistaken identity.” Recently, Captain Ward Boston, the senior Navy attorney who led the 1967 investigation, stated in a sworn affidavit that the court had been ordered by the White House to cover up the incident and make the “mistaken identity” finding. Israel has never stated its motive for the attack, which took place during the Six-Day War in which the country invaded and occupied parts of Egypt and the Golan Heights in Syria.

Incidentally, the source for these charges is hardly an anti-Semitic conspiracy monger. They were made in January 2004 by Admiral Thomas Moorer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1970-1974 and member of an independent commission that was recently formed to investigate the incident. (www.americanfreepress.net)

Health: Everything You Know is Wrong

Well, not exactly everything, but there is a significant amount of research that challenges the mantras of mainstream medicine. One source for such politically incorrect health advice is Dr. William Campbell Douglass (www.realhealthnews.com). Some samples: Fluoride has been linked by respected researchers to increased levels of lead in the body. High levels of lead, in turn, have been linked to hyperactivity, violent crime, insanity, and Alzheimer’s. Fluoride also causes melatonin production to fall. Low levels of melatonin trigger the early onset of

puberty and also have been linked to sleep problems. Nicotine and nicotine-like substances have produced significant improvements in patients with Tourette’s, Parkinson’s, and Alzheimer’s syndromes. The increase in self-exams and mammograms has not reduced the number of breast cancer deaths because these methods can only detect advanced-stage tumors.

A better way to detect cancer, when it is at its earliest and most-treatable stage, is a simple blood test known as the AMAS test. Incidentally, despite all the media attention, breast cancer will be diagnosed in one in nine women, while heart disease will kill one of every two women. The sun does not cause skin cancer. In fact, several studies have shown the risk of malignant skin cancer actually goes down with increased sun exposure.

The level of a substance called homocysteine is a much better measure of heart attack risk than cholesterol levels. In fact, there is no clear pattern of high cholesterol levels in the bodies of people who die of heart attacks. Taking 1,200 micrograms a day of the B-vitamin folic acid can “dramatically reduce” your risk of heart disease and stroke, according to scientists from Aberdeen University in the UK. Perhaps this news hasn’t been widely reported because folic acid is a relatively cheap and non-patentable natural substance.

Paul Wellstone Update

Jackson Thoreau of OpEdNews.com has raised the possibility the mysterious plane crash that killed liberal Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone was caused by an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) device. The crash, which came eleven days before the 2002 elections, was particularly convenient for the White House because it gave Republicans control of the U.S. Senate. In addition, no senator had a stronger record of voting against Bush administration proposals. Shortly before his death, he described a meeting with Vice President Cheney regarding the Iraq war resolution. In Mafioso fashion, Cheney



had warned, "If you vote against the war in Iraq, the Bush administration will do whatever is necessary to get you. There will be severe ramifications for you and the state of Minnesota." Wellstone voted against the war resolution.

According to Thoreau, "even National Transportation Safety Board officials found aspects of Wellstone's accident puzzling." An article in the *Duluth News Tribune* a few days after the crash said "for some still unexplained reason [the plane] turned off course and crashed" and quoted Carol Carmody, the NTSB's acting chair, as saying, "We find the whole turn curious."

The newspaper also featured a column by Jim Fetzer, a University of Minnesota-Duluth philosophy professor, in November 2003. Fetzer wrote that an FBI recovery team headed out to investigate the Wellstone plane crash before the plane went down, saying "I calculate this team would have had to have left the Twin Cities at about the same time the Wellstone plane was taking off."

Fetzer also declared Wellstone's plane was "exceptional, the pilots well-qualified, and the weather posed no significant problems." He suggested, "We have to consider other, less palatable, alternatives, such as small bombs, gas canisters or electromagnetic pulse... weapons designed to overwhelm electrical circuitry with an intense electromagnetic field." In this regard, Fetzer noted, "An abrupt cessation of communication between the plane and the tower took place at about 10:18 a.m., the same time an odd cell phone phenomenon occurred with a driver in the immediate vicinity."

Detailing the cell phone phenomenon, Thoreau describes the experience of John Ongaro, a Minnesota lobbyist. While traveling near the airport in the same area as Wellstone's plane, he received a call on his cell phone at pre-

cisely the time the plane veered off course. "When I answered it, what I heard sounded like a cross between a roar and a loud humming noise. The noise seemed to be oscillating... just this loud, grotesque, sometimes screeching and humming noise."

Thoreau speculates, "What he heard may very well have been electronic interference from an EMP or microwave weapon."

In addition, Thoreau suggests the possibility of EMP-caused aircraft failure is not limited to the Wellstone crash. Citing an article in the *London Observer*, he says, "Electromagnetic pulses from military craft may have been responsible for several civilian airline disasters in the late 1990s. In particular, Swissair 111 in 1998 and TWA 800 in 1996 both took the same route over Long Island, experienced trouble in the same region, suffered catastrophic electrical malfunctions, and were flying at a time when military exercises involving submarines and U.S. Navy P3 fighter planes were being conducted."

In November 2003, the NTSB blamed the pilots of Wellstone's plane for the crash. They flew too high and too fast when they began a left turn toward the runway, then let it slow to dangerous levels, the NTSB said. However, NTSB board member Richard Healing called the conclusion "speculative," pointing out the report did not say how the pilots missed the red flags or why they failed to make adjustments.


Furthermore, some of the NTSB's own simulations failed to match the official scenario. Also, some officials blamed bad weather for the crash, but Thoreau reports, "Witnesses said conditions were not that bad at the time of Wellstone's accident. It was cloudy with a little ice, but there was little wind. Other pilots landed without problem during that same time and said the

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conditions were not bad." Finally, Thoreau notes Wellstone was also the target of an apparent assassination attempt in 2000. When he visited Colombia to survey conditions there, a bomb was found along his route from the airport.



Secret Pentagon Report: Coming Global Catastrophe

 Climate change could result in a global catastrophe costing millions of lives, and is a far greater threat than terrorism. So says a secret Pentagon report suppressed by U.S. military officials and obtained by *The Observer* (U.K.) in February 2004.

The report, commissioned by an influential Pentagon adviser, warns that



by 2020 "abrupt climate change could bring the planet to the edge of anarchy as countries develop a nuclear threat to defend and secure dwindling food, water and energy supplies." Nuclear conflict, sunken cities, mega-droughts, famine and widespread rioting will erupt across the world, as the United States becomes "a 'virtual fortress' trying to keep out millions of migrants whose homelands have been wiped out by rising sea levels or made unfarmable by drought."

The report will be difficult for the President to brush off, as it comes from the normally conservative Pentagon rather than a liberal environmental group. But don't worry. The Bush administration has assured us repeatedly that climate change and global warming do not exist. "You've got a President who says global warming is a hoax, and across the Potomac river you've got a Pentagon preparing for climate wars. It's pretty scary..." said Rob Gueterbock of Greenpeace. (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,12271,1153531,00.html>) **P**



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NYCity State: The Genentech division of food service conglomerate ADM-Monsanto EUx IC announced a breakthrough in its genetically engineered food products line that promises to alter the way food gets to the plates of people on both sides of the Atlantic. No longer will America's tomato crops be susceptible to environmental factors such as drought or pestilence. The Frogmato™, an entirely new species that combines the aspects of both the vegetable and animal kingdoms, is soon to hit produce shelves in America.

This incredible vegimal™ has been created from the hearty Big Boy™ tomato variety and the versatile Brazilian tree frog. The vegimal's™ head, with the exception of the nose-like structure, clearly resembles the tomato, whilst its body remains that of a frog. The creature is produced in hatcheries and let loose in fields to grow to maturity where it needs no tending whatsoever. Upon maturity, a homing instinct created by scientists causes it to return to the hatchery. Once back home, the Frogmato's™ eyes promptly fall out, to be replaced by normal tomato-like matter. After this "moulting" process, the head falls off. The large stainless steel containers, into which these creatures have been unnaturally seduced, are then filled with water and the heads and bodies are separated by automated devices. The tomato portions will be sold in America, whereas the frog portions will be shipped to France to be eaten by other frogs.

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The Myths & Truths of Genetically Engineered Foods

The testimony that follows was given on October 2, 2003 before the Vermont State Agriculture Committee by Jeffrey M. Smith, author of the exposé, *Seeds of Deception: Exposing Industry and Government Lies about the Safety of the Genetically Engineered Foods You're Eating*.

My name is Jeffrey Smith. I have been involved with the issue of genetically-engineered foods since the mid 1990s, working for nonprofit and political groups, and lecturing on the health and environmental dangers. I worked as vice-president of marketing for a GMO-detection laboratory, which also certifies foods and crops as non-GMO (short for genetically modified organisms). I recently wrote a book entitled, *Seeds of Deception: Exposing Industry and Government Lies About the Safety of the Genetically Engineered Foods You're Eating*. It documents many potential and actual health dangers of genetically modified foods, and the attempts by proponents of biotechnology to cover them up.

The book includes information never before in the public domain. I encourage you to look it over before finalizing any policy on genetically modified (GM) foods. Many people have been shocked at what has been going on behind the scenes. I will be conducting a tour of the state, presenting some of the evidence to your constituents.

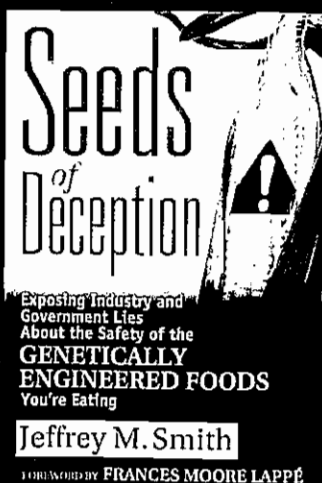
My conclusions are as follows:

- Genetically modified foods are inherently unsafe. They can lead to dozens of unpredicted side effects.
- Many of the assumptions used by biotechnology companies as the basis for their safety claims have been proven wrong or remain untested.
- There have been dangerously few safety tests on genetically modified foods.
- Industry safety tests are typically rigged to avoid finding problems.
- The most in-depth independent studies show serious damage to laboratory animals.
- One genetically modified food supplement killed about 100

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Americans and caused another 5-10,000 to fall sick. Evidence implicating genetic engineering as the cause was suppressed.

Many scientists both in government and in the private sector who discovered dangers, or even expressed concern, have been attacked and silenced. How could the government approve dangerous foods? A close examination reveals that industry manipulation and political collusion—not sound science—allowed these on the market. I have discovered that:

- Government employees who complained were harassed, stripped of responsibilities, or fired.^{1,2}
- Scientists were threatened. Evidence was stolen. Data was omitted or distorted. Some regulators even claimed they were offered bribes to approve a genetically modified product.^{3,4,5}

Let's explore some of the popular myths about genetically modified foods:

Myth 1

The FDA has thoroughly evaluated genetically modified foods and found them safe.

Internal FDA documents made public from a lawsuit reveal that agency scientists warned that genetically modified foods might create toxins, allergies, nutritional problems, and new diseases that might be difficult to identify.⁶ Although they urged their superiors to require long-term tests on each genetically modified variety prior to approval, the political appointees at the agency, including a former attorney for Monsanto, ignored the scientists. Official policy claims that the foods are no different and do *not* require safety testing.⁷ A manufacturer can introduce a genetically modified food without even informing the government or consumers.⁸

A January 2001 report from an expert panel of the Royal Society of Canada said it was “scientifically unjustifiable”⁹ to presume that genetically modified foods are safe. Likewise, a 2002 report by the UK’s Royal Society said that genetic modification “could lead to unpredicted

harmful changes in the nutritional state of foods,” and recommended that potential health effects of genetically modified foods be rigorously researched before being fed to pregnant or breast-feeding women, elderly people, those suffering from chronic disease, and babies.¹⁰

Myth 2

These foods have been extensively tested for safety.

In the mid-1990s, a major grant was awarded by the British government to develop the first independent safety-testing program on genetically modified food. It was to become the model for the UK, and later for all of Europe. As part of the research, scientists fed rats a genetically modified potato engineered to create an insecticide, known to be harmless to rats. Upon examination, it was found that the rats developed damage to the immune system, smaller brains, livers and testicles, partial atrophy of the liver and potentially pre-cancerous cell growth in the intestines and stomach.¹¹ When the lead scientist tried to alert the public about these alarming discoveries, he lost his job, he was silenced with threats of a lawsuit, and the safety testing program was scrapped.

The research was eventually published in the prestigious journal *The Lancet*, and remains the most in-depth animal feeding study on genetically modified foods ever conducted. Two other studies also showed preliminary evidence of a potentially pre-cancerous condition reported in *The Lancet*. All other published animal feeding studies on genetically modified foods were not designed to identify health effects.^{12,13} That’s all the other *seven* studies. Unbelievably, there are only ten published animal feeding studies on the health effects of genetically modified foods. In unpublished studies on the FlavrSavr tomato, laboratory rats fed the genetically modified crop developed stomach lesions and seven of the forty died within two weeks. The tomato was approved.

Myth 3

Approval was based on sound science. I asked Dr. Arpad Pusztai, an eminent scientist fired and silenced after discovering damaged health in rats, what

was the most shocking moment he encountered. It was not discovering the damaged health in the rats or being fired after 35 years.

It came months earlier when he read the confidential submissions made by the biotechnology companies to the UK government, requesting that their foods be approved. He was given the 600+ pages by the director of his institute, who sat on the twelve-member committee that approved requests. Arpad knew that the director and most of the committee members would never actually read the studies, as they were committee-men, not working scientists. Arpad, on the other hand, had been in charge of a twenty-member team for two years, designing safety protocols. He was among the most qualified persons in the world to evaluate the submissions.

Reading them, however, was the most shocking moment. He said the studies were examples of extremely poor science. It was obvious that the companies were doing as little as possible in order to get their foods onto the market quickly. Reading these superficial studies was a turning point in this pro-biotech scientist's life. Later, when he discovered the damage to the rats after consuming genetically modified potatoes for the equivalent of ten human years, he realized that if the soy and corn on the market were creating the same effect in humans, it would never have been picked up by their flimsy tests, and it would not be obvious in the population for years.

Studies Rigged

In fact, many industry studies appear to be rigged to find no problems. In the case of a genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (rbGH), for example, researchers injected cows with only a fraction of the normal dosage before reporting hormone residues in milk.¹⁴ They heated the milk 120 times longer than standard, in an apparent attempt to report that pasteurization destroys the hormone.¹⁵ It didn't, so they added powdered hormone, 146 times the naturally occurring amount, heated that 120 times longer than normal, and only then reported that pasteurization destroys 90% of the hormone. That was

what the FDA reported as well. Furthermore, researchers apparently used cows that were pregnant *before* treatment to claim that rbGH didn't impede fertility.¹⁶ Cows that fell sick were allegedly dropped from studies altogether.

With soybeans, serious nutritional differences between genetically modified and natural soy were omitted from a published paper.¹⁷ Feeding studies masked any problems by using mature animals instead of developing ones and by diluting their genetically modified soy 10 to 1 with non-GM protein.¹⁸

No Adequate Tests for Allergic Reactions

There are no adequate tests to verify that genetically modified food will not create dangerous allergic reactions. While the World Health Organization developed testing

standards to minimize the possibility of allowing allergenic genetically modified varieties on the market, genetically modified corn currently sold in the U.S. has not been subjected to those tests and would most certainly fail them. One company's test, for example, used a far stronger acid concentration and more than 1,250 times the amount of a digestive enzyme later recommended by the WHO, to make the claim that their protein degrades too quickly to cause an allergic reaction.¹⁹

The only human feeding trial ever conducted confirmed that genetically engineered genes from soy burgers and a soy milkshake transferred to the bacteria inside the digestive tract after only one meal.²⁰ The biotech industry had previously said that such a transfer was impossible.

Super Diseases and Cancer

The World Health Organization and the American Medical Associations, and several other groups have expressed concern that if the "antibiotic resistant marker genes" used in genetically modified foods got transferred to bacteria, it could create super-diseases that are immune to antibiotics.²¹ This was one reason cited why the British Medical Association called for a complete moratorium on genetically modified foods.

More worrisome is that the "promoter" used inside genetically modified foods might get transferred to bacteria or internal organs. Promoters permanently turn on genes that might otherwise be switched off. Scientists believe that this might create unpredictable health effects, including the potentially pre-cancerous cell growth found in the animal feeding studies mentioned earlier.

Myth 4

The biotech industry says millions have eaten genetically modified foods without ill effect. This is misleading. About 100 people died and 5-10,000 fell seriously ill when they consumed the food supplement L-Tryptophan.²² Only those who consumed genetically modified L-Tryptophan became ill. That brand had minute but deadly contaminants that would easily pass through current regulations today. The disease it created was rare, acute, and came on quickly. If all three of these characteristics had not been present, the genetically modified supplement might never have been traced as the cause. Once discovered, however, industry and government covered up facts and diverted the blame. Some tried to pin the blame on a change in the company's filter. We know now that hundreds had contracted the disease from genetically modified versions of the supplement during the four years prior to the change in the filter. The FDA testimony before Congress blamed health fraud schemes, and never told congressmen that the supplement was genetically modified.

Milk from rbGH-treated cows contains an increased amount of the hormone IGF-1. We know that IGF-1 naturally occurs in milk. We also know that drinking milk



can increase the free circulating IGF-1 in humans. Premenopausal women with high IGF-1 levels are seven times more likely to develop breast cancer. Besides family history, that makes IGF-1 the highest known risk factor for breast cancer.²³ Men with high levels are four times more likely to develop prostate cancer.²⁴ IGF-1 is also implicated in colon and lung cancer.

Soy allergies skyrocketed by 50% in the UK, coinciding with the introduction of genetically modified soy imports from the U.S.²⁵

According to a March 2001 report, the Centers for Disease Control says that food is responsible for twice the number of illnesses in the U.S. compared to estimates just seven years earlier. This increase roughly corresponds to the period when large amounts of genetically modified foods have been introduced into the American diet. Could genetic engineering be contributing to the 5,000 deaths, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 76 million illnesses related to food each year? Might it play a role in our national epidemic of obesity or the rise in diabetes or lymphatic cancers? We have no way of knowing if there is a connection because no one has looked for one.

Actually, the Food Standards Agency of the UK developed a plan to monitor potential health problems. They approached the UK supermarkets, asking to use the purchasing records of the 30 million consumers who used "loyalty cards." They were going to see if those people who ate genetically modified foods had higher levels of birth defects, childhood allergies, and cancer. When their plans were leaked to the public, they cancelled the study.

One of the most dangerous aspects of genetic engineering is the closed thinking and consistent effort to silence those with contrary evidence or concerns. Just before stepping down from office, former Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, admitted the following:

What I saw on the pro-biotech side was the attitude that the technology was good, and that it was almost immoral to say that it wasn't good, because it was going to solve the problems of the human race and feed the hungry and clothe the naked. ... And there was a lot of money that had been invested in this, and if you're against it, you're Luddites, you're stupid. That, frankly, was the side our government was on. ... You felt like you were almost an alien, disloyal, by trying to present an open-minded view.²⁶

Contrast this with the warning by the editors of *Nature Biotechnology*: "The risks in biotechnology are undeniable, and they stem from the unknowable in science and commerce. It is prudent to recognize and address those risks, not compound them by overly optimistic or foolhardy behavior."²⁷

Please don't become overly optimistic or foolhardy. I urge you to read the evidence amassed in my book *Seeds of Deception*. I do not offer opinions. I offer meticulously

documented accounts, with 340 footnotes in all, showing that these foods should never have been approved and might already be creating massive health problems in our population. As you read the book, please note down any questions. Make them tough. I will be available to answer the questions, or put you in touch with scientists who may be better equipped to respond. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you what I have learned about this important topic. The following is excerpted from *Seeds of Deception*.

Seeds of Deception

The biotech industry's success with government leaders became apparent on May 26, 1992 in the Indian Treaty Room of the Old Executive Building. There, Vice President Dan Quayle announced the Bush administration's new policy on genetically engineered food: "The reforms we announce today will speed up and simplify the process of bringing better agricultural products, developed through biotech, to consumers, food processors and farmers. We will ensure that biotech products will receive the same oversight as other products, instead of being hampered by unnecessary regulation."²⁸

By "receive the same oversight as other products," Quayle meant that genetically modified foods would be considered just as safe as natural, non-GM foods. Sidestepping "unnecessary regulation" meant that the government would not require safety tests or special labels identifying the foods as genetically engineered. The rationale for this hands-off policy was spelled out in an FDA document dated three days after Quayle's announcement. "The agency is not aware of any information showing that foods derived by these new methods differ from other foods in any meaningful or uniform way."²⁹

Monsanto, under its new leadership, had what it wanted: government endorsement of safety and no regulations that would interfere with its plans for rapid worldwide sales.



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Political Science at the FDA

Attorney Michael Taylor had overseen the development of FDA policy. Prior to working at the agency, Taylor worked at King and Spaulding law firm; Monsanto was his personal client. Taylor helped Monsanto draft pro-biotech regulations that the industry would lobby for. While working for the FDA, Taylor could implement those laws himself. For Monsanto, there was no better person to step into a leadership role at the FDA.

Taylor did not simply fill a vacant position at the agency. In 1991 the FDA created a new position for him: Deputy Commissioner for Policy. He instantly became the FDA official with the greatest influence on genetically modified food regulation, overseeing the development of government policy.

According to public interest attorney Steven Druker, who has studied the FDA's internal files, "During Mr. Taylor's tenure as Deputy Commissioner, references to the unintended negative effects of bioengineering were progressively deleted from drafts of the policy statement (over the protests of agency scientists), and a final statement was issued claiming (a) that [GM] foods are no riskier than others and (b) that the agency has no information to the contrary."³⁰ In 1994, Taylor became the administrator at the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service, where he was also involved in biotechnology issues. He later became Vice President for Public Policy at Monsanto.

When the FDA announced its policy, the public was not aware of any internal dissent. The policy boldly claimed there was no information to indicate that genetically modified foods were different or more risky than natural varieties. Since the American public generally trusts the FDA, they assumed no such risks existed. But nearly a decade later, the agency's internal documents—made public for the first time through a lawsuit—told a different story.

Linda Kahl, an FDA compliance officer, protested that by "trying to force an ultimate conclusion that there is no difference between foods modified by genetic engineering and foods modified by traditional breeding practices," the agency was "trying to fit a square peg into a round hole." She insisted, "the processes of genetic engineering and traditional breeding are different, and according to the technical experts in the agency, they lead to different risks."³¹

One such expert was FDA microbiologist Louis Pribyl. "There is a profound difference between the types of unexpected effects from traditional breeding and genetic engineering," wrote Pribyl in a letter to James Maryanski, the FDA's biotech coordinator. Pribyl said that several aspects of gene splicing "may be more hazardous."³² According to the *New York Times*, "Dr. Pribyl knew from studies that toxins could be unintentionally created when new genes were introduced into a plant's cells."²⁷ More-

over, Pribyl wrote "there is no certainty that [the breeders of genetically modified foods] will be able to pick up effects that might not be obvious." He declared, "This is the industry's pet idea, namely that there are no unintended effects that will raise the FDA's level of concern. But time and time again, there is no data to back up their contention."³²

Pribyl was one of many FDA scientists asked to provide input during the formulation of the FDA's policy on genetically engineered food. According to Druker, records show that the majority of these scientists identified potential risks of genetically modified foods. Druker was the main organizer of the lawsuit that forced the FDA documents into the public domain; his non-profit organization, the Alliance for Bio-Integrity (<http://www.bio-integrity.org>), was the lead plaintiff. Having sorted through tens of thousands of pages of FDA documents, he described the opinion of the agency's scientists as follows: "The predominant view was that genetic engineering entails distinct risks and that its products cannot be regarded as safe unless they have been confirmed to be so through appropriate feeding studies." Druker says several scientists "issued strong warnings."

The Toxicology Group, for example, warned that genetically modified plants could "contain unexpected high concentrations of plant toxicants," and described the reasons why these might be very difficult to identify.³³ Their director wrote, "The possibility of unexpected, accidental changes in genetically engineered plants justifies a limited traditional toxicological study."³⁴

The Division of Food Chemistry and Technology outlined four potential dangers:

- 1) "Increased levels of known naturally occurring toxins"
- 2) "Appearance of new, not previously identified" toxins
- 3) Increased tendency to gather "toxic substances from the environment" such as "pesticides or heavy metals" and
- 4) "Undesirable alterations in the levels of nutrients."

They warned, "unless genetically engineered plants are evaluated specifically for these changes," these four "may escape breeders' attention." The division recommended testing every genetically modified food "before it enters the marketplace."³⁵

Gerald Guest, the director of FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), sent a letter to James Maryanski at

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the FDA stating CVM's conclusion that there is "ample scientific justification" to require testing and review of each genetically modified food before it is eaten by the public. He stated, "CVM believes that animal feeds derived from genetically modified plants present unique animal and food safety concerns." He pointed out that, "residues of plant constituents or toxicants in meat and milk products may pose human food safety concerns."³⁶ Guest also wrote, "I would urge you to eliminate statements that suggest that

the lack of information can be used as evidence for no regulatory concern."³⁶

In spite of repeated internal memos outlining the potential for increased health risks posed by this new technology, subsequent drafts of the FDA's policy statement, overseen by Taylor, deleted more and more of the scientist's input. In a fiery memo to Maryanski, Pribyl challenged the direction the policy statement had taken:

What has happened to the scientific elements of this document? Without a sound scientific base to rest on, this becomes a broad, general, 'What do I have to do to avoid trouble'-type document. ... It will look like and probably be just a political document. ... It reads very pro-industry, especially in the area of unintended effects, but contains very little input from consumers and only a few answers for their concerns.

Pribyl pointed out a glaring inconsistency. He said that while the FDA policy says "there are no differences between traditional breeding and [genetic modification] ... In fact the FDA is making a distinction, so why pretend otherwise." Pribyl also made two eerily accurate predictions:

- 1) "Industry will do what it *has* to do to satisfy the FDA 'requirements' and not do the tests that they would normally do because they are not on the FDA's list;" and
- 2) "There will be ... less concern about safety, because of a false sense of 'knowing what one is doing' and 'its been done hundreds of times before without a problem, why check it now.'"³²

White House Influences FDA Policy

While the FDA's scientists were emphasizing caution and testing, its leaders were beholden to an altogether different lobbying effort. A March 1992 memo from FDA Commissioner David Kessler, confirmed the White House's influence in the crafting of the agency's policy. "The approach and provisions of the policy statement are consistent with the general biotechnology policy estab-

lished by the Office of the President. ... It also responds to White House interest in assuring the safe, speedy development of the U.S. biotechnology industry."³⁷

Even the draft of the policy Kessler praised as White House-friendly was subject to further revision as it went up the political chain of command. A May 1992 Memorandum from the Office of Management and Budget to President Bush's White House counsel made the following recommendations.

The policy statement needs to stress the role of decentralized safety reviews by producers; with informal FDA consultation only if significant safety or nutritional concerns arise. It should avoid emphasizing obligatory FDA review and oversight.

The letter also suggested that the following sentence about genetic engineering be added. "Since these techniques are more precise, they increase the potential for safe, better characterized, and more predictable foods."³⁸

Similarly, a memo from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, at the Department of Health & Human Services, expressed reservations about the length and depth of the policy statement's concern for environmental effects of genetically modified crops. The letter said, "The extensive twelve page discussion seems to be ... dangerously detailed and drawn-out. ... In contrast to the sections on food safety, which properly imply that biotechnology is a fundamentally innocuous tool of food production and that the fruits of biotechnology will be substantially equivalent to those with which we are already familiar, the [environmental] section gives an incorrect impression that biotechnology raises significant new agricultural and environmental concerns."³⁹

The Politics of Food

These memos reveal that as the evaluators have less and less background in science and more political accountability, the foods, and their environmental impact, are regarded as safer and safer. In the end, it was the political rather than scientific recommendations that prevailed. The agency not only ignored its scientists, it claimed their concerns never existed. The official FDA policy proclaiming ignorance of any meaningful differences between genetically modified and non-GM food became the rationale for eliminating any meaningful oversight.

Other government departments also invoked this political concept of equivalence in support of their policies. For example, the State Department's Melinda Kimble, while negotiating genetically modified trade policy said, "I want to make very clear that it is the position of the United States government that we do not believe there is a difference between GMO and non-GMO commodities."⁴⁰ Likewise, a March 2003 statement by Speaker of the House Hastert declared, "There is general consensus among the scientific community that genetically modified food is no different from conventional food."⁴¹

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When the FDA documents eventually became public, Maryanski defended the agency's policy. On February 28, 2000, he told the OECD Conference on GMO Food Safety in Edinburgh, Scotland, that the FDA scientists had merely been asking questions about the various issues involved in bio-engineered food. Maryanski was unpleasantly surprised when Druker, who was a member of the

conference, stood up and invited the audience to read the FDA memos that were posted on his organization's website. They could see for themselves that the agency's scientists were not merely asking questions; many of their statements were quite emphatic about the unique risks of genetically modified foods.

Maryanski and other FDA officials and representatives throughout the U.S. government continue to claim there is overwhelming consensus among scientists that genetically modified foods are safe. In an October 1991 letter to a Canadian official, however, Maryanski himself had admitted that this was not true.

He said, "there are a number of specific issues ... for which a scientific consensus does not exist currently, especially the need for specific toxicology tests."

Maryanski also said, "I think the question of the potential for some substances to cause allergic reactions is particularly difficult to predict."⁴²

Commenting on statements made by FDA scientists, the *New York Times* wrote: "The scientists were displaying precisely the concerns that Monsanto executives from the 1980's had anticipated – and indeed had considered reasonable. But now, rather than trying to address those concerns, Monsanto, the industry and official Washington were dismissing them as the insignificant worries of the uninformed."⁴³

Many scientists who understood the dangers, however, were not convinced by the FDA's assurances. Geneticist

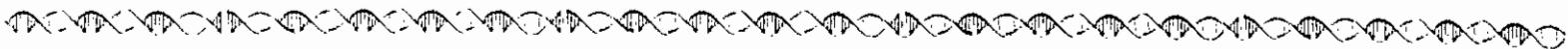
David Suzuki, for example, said, "Any politician or scientist who tells you these products are safe is either very stupid or lying. The experiments have simply not been done."⁴⁴

A January 2001 report from an expert panel of the Royal Society of Canada likewise supported the conclusions of the FDA scientists. The report said it was "scientifically unjustifiable" to presume that genetically modified foods are safe. The report explains that the "default prediction" for any genetically modified foods is that "expression of a new gene (and its products) ... will be accompanied by a range of collateral changes in expression of other genes, changes in the pattern of proteins produced and/or changes in metabolic activities." This could result in novel toxins or other harmful substances. The report emphasized the need for safety testing, looking for short and long-term human toxicity, allergenicity, and other health effects.⁴⁵ **P**

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Aleister Crowley died in 1947, but his legacy, both in the OTO and other associations, carried on. Although technically neither satanist nor witch, Crowley's shadow fell across the satanic cults and witchcraft covens that blossomed in the sixties.

In the late fifties and early sixties something like a satanic epidemic hit England and Europe. In books like *Witchcraft Today* (1954), *The Meaning of Witchcraft* (1959) and *High Magic's Aid* (1949) Gerald Gardner (1884–1964) more or less adopted the mantle of his teacher Crowley, and filled the spot left by Crowley's death as England's resident satanist. Although neither Gardner nor Crowley was technically a satanist, pupil and master did share some eccentric tastes. Gardner's books are spiced with frequent and detailed descriptions of flagellation and other sadomasochistic activities.

To Crowley's ubiquitous magical injunction, "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law. Love is the law, love under will," Gardner added the

succinct and gentle colophon "Blessed be," adopted by many Wiccans today. Compared to Crowley's raging appetite for recognition, obsessive exhibitionism and delusions of cosmic grandeur, Gardner's interest in the craft seems positively quaint. He reminds one of an old grandfather, puttering around with voodoo dolls and shrunken heads.

Gardner was a traveler in the Far East and early in his career had written a book on unusual Malay weapons, like the keris, a strange wavy dagger associated with magical practices. (With Mad Gregor Mathers, Gardner shared an interest in weaponry.) He claimed that at sixteen, in 1900, he lived in Kandy, Ceylon, next to a



bungalow occupied by Crowley and the English Buddhist, Allan Bennet. Gardner was the curator of his own self-styled Museum of Magic and Witchcraft, which he opened in Castletown on the Isle of Man in 1952. This consisted for the most part in Gardner's own collections of swords, spears, daggers, pikes, altars, wands and robes, as well as books on magic, archaeology, ESP and secret societies. He also sported tattoos of cabbalistic design.

Gardner was the latest representative of a tradition that had never really died out in England. Formed around the 'old ways,' belief in Mother Earth, in the secret properties of plants and herbs, natural rhythms, a forthright pagan joy in nature and an antipathy to the guilt-inducing strictures of Christianity, the generic name for it was witchcraft. At the turn of the century, James Frazer's *The Golden Bough* had given these pursuits an academic cachet, although in doing so he jettisoned any supernatural elements and reduced the lot to fertility rites.

Years later, Margaret Murray's *The Witch Cult in Western Europe* (1921) would argue that rather than a case of mass hysteria, the witch hunts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were attempts by the dominant Christian powers to exterminate the last remnants of an ancient, matriarchal worship. The truth is probably that what is today called Wicca goes back no further than the late nineteenth century. The fact that as the permissive sixties moved on, more and more modern witches took to practicing the craft "sky-clad" – naked – and in groups, may have helped draw new recruits of both sexes to the old ways.

Although not a follower of Crowley's Thelema, the Beast did authorize Gardner to establish an OTO lodge. Not keen on sex magic, Gardner developed rituals that incorporated his own tastes with Crowley's. The source for Gardnerian witchcraft, *The Book of Shadows*, contains rituals that combine nudity, scourging and magical sex. But Gardner's preoccupation with witchcraft left little time for the OTO.

When Karl Germer received a request to establish a lodge from Kenneth Grant, he quickly agreed. Not too long after, Germer may have regretted his decision. In 1955 Grant published a channeled manifesto stating that a new spiritual influence was at work on earth, emanating from the planet Isis beyond Pluto. Grant claimed his OTO lodge had knowledge of secret rituals implicit in *The Book of the Law*. He also informed Germer that the rituals were so secret that he could not reveal them, even to him. Germer, incensed at Grant's arrogance, promptly expelled him from the OTO, and withdrew his charter. Grant, like all good magicians, ignored Germer's edicts and followed his own path.

Israel Regardie

Another Crowleyite to land on California's shores was Israel Regardie (1907–1985). Regardie became *persona non grata* among many occultists when he published a massive volume of the hitherto secret rituals of the Golden Dawn in the 1940s, thus breaking a solemn vow of silence placed upon all members. Born in England, he grew up in the US,

and in the late 1920s a correspondence with Crowley led to his joining the Great Beast in Europe, serving as his secretary from 1928 to 1934. As with many of his followers, Crowley treated Regardie miserably. An open letter sent to associates following Regardie's final break with the Beast shows Crowley at his most petulant, petty and bigoted.

Regardie, however, became one of Crowley's greatest apologists, writing a massive biography, *The Eye in the Pyramid* (1970), as a riposte to John Symonds' deflating *The Great Beast*. (It is a testament to either Crowley's hold over people or to their own lack of self-esteem – perhaps both – that even after being treated most foully, they often came back to Crowley.) Regardie's *The Tree of Life*, written in 1932 and republished in the late 1960s, remains perhaps the best single introduction to the philosophy of ceremonial magic. His introduction to Crowley's book on hashish, *The Herb Dangerous* (1968), places Crowley in the context of Leary and the psychedelic movement.

Regardie became a chiropractor just before World War Two. After serving in the US army, he settled in the Los Angeles area, and became fascinated with Wilhelm Reich's theories on muscular tension. Reich, a follower of Freud, was cast out of the psychoanalytical movement because his views on sex were even more radical than the master's: he believed that all neuroses could be cured by good sex or, failing that, masturbation, and went so far as to show his clients how to do it. Reich argued that psychic stress causes what he called "muscular armature," a debilitating stiffening of the body.

Regardie combined Reichian therapy with tantric *pranayama* breathing techniques and variants on Golden Dawn meditations in his practice. Reich also believed he had discovered a universal life force, what he called "orgone energy," a subtle vital radiation permeating the universe, having much in common with the occult idea of an astral light. William Burroughs was one of the major advocates of Reich's ideas, and often spent time in one of Reich's orgone boxes, a device designed to capture orgone energy.

Regardie was also a strong advocate of Jung's psychology, relating this to his occult studies. In the late 1950s, Regardie returned to his occult beginnings, and published a spate of reissues of Crowley's works with the successful Minnesota occult publisher, Llewellyn. Regardie argued that Crowley's reputation as a monster of depravity was unearned. He was instead a Victorian hippie who advocated free love and the use of drugs fifty years before the counter-culture. Regardie's revisionist view of Crowley, as well as his

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Solar Lodge of the OTO

If Regardie's pro-Crowley polemics were harmless, the same can't be said for the renegade Solar Lodge of the OTO, started in Los Angeles by Jean Brayton and her husband Richard, a philosophy professor at the University of Southern California. In the early 1960s, the Braytons opened the Eye of Horus Bookstore on West Jefferson Boulevard across from the University. L.A. always had a good market for magic; Gilbert's Bookshop on Hollywood Boulevard had catered to eccentric tastes for many years, and the Timeless Occult Shop and Compleat Enchanter on Sunset Boulevard were big sixties hangouts.

The Braytons' shop soon attracted a devoted clientele. They gathered a group of occult students, netted from L.A.'s bohemian circles: USC students, artists, writers, and hangers-on from the movie world, including Jerry Kay, art director on *Easy Rider* (1968), who had also designed a tarot deck. (Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper, stars of *Easy Rider*, also shared the bill for Roger

Corman's film of psychedelic satanism, *The Trip* (1967).) Suspicions of a dark side to the Solar Lodge arose when a dentist associated with the group mysteriously disappeared. Rumor said he had crossed the lodge somehow and, in a manner later associated with Manson's Family, had been murdered and his body buried in the desert.

The Braytons sought absolute control over their devotees, regulating everything about their lives. They bound them financially by loan-sharking. Student followers secured the many drugs the group used in their rituals. Not only did these help induce magical states of consciousness, they also put many members in compromising situations, as well as broke down resistance. Sex was stringently controlled. Initiates were instructed to cut themselves with a razor whenever they felt an unauthorized sex urge, a practice Crowley advised as an excellent means of developing self-discipline. One teenage girl who became pregnant during her time with the group was instructed to hate the baby, who would be given over to the Braytons to be used for the cult's purposes. She left before term.

The Braytons were successful enough at soliciting funds to purchase a large house where they rented rooms to followers at exorbitant rates. They owned a petrol station and a garage, operated by members of the cult, who would preach Thelema while filling your tank. The house was the scene of

rituals, drug parties and several animal sacrifices. According to Ed Sanders in *The Family*, Charles Manson was among its visitors, although there is little evidence of this.

In June 1969, the same summer as the Manson murders, a fire broke out at a Colorado ranch owned by the Braytons, started by a six-year-old boy whose parents were members of the lodge. The fire destroyed the main building, but the worst damage was the loss of several rare Crowley manuscripts, possibly stolen by the cult from the widow of Karl Germer. (It is possible the cult burgled Israel Regardie too.) In punishment Jean Brayton, the disciplinarian, burned the boy's fingers, put him in a small crate with his leg chained to the ground, and left him there. Temperatures in the desert reached 110°F in June.

More than a month later, two men visiting the ranch noticed the boy, still in the crate. At the nearest telephone they called the police. Several lodge members were arrested and convicted of felony child abuse. The body of a lodge member who had died from a drug overdose was also discovered. The Braytons, who avoided the raid, had a warrant issued for their arrest, but they escaped to property the lodge owned in Mexico. According to Arthur Lyons, a year later the Braytons gave themselves up to the FBI. When questioned they denied any association with Manson and his Family. (Lyons)

The Black Pope

In San Francisco on the night of 30 April 1966 – Walpurgisnacht, the ancient celebration of the pre-Christian fertility goddess Waldborg – Anton LaVey, formerly Howard Levey, shaved his head and officially announced the creation of the world's first Church of Satan. According to Blanche Barton, LaVey's biographer, shaving one's head is an ancient ritual practice, linked to an obscure Islamic sect of devil worshippers, the Yezidi. A razor washed in the water beneath the Seven Towers of Satan, which leads to Shamballah, the place of the satanic masters, is used to shave a magician's head, thus setting him apart from the humdrum sons of Adam. Perhaps, but the Seven Towers of Satan sounds a lot like A. Merritt's pulp classic *Seven Footprints to Satan* (1928), which LaVey more than likely knew.

With his smooth dome and Beat goatee, he was the spit and image of Ming the Merciless, from the old *Flash Gordon* serials, another character with which LaVey was certainly familiar. That Crowley and Gurdjieff both sported shiny cupolas may have been a factor as well. In the years to come, LaVey would develop a complete satanic philosophy around his church, captured in his best-selling *The Satanic Bible* (1969) and later in *The Satanic Rituals* (1971). His rituals employed H.P. Lovecraft, John Dee's Enochian Keys, psychodrama and the chant "Are We Not Men?" from



H. G. Wells's *The Island of Dr. Moreau*, which the rock band Devo would later put to good use.

LaVey's Satanism can best be described as "Ayn Rand with horns," a kind of endarkened self-interest whose models were Al Capone and Basil Zaharoff, the most successful and cynical arms merchant of all time. Bringing together some of the tackiest elements of grade-B pop culture, a weakness for carnival hucksterism, a pinch of German expressionism, film noir, and a liberal sprinkling of occult fascism, in the San Francisco that was on its way to the Human Be-In and the summer of love, LaVey wasn't interested in flowers and beads.

Before becoming Satan's High Priest, LaVey had led a colorful life. Born in Chicago in 1930, he grew up watching classic horror films and reading *Weird Tales*. He would later claim that H.P. Lovecraft and William Hope Hodgson (author of the eerie classic *The House on the Borderland*) were better occult teachers than Crowley or A. E. Waite. At sixteen he left home and joined the Clyde Beatty Circus, where he was an assistant lion tamer. Two years later he joined a carnival, where he told fortunes, did astrological charts, and learned hypnosis from a magician. Later he played organ in burlesque houses in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

For a time he played bump and grind for a young Marilyn Monroe, on her way to stardom. According to LaVey they were lovers, something he also claims of his one-time disciple, the actress Jayne Mansfield. A brief period working with an uncle in Las Vegas introduced him to gangsters like Bugsy Seigel and Meyer Lansky. LaVey developed an interest in guns from their acquaintance, something he shared with William S. Burroughs, who also had a taste for carnive routines.

When LaVey's first wife urged him to settle down, he studied criminology at San Francisco City College and landed a job as a photographer with the San Francisco Police Department. The experience revealed to him "the grimiest side of human life." It led him to recognize violence as a part of the divine plan, and he nurtured a growing Gnostic view of a flawed universe. He became deeply interested in the occult, visited a branch of the OTO in Berkeley, and ordered several of Crowley's works from Jack Parsons in Pasadena.

The Magic Circle

In 1956, LaVey bought an old Victorian speakeasy, which had also been a spiritualist parlor and house of ill repute, on California Street near the Golden Gate Bridge. His first DIY was to promptly paint it black. His interest in the occult became well known and the police often called him in to work on nut cases: people who said they were vampires or werewolves. For a while, LaVey worked as a ghost buster, using a strange electronic instrument called a theremin

to detect spooks. This came to the attention of columnist Herb Caen, who gave the world the word "beatnik." He gave LaVey his first taste of celebrity. Like Crowley and Alex Sanders, being in the news became a habit. LaVey started to give lectures on occult themes at the Black House, and it was here that the Magic Circle began.

Over the years, LaVey's lectures would attract a wide range of professionals, curious about occult lore. In attendance were artists, attorneys, doctors, writers, and even members of the police with whom LaVey was on good terms. Although he espoused a philosophy that rejected bourgeois Christian virtues, LaVey was always at home with successful, well-off types. He had no truck with the Beats or hippies that ruined his beloved San Francisco. In later years, during Haight-Ashbury's heyday, LaVey's black mass would include crushing a sugar cube soaked in LSD, urinating on marijuana, or hanging a picture of Timothy Leary or an Eastern guru upside down.

Like Heinlein and Hubbard, LaVey's ethos was decidedly conservative and libertarian. "Man must learn to properly indulge himself by whatever means he finds necessary, so long as it hurts no one who neither deserves nor wishes to be hurt." Not inclined to turn the other cheek, LaVey advised smashing the face of the fellow who slaps you. His audience met at midnight at his spooky house. Over the years these would include Michael Harner, a colleague of Carlos Castaneda who would become famous in the New Age seventies for his writing on shamanism; Forrest J. Ackerman, editor of *Famous Monsters of Filmland*, one-time literary agent for L. Ron Hubbard and early Dianetician; August Derleth, Clark Ashton Smith, and Robert Barbour Johnson from *Weird Tales*; and the remarkable Dr. Cecil Nixon, whose carved automaton, Isis, could play 3,000 tunes on voice command.

As attendance grew, LaVey charged admission. He was determined to give the rubes their money's worth. At a seminar entitled "On Cannibalism and Human Sacrifice," LaVey served the amputated thigh of a young woman, donated by a Berkeley physician, prepared by his second wife Diane following a Fiji islander recipe for *puaka balava* ("long pig"). The most satanic of his audience in the early days was the filmmaker Kenneth Anger, who introduced Marjorie Cameron, Jack Parsons' widow, to LaVey.

Susan Atkins, who stabbed the pregnant Sharon Tate to death, was for a time a dancer in LaVey's tawdry Topless Witches Revue that played in some of San Francisco's seedy venues. She would later claim that it was LaVey who put her on the road to murder. Sharon Tate's husband, Roman Polanski, was the director of *Rosemary's Baby*, which features LaVey as the Devil. When the film was released, black buttons were distributed which read "Pray for Anton LaVey." With the novelist Stephen Schneck, Anger, LaVey and a few others formed a secret group, dubbed the Magic Circle. It was out of this inner group that the Church of Satan appeared.

Illustration by Ralph Walters

At a seminar entitled "On Cannibalism and Human Sacrifice," by a Berkeley physician, prepared by his second wife Diar

The Church Of Satan

With his trademark plastic horns, black cape, and traditional occult regalia – inverted pentagrams, Goat of Mendes and Baphomet head – LaVey and his Church of Satan soon made the news. On 1 February 1967 the Black Pope presided over the first official satanic wedding, when New York socialite Judith Case married radical journalist John Raymond. The ceremony was attended by the singer Barbara McNair, a taste of greater stars to come. The bride later sold the story to *True Confessions*.

In May of that year LaVey performed a satanic baptism for his three-year-old daughter, Zeena. All the stages of a life could be accommodated, and in December a satanic funeral followed for a member of the Church who was also a naval officer. The honor guard stood at attention next to the black-clad satanists fitted out with their Baphomet medallions. After the honor guard fired their volley, LaVey, Anger and the others chanted "Hail Satan!" The Archbishop of San Francisco was outraged, and wrote a letter to President Johnson, but as it was the officer's last wish it could hardly have been refused.

LaVey was an astute self-promoter. One classic 1968 poster pictured him in full gear standing in front of an altar, pointing an insistent finger at the viewer. The caption, apt for a time when the Vietnam War was at its height, read "Satan Wants You." He had been featured in Herb Caen's *San Francisco Chronicle* column often, where a favorite topic was his 400-pound dope-smoking lion, whose roars bothered the neighbors and was eventually put in the zoo.

LaVey appeared in many national magazines, including *Cosmopolitan* and *Life*, and by the end of the decade, when nearly every major journal had something on the occult, he turned up in *McCall's* and *Look*. He was a familiar face in periodicals that were more to his liking. Girlie mags like *Knight*, *Companion*, *Adam*, *Cavalier*, *Sexology* and *Monsieur* were fascinated by LaVey's doctrine of indulgence, and he often appeared in the buff surrounded by willing, buxom supplicants.

Photos of Alex Sanders' wife sky-clad often made the tabloids, one way for the craft to get some publicity. (She once claimed she had the most photographed bum in England.) But in the skin-zines, LaVey was in his element. *Satanis*, a film documentary about LaVey released in 1970, and often doubled-billed with Kenneth Anger's *Invocation of My Demon Brother*, had scenes of sexually explicit rituals. When *Satanis* came out, the Church of Satan boasted some 7,000 members nationwide. By that time LaVey was appearing on TV talk shows like *Donahue* and *The Johnny Carson Show*. Television itself had turned occult, with shows like *Bewitched*, *I Dream of Jeanie*, *My Favorite Martian*, *The Munsters*, *The Addams Family*, *Outer Limits* and of course *Twilight Zone*. *Dark Shadows*, featuring Quentin the vampire, was the most popular soap of the time.

LaVey's aura of tacky titillation didn't deter some of Hollywood's stars from flirting with the Devil. In fact, it attracted them. The actor Keenan Wynn was one. Another was Sammy Davis Jr., who was introduced to satanism when he bumped into Jay Sebring, on his way to a ritual. Sebring, Davis remembers, was always "a little weird." Always up for a thrill (Davis admitted that evil fascinated him) he tagged along, and found a naked girl chained to a red-velvet altar.

Later, when he heard of Sebring's and Sharon Tate's murder, Davis reflected that had he been in Los Angeles at the time, he probably would have been at 10050 Cielo Drive, indulging in psychedelics like the rest. "Everyone there," he said, "had at one time or another been into satanism, or, like myself, had dabbled around the edges for sexual kicks." When Manson's racist hit list was released to the press, Davis discovered his name was on it. (Davis 215)

At a nightclub in San Francisco, Davis was introduced to LaVey. The Black Pope told him not to meddle with the Devil unless he was serious. After a covenant that wasn't only sex and drugs, Davis agreed, and removed the red polish adorning one fingernail, the sign of membership in the club. The unfortunate Jayne Mansfield, however, didn't get off that easy.

Jayne Mansfield Meets The Black Pope

Jayne Mansfield became a star in the 1950s, with box-office hits like the rock and roll musical *The Girl Can't Help It* (1956) and *Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter* (1957). Aided by native charm, long blonde hair, a forty-inch bust and tight sweaters, she shared with Marilyn Monroe the honor of being America's homegrown sex symbol.

In 1966, Mansfield was in San Francisco to attend a film festival. An avid devotee of the kinky and bizarre, she had heard about LaVey's Church and wanted an audience. Her publicist thought it was a good idea; Mansfield's career had plateaued and she could use some press. Lately she worked the supper-club set. LaVey was hot. A link with the current weirdness emerging from the underground might get her in the columns. Anything remotely to do with the counterculture seemed good copy.

Mansfield was usually seen with an entourage of panting admirers – obsequious lap dogs ready to fetch when mistress threw a stick. But according to LaVey, at heart she was a masochist, secretly



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desiring a willful master to debase and degrade her. When she and the Black Pope were introduced, she met her man. Or at least so LaVey has it. Eager to keep in the press, a liaison with a fading sex kitten would serve his purposes. He once described her as a "lewd, lascivious virago who was happiest when rolling on the floor with masochistic, orgiastic energy." In any case, Jayne took to the Church of Satan, calling LaVey's philosophy "Kahlil Gibran with balls."

LaVey won Mansfield's trust when a curse he put on her ex-husband, with whom she was fighting a child-custody battle, worked. She became a full-fledged member of the Church, bringing along her road manager. Her boyfriend and lawyer, Sam Brody, however, wasn't keen. When Jayne wore her custom-made pink and black Baphomet medallion to the San Francisco Film Festival, delicately complementing her ample décolletage, Brody, a head shorter than Jayne, tried to pull it off. Jayne fought back, and the couple wrestled in front of journalists. Brody, insanely jealous of Mansfield, hated her involvement with LaVey. The next day, during a visit to the Black Pope's satanic chapel, Brody laughed and wisecracked, kidding Jayne about her belief in all this stuff. Then he started lighting candles. When LaVey saw this he turned his much-photographed scowl on Brody. A skull candle sputtered on an altar. "You shouldn't have done that," the Black Pope warned. "That candle is used only for curses. I don't know what's going to happen to you now." Brody laughed.

On another occasion, LaVey got to act as one of his heroes, the Russian thaumaturge Rasputin, when Jayne's son Zoltan was mauled by a lion at the Jungleground Zoo in Thousand Oaks. Assured by park officials the lion was tame, Jayne allowed her six-year-old to approach it. The lion,

unfortunately, played rough, and in a few seconds had Zoltan in its jaws. The boy was rushed to the hospital with a fractured skull and ruptured spleen. Bone fragments had pierced the base of his brain. All Jayne could think of was the candle Brody had lit. She called LaVey and begged him to stop the curse.

Donning his cape, LaVey sped through a terrific storm in his coroner's van to the top of Mount Tamalpais. Reaching the peak on foot, he spread his cloak like great bat's wings and called upon Satan to spare the boy. Zoltan soon recovered and Jayne was eternally grateful. Their relationship deepened, as did Jayne's occult studies. He conducted private rituals for her. One of the congregation recalls her stretched out naked on LaVey's famous altar made of ancient Roman stones.

Purification of the temple was effected with a mixture of water and semen.

When Jayne came across the term incubus – a male demon that makes love to women in their sleep – she queried LaVey about it. Soon after, calling from the Acapulco Film Festival, she insisted he send her one, and spelled out in detail just what she had in mind. Ever the accommodating wizard, LaVey sought to please.

Jayne's relationship with Brody worsened. Once she called from her bathroom in her Beverly Hills mansion. Crouched near her heart-shaped bath, she screamed, "Please, Anton, help me!" In the background Brody raged and pounded on the door. Finally he burst in and grabbed the telephone. "She's never going to talk to you again," he threatened. "You're a charlatan. I'll expose you!" The Black Pope had had enough. "My power exceeds anything you can imagine, and now you're going to feel it. You will be dead in a year." Later that night LaVey wrote Brody's name on a piece of parchment and burned it in the flame of destruction.

He warned Jayne to drop Brody, but it was too late. At 2.00 a.m. on a foggy 29 June 1967, driving on US 90 *en route* to New Orleans, 24-year-old Ronnie Harrison at the wheel didn't see what was ahead of him. He was trying to make good time so Jayne could have a bit of sleep before an interview. At top speed he ploughed into the back of a tanker-truck as it released mosquito spray. Jayne and Brody were in the front seat; Jayne's daughter and two sons were sleeping in the back. Ronnie, Brody and Jayne were killed instantly; the children miraculously escaped unharmed. The police reported that Jayne had just about been decapitated.

When he got the news that night, LaVey was pasting pictures in his scrapbook. He had cut a photo from a German newspaper, *Bild Zeitung*, showing him placing flowers on Marilyn Monroe's grave. He was about to paste the picture in his book when he noticed a story about Jayne on the back. She had had to cancel some appearances in Ireland when the Bishop of Tralee heard she was a Satanist.

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DAN BROWN VERSUS HISTORY

NOTES ON *The Da Vinci Code*

by Martin Cannon



On Homosexuality

Was Leonardo really “a flamboyant homosexual,” as Dan Brown suggests? Well, you can scratch out the word “flamboyant.” He was accused of homosexuality once, as a young man, and he beat the rap. Even if the charge were true, many a youth has experimented without turning into Liberace. In his notebooks, Leonardo once doodled a picture of a penis within the general vicinity of a man’s backside, but on the same page he also drew a copulating heterosexual couple. It is said that attractive young male apprentices worked in his studio, but such reports prove nothing: Females did not become apprentices, apprentices are usually young, and the young are often attractive.

Some people call Michelangelo gay because his women often look like men, and some people call Leonardo gay because his men often look like women. In truth, we do not know much about either man’s sexuality. As one of my professors once put it: “The great men of history are always rumored to be homosexual because they have more on their minds than all that who-takes-whom-to-the-prom crap.” (The *Seinfeld* proviso — “Not that there’s anything wrong with that” — applies to this section.) (p. 45)

Of his Vitruvian Man drawing, Brown writes: “A feminine symbol of protection, the circle around the naked man’s body completed Da Vinci’s intended message — male and female harmony.” Actually, Leonardo intended to illustrate a theory of human proportion articulated by the Roman architect Marcus Vitruvius Pollio: “Just as the human body yields a circular outline, so too a square figure may be found from it.” Hence the name: *The Vitruvian Man*. (p. 45)

On The Golden Ratio

Brown makes some questionable assertions about the famous “golden ratio,” otherwise known as the divine proportion, or phi. This ratio is expressed as an irrational number that begins with 1.618 and goes on forever. Oddly, Brown never mentions the most common definition of this ratio: A line divided so that the larger segment is to the whole as the small segment is to the larger. He seems to share the romantic belief that the human body follows a

Wilkie Collins once said that the secret of writing a page-turner is “make them wait.” Dan Brown has learned that lesson well. His novel *The Da Vinci Code* moves like a P-51. His characters hold our interest. He cobbles together great puzzles. This author knows how to build a thrill ride.

His grasp of history, alas, has all the reliability of a 1973 Ford Pinto with two missing spark plugs and a leaky radiator hose. Unfortunately, some folks take this novel’s historical claims at face value. Brown himself appears to be a True Believer in his novel’s theorized conspiracy to hide the truth about Jesus Christ and the “grail” bloodline. I have therefore compiled this list of observations and reactions.

Who am I to take on such a task? I’m just a professional illustrator who grew up idolizing Leonardo Da Vinci. Being a hopeless sucker for true-life mysteries, I’ve spent seventeen years keeping at least one eye focused on the esoteric topics that inform *The Da Vinci Code*. Despite my interest in religious history, I have no deep beliefs in the supernatural. At one time, and for far too long, I became mired in the tarpits of conspiracy buffery. Having made good an escape, I feel compelled to warn others against a similar wrong turn. That spirit, more than anything else, motivates this paper.

I’m well aware that *The Da Vinci Code* is a work of fiction and that such works often need to fudge factual details in order to make the engines of the plot churn. Alas, many of the more preposterous claims in this novel are gratuitous and the story could have sped along nicely without them. (Page numbers refer to the hardbound American edition. If you haven’t read the book, you should still be able to get the gist of my arguments. There are no major spoilers.)

On the Title

Art historians usually refer to Leonardo Da Vinci as “Leonardo.” The surname “Da Vinci” indicates his birthplace. Leonardo was illegitimate. In addition, Brown seems to be under the impression that Leonardo cranked out images faster than Jack Kirby. In fact, Leonardo annoyed patrons by dawdling over his assignments, finishing few. (p. 45)

Golden Ratio, but people come in many shapes and sizes, which is why car seats have adjustment levers. Is it true (as Brown insists) that the head-to-toe measurement and the navel-to-toe measurement always have a phi relationship, even on a short-legged fellow like me? "Measure the distance from your shoulder to your fingertips," writes Brown, but since he does not specify where to start on the shoulder, he leaves much room for fudging. (pp. 93-96)

Where and how did Beethoven employ phi in the Fifth symphony? Do female honeybees always and exactly outnumber the males in the phi ratio? Why do no websites or books in my local libraries mention these "facts"? Why do they go similarly unmentioned in Mario Livio's fine new book on phi, *The Golden Ratio*, which bears a Dan Brown cover blurb?

Interestingly, that blurb assures us that readers will "never again look at a pyramid ... in the same light." Livio, however, devotes a number of pages to *disproving* the oft-heard idea that Great Pyramid expresses phi. (Obviously, phi cannot play a role in *all* pyramids.) Livio also attacks the idea that Leonardo or other Renaissance artists relied on the divine proportion: "The first prominent artist and art theorist to use the ratio was probably Paul Sérusier (1864-1927)." Although Livio never discusses Beethoven, he dismisses the notion that any composer previous to Bartok relied on phi, and he doesn't seem very sure about Bartok. Neither does Livio endorse the idea that the human body is built according to the phi principle. Dan Brown's willingness to write ad copy for a book he never read reveals much about his approach to scholarship.

On the Mona Lisa

Dan Brown believes that the *Mona Lisa*'s famous "unbalanced" horizon line illustrates a secret gnostic doctrine. But where's the evidence? There is some reason to believe that Leonardo partially improvised the *Mona Lisa* landscape — after all, the background of the unfinished *Adoration of the Magi* is quite vague, and gives us little idea how the completed work would have looked. An improvisational approach could well mean that the *Mona Lisa*'s imbalanced horizon line occurred by accident. Artists often fuss over one part of a picture while losing track of its relationship to the whole. As for the question, Why didn't he fix it? — Why would he? It looks fine. (p. 119)

Did you know that the *Mona Lisa* is a self-portrait, as proven by "computerized analysis"? Brown believes that the Master took this approach to illustrate a secret hermetic doctrine involving androgyny. This theory falls to pieces once we understand that we have no verified drawing by Leonardo of Leonardo. True, he did produce a sketch of an old man, which art books often caption as a self-portrait, and this face resembles the "Leonardo as Plato" figure at the center of Raphael's *The School of Athens*. But such evidence is not conclusive. (p. 120)

Even if we accept those art book captions at face value (so to speak), and even if we allow ourselves to believe, after much squinting, that the *Mona Lisa* bears some resemblance to that drawing — so what? Artists often have to fight the tendency toward unconscious self-portraiture. Visit any college class in life drawing on a day when the students are posing for each other, and you'll note that the sketches sometimes resemble their creators more than they resemble their subjects. I vividly recall my drawing teacher warning us against this problem. As artists mature, they learn to draw what is in front of them. But Vasari tells us that Leonardo "loitered" over this picture for four years, and he could not have had the sitter in front of him during most of that time. Under such circumstances, a hint of self-portraiture is predictable. No need to make wild claims about mystical androgyny.

Brown claims that Leonardo chose the name *Mona Lisa* because it is an acronym for "AMON L'ISA," a reference to the ancient Egyptian goddess Isis. A very silly business, this. Although Vasari's passage on the *Mona Lisa* is problematic (the text mentions eyebrows not present on the painting), we have no pressing reason to dispute his assertion that Leonardo portrayed the wife of nobleman Francesco del Giocondo. Is it just coincidence that she happened to be named Lisa? (p. 121)

On Witch Hysteria

"During three hundred years of witch hunts," writes Brown, "the Church burned at the stake an astounding five million women." Not quite. In *Europe's Inner Demons*, Norman Cohn confines the period of widespread witch hysteria to 1560-1680. Historians who have studied the actual trial records place the number of victims within the 40,000-80,000 range. Brown fixes blame entirely on that nasty old Catholic church; in fact, Protestant witch persecutions had an even higher body count. In Brownland, the inquisition targeted "female scholars" (where and what did they study?) and "priestesses." In the real world, the victims were usually illiterate and ill-tempered peasant women — although, contrary to popular belief, men were also targeted. (p. 125)

If witch hunting was a device to stamp out pagan goddess worship, why did the persecutions begin only after the Reformation, many centuries after Europe became Christian? And why would the witch hunters keep mum about such a thing? I fear that Brown may have received his "facts" from the dreaded Margaret Murray or one of her acolytes. Murray was laughed out of court years ago. Even most modern Wiccans now view her books with no small degree of facial redness.

On Madonna of the Rocks

Brown values *Madonna of the Rocks* at six million dollars. That's one hell of a bargain, especially when you consider that Bill Gates paid \$30 million for some Leonardo notebook scribbles. (p. 133) Brown claims that



Leonardo's first version of *Madonna of the Rocks*, now hanging in the Louvre, shocked and horrified the conventionally pious; hence the remake, which you can see in London. Nonsense. It is true that the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception, the group which commissioned the work, expected to see figures with halos — and halos, perhaps added by another hand, do indeed appear in version #2.

But the lack of halos in version #1 didn't give rise to any heart attacks or accusations of blasphemy. (pp. 138-139)

In all likelihood, the real reason Leonardo painted two versions had to do with a complex, nearly interminable legal battle between Leonardo's partners (who made the frame and painted the side panels) and the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception. During those years of wrangling, at a time when the case seemed beyond resolution, Leonardo gave his centerpiece to a royal admirer. After the dispute was finally settled, Leonardo faced the need to paint a replacement — and you can almost hear him muttering the Italian equivalent of "Aw jeez, do I hafta?"

Such is the art business. No need for a conspiracy theory. One Leonardo scholar has suggested that a book with Gnostic overtones may have influenced Leonardo's decision to emphasize the infant St. John, a notion backed by no hard evidence: Such a book did exist in Leonardo's day, but he does not mention having read it. It is fair to argue that Leonardo had a deep interest in the figure of John the Baptist. It is even fairer to argue that if the group commissioning *Madonna of the Rocks* disapproved of the basic composition, they would have instructed Leonardo to paint a completely different second version.

If the reader will forgive a small diversion, I'd like to discuss one of Brown's cited texts: Prince and Picknett's *The Templar Revelation*, which posits that John the Baptist played a central role in what we may call "the Gnostic

Robert V. O'Neill has argued (in "Catharism and the Tarot," on the web) that the confraternities of the Renaissance may have inherited some spiritual traditions from the Cathars, who fled to Italy after the persecutions in Occitania. The confraternities were brotherhoods of pious laymen (not "nuns," as Brown writes), an outgrowth of the Tertiary Franciscan movement, which had dallied with heretical notions. "Consciously or not," writes O'Neill, "the Tertiaries were a close copy of the Cathar Credentes or believers."

A confraternity commissioned the *Madonna of the Rocks*. If one accepts the controversial idea that Leonardo spiced his work with hints of Gnostic heresy, one should not overlook the possibility that he included those subtle flavors to please his patrons.



The Hand of Death

Is the Madonna making a threatening gesture, as Dan Brown seems to think? I don't see it. More likely, Leonardo included a foreshortened hand, that is, a hand coming toward the viewer, to help create the illusion of three-dimensionality. She makes a similar gesture in the recently-heisted "Madonna of the Spindle." If the hands look a little "off" in both instances — well, foreshortening isn't easy. Leonardo may have been a master, but even geniuses have their weak areas. How often do you see successfully foreshortened anatomy in Leonardo's other works? (p. 139)

Some recent commentators have interpreted Uriel's gesture (visible in other Leonardo works) in very odd ways. Does that pointing finger indicate membership in a secret society? The traditional explanation: In Leonardo's time, monks required to take meals in silence used a special sign — index finger and thumb extended — to indicate God. The same gesture means "loser" nowadays!

Priory of Sion

Of course, there is no proof that the Priory of Sion created the Knights Templar, or that it directed the Templars to unearth documents in the Holy Land or to hide said documents in 1307. In fact, there is no proof that the Priory pre-dates the 1950s. Although we do not yet possess all the

facts necessary for a conclusive judgment, those facts we do have indicate that this order consisted of self-important French reactionaries enthused by Synarchy and other esoteric fads. Even so, I can accept the *Da Vinci Code* version of the Priory as a fictional postulate, just as I can accept, in Brown's *Angels and Demons*, the idea of an "Illuminati" bearing no resemblance to the real organization. (pp. 158-160)

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underground." I recommend the book, however, the situation is more complex than this scenario indicates. True, the Baptist is the central figure of the Mandaean faith, a variant form of Gnosticism which has survived much unhappy history in Iraq. However, the Cathars, a more likely Gnostic influence on Renaissance Italy, took a dismissive view of the Baptist, whom they associated with their arch enemy, the Roman church.

Authenticity

"...the *Dossiers Secrets* had been authenticated by many specialists and incontrovertibly confirmed what historians had suspected for a long time: Priory Grand Masters included Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, Sir Isaac Newton..." (p. 206) Even if the reader makes huge allowances for the purposes of fictionalization, this sentence is a laugh riot. "Authenticated"? "Incontrovertibly"? "Suspected for a long time"? These "Secret Dossiers" are a series of bizarre, ill-produced pamphlets and periodicals cobbled together by Pierre Plantard and company, who tossed the lot into the *Bibliothèque Nationale*. Their presence in France's finest library does not make them incontrovertible. Nobody has authenticated these papers. In fact, I can think of nobody who would wholeheartedly endorse their assertions, at least outside the strange interior realms of European hermeticism. The first person to publish the list of Grand Masters, Matthieu Paoli, presented them with a snicker.

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Leonardo and the Goddess

Here, Brown's "grail scholar," Leigh Teabing (those with a gift for word-play will recognize the nod toward authors Richard Leigh and Michael Baigent), begins his grand walk through history, in which nearly every sentence contains a howler. To start off, we face two out-of-context Leonardo quotes that supposedly prove that he was a goddess-worshipper. They prove no such thing. If he did hold a deep reverence for "the Goddess," why didn't he mention this belief in his private notebooks? The same question goes to his supposed grandmastership of the Priory. (p. 231)

On Constantine

Was Constantine Christian or pagan? Brown pretends the issue is settled. Hardly. Elaine Pagels — no traditionalist, she — accepts the story of his conversion. It is true that Constantine did not accept baptism until very near his death, but a number of other converts of that era did likewise. Contrary to Brown's suggestion, Constantine did not invent the idea of Jesus' divinity. The whole notion of Constantine-as-Mao enforcing orthodoxy upon an unwilling empire smacks of modern-day myth. Those annoyed (for whatever reason) by Christianity apparently feel a psychological need for a villain. They



need to place blame on a disingenuous schemer who made the church oversized and oppressive. For many, and for Dan Brown, that role goes to Constantine. (pp. 231-34)

Brown also claims that Constantine winnowed 80 gospels down to four in the year 325 A.D. Yet Iranaeus, writing circa 180, recognized but four gospels. Orthodox Christianity was pretty much "standardized" by 200 A.D. Where does the figure of 80 gospels come from? "Teabing" also claims that "thousands" of Christ's contemporaries wrote down the facts of his life. Brown even goes so far as to indicate (though perhaps we should here blame sloppy

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wording) that the humble rabbi from Nazareth "toppled kings" and "inspired millions" during his lifetime. This is all highly doubtful. (pp. 231-232)

Brown Matter Galore!

Brown writes: "Constantine commissioned and financed a new Bible, which omitted those gospels that spoke of Christ's human traits and embellished those gospels that made Him godlike." Moreover: "...Some of the gospels that Constantine attempted to eradicate managed to survive. The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the 1950s hidden in a cave near Qumran in the Judean desert. And, of course, the Coptic Scrolls in 1945 at Nag Hamadi. In addition to telling the true Grail story, these documents speak of Christ's ministry in very human terms." (p. 234)

Oy! Where to start? In the first place, the Dead Sea Scrolls contain no Christian or "grail" material. The Nag Hamadi library is a treasure trove of Gnostic *codices*, not scrolls. These texts are on the internet, free of charge, yet Brown seems never to have glanced at them.

The Christ of the Gnostic gospels is by no means more "human" than the Jesus of orthodoxy; indeed, modern Gnostic cleric Stephan Hoeller has often pointed out that Gnostic writers seemed to doubt even the physicality of Christ's body. Gnostics hated the physical realm; thus, Christ's material existence provided them with something of a philosophical problem. For the most part, the Gnostic gospels are long, trippy post-Resurrection discourses on cosmic matters. Imagine the verbal equivalent of the last act of *2001: A Space Odyssey* and you'll have their flavor.

Can any sane person read the *Gospel of Mary* (what we have of it) and conclude that this work speaks of "Christ's ministry in very human terms"?

Problematic as the New Testament is, the Jesus of the official canon eats, drinks, travels, interacts with historical figures, and works his way through four more-or-less linear biographies. Despite the many dubious assertions, these works convey a sense of time and place. By contrast, the Gnostic Jesus exists outside of time or place; he's more of a reified Idea than a man. Although his monologues contain many thought-provoking and beautiful passages, most readers will find his declarations abstruse and cryptic. I enjoy reading these documents, but then, my favorite Beatles song is "I am the Walrus."

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The claim that Constantine personally ordered a "seek and destroy" campaign against all non-orthodox thought has no validity. The person who baptized Constantine was an Arian sympathizer. So was Constantine's mother. Arianism, a non-orthodox Christian belief system later declared a heresy, was widely accepted in Constantine's time. Brown (or "Teabing") claims that Vatican meanies tried very hard to suppress the Nag Hamadi "scrolls" after their discovery in 1945. This canard is pure Catholic-bashing. Catholics were among the scholars who helped publish, translate and establish the provenance of the Nag Hamadi find.

According to Dan Brown, those pesky papists wrote *Genesis*! You may have been under the impression that Jews, not Christians, wrote the book. Now you know better.



One of the basic principles of conspiratology holds that *everything you don't like must be connected*. Brown doesn't like *Genesis*, and he doesn't like the Roman church. Ergo, the early Roman Church wrote *Genesis*. (p. 238) Incidentally, many historians now deride Brown's pet notion that, in an idyllic past all humankind once universally worshipped "the Goddess." Moreover, Brown's lazy conflation of paganism and Gnosticism demonstrates his ignorance of both. He treats all pagan beliefs as a unity, which is just silly.

Was Jesus Married?

"If Jesus were not married, at least one of the Bible's gospels would have mentioned it..." The reverse argument is stronger: Why would the New Testament *not* mention a marriage? Personally, I'm fond of the suggestion that he secretly had a non-Jewish girlfriend whom he could not legally wed. Call me a romantic. No real proof buttresses this idea, of course, but *The Gospel of Phillip* makes a lot more sense (at least in my eyes) when read in this light. Or were they just good friends? (p. 245-46)

Referring to a famous — in some quarters, notorious — passage in the Gnostic *Gospel of Phillip*,

Brown writes: "As any Aramaic scholar will tell you, the word 'companion,' in those days, literally meant 'spouse.'" Aramaic? This text was originally written in Greek. *Koinonos*, the word in question, *may* imply that which birds do and bees do, but translating the word as "spouse" is a stretch.

Incidentally, those enamored of the "grail blood-line" theory focus on this sentence while ignoring the immediately preceding one — which, one could argue, indicates that Mary Magdalene was barren. Oh, those puritanical Parisians!

France did *not* ban *The Last Temptation of Christ*, which is not "about" Jesus having sex. (That's like saying *E.T.* is "about" bicycle riding.) Here, as elsewhere, Brown seems to be under the ethnocentric impression that religion plays as important a role in modern France as it does in the American south. *Au contraire!* It helps if you read the book (p. 247) Writes Brown: "At this point in the gospels, Jesus suspects he will soon be captured..." Alas, he has just quoted the *Gospel of Mary*, the whole of which is set after the Resurrection. Is that a dagger we see before us? (p. 248)

The recent restoration of *The Last Supper* pretty much solves the famous mystery of the disembodied blade. Study a good modern reproduction of the painting and you'll see that Peter is, in fact, holding the knife — his sleeve even casts a shadow on the wrist. The presence of a blade in Peter's hand is probably an oblique reference to his behavior during the arrest of Jesus. Yes, the position is very awkward. Leonardo may have taken his love of *contrapasto* too far. But consider the alternatives: If the knife pointed in the other direction, Peter would seem to be stabbing his fellow apostle. The position might have been more natural if the knife pointed toward the viewer — but, as noted, foreshortening was Leonardo's one insecurity as a draughtsman. At any rate, this detail is irrelevant to Brown's overall thesis.

Where would "Teabing" procure a verifiable "Tribe of Benjamin" genealogy outlining the history of Mary Magdalene's family? How many modern human families can reliably trace their origins back more than a thousand years? I guess this means we have to scuttle the theory that Mary Magdalene came from Egypt... (pp. 248-49)

Those Vatican Meanies

Brown insists that the early Church viewed Mary Magdalene as a “potentially ruinous” threat, and therefore libeled her as a prostitute. In fact, the Church was slow to adopt this view; the notion didn’t take hold until the Middle Ages. (p. 254)

Today, feminist interpreters of the New Testament tend to despise the prostitute accusation. And yet, at the risk of sounding politically incorrect, I don’t consider the idea far-fetched. Much depends upon whether one identifies the woman in Luke 7:36-50 as Mary of Bethany, and whether one identifies that Mary with Mary Magdalene. Both identifications have been questioned (the Greek Orthodox church has always viewed the two Marys as separate), but neither one is utterly absurd. Compare the passage in Luke with John 12:1-8. Luke labels the lady a “sinner.” I presume that whatever she did to shock people went beyond the breaking of Mom’s favorite vase.

Brown refers to Sarah, daughter of Mary and Jesus. So, Margaret Starbird’s lovely bit of speculation is now a historical fact? Mind you, I think this idea has charm, but I also like keeping my maybes separate from my definitelysts. (p. 255) Those enamored — as Brown seems to be — of the theory that the offspring of Jesus founded the Merovingian dynasty should do some more reading. The Merovingians may have been the most incompetent rulers not named Bush in the history of the western world. (pp. 257-58)

The Mickey Mouse Conspiracy

Brown finds covert grail propaganda in numerous works of art — not just the paintings of Leonardo, but also Mozart’s *The Magic Flute* and Hugo’s *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Here’s the problem: If you stretch your interpretive muscles sufficiently, any work of art can be seen as “grail” related. “You say Mary Cassatt liked to paint mothers holding babies? Omigod! Isis ... Horus ... Mary Magdalene! It’s all a secret message from those groovy grail people!” (p. 261-62)

Now we’re supposed to believe that *Walt Disney* belonged to the Priory of Sion! Although, come to think of it, the Priory’s motto is “Et in Arcadia ego,” and *Fantasia* does have a sequence set in Arcadia. *The Da Vinci Code* implies that Uncle Walt (who died in 1967) hid symbols in *The Little Mermaid* and *The Lion King*. Perhaps he writes scripts via ouija board. Or perhaps everyone has the wrong idea about Michael Eisner’s religious background; perhaps the company is currently run by a goddess-worshipping Gnostic Christian who is just bursting to tell the world about J.C. and Mary Magdalene. I worked at Disney studios one youthful summer, and the place didn’t strike me as a secret temple of goddess-worship. Men and women

did not engage in *heiros gamos* “sacred marriage” ceremonies in the hallways of the animation department. Great cafeteria, though.

Hey Babe, Want to Achieve Gnosis?

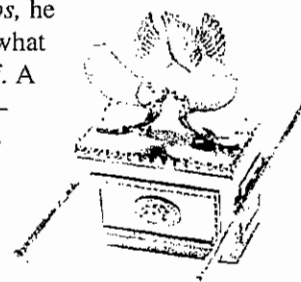
According to Dan Brown, the secret of Ultimate Spiritual Attainment is, uh, something that even educated fleas do. Hell, if that’s all there is to it, Hef must have achieved Mega-Super-Buddhahood by now. Brown tries to convince us that the Gnostics have always had a very liberated view of sex, as opposed to those uptight Vatican meanies. The truth is more complex. Gnostics usually derided sex because it traps souls in the hellish prison of physicality. In Catharism (the Gnostic offshoot most likely to have had an influence on Renaissance thought) the Perfecti considered sexuality disdainful, even within marriage. They would insult pregnant women and counsel married lay believers to live as brother and sister. (pp. 307-09)

Granted, not all Gnostic groups held such views. Evidence indicates that the Carpocratians may have engaged in sexual magic rituals quite similar to the practices taught in the upper reaches of the Ordo Templi Orientis. The transmission of this magical technique over the course of nearly two millennia is a subject worthy of further research, although one shouldn’t discount the simple hypothesis that Aleister Crowley and/or Theodore Reuss read about the Carpocratians in the library.

Maybe ancient Jewish priests were early hippies, and the Ark of the Covenant was really an ancient eight-track player booming “In-a-Gadda-Da-Vida” and “Stairway to Heaven.”

When Brown discusses *heiros gamos*, he tries very hard to sound like he knows what he’s talking about, but it’s all pure bluff. A visit to the library might have helped — it’s not as though the secrets of ceremonial sex are so very secret these days. You can get the basics toward the end of Donald Kraig’s *Modern Magick*, presuming you can stomach the ghastly interior illustrations.

Gee, dad, I never knew Temple was so cool! Brown proposes the laugh-out-loud idea of Jewish priests leading arcane sex rites “*In the temple, no less.*” Yes, I know about the Shekina, and the mystic rabbinical doctrine that God has a feminine aspect. Even so, it’s a little hard to picture ancient Jewish priests as far-out New Age love gurus doing the funky thang in the Holy of Holies in order to experience the cosmic one-ness of the Now Moment. Maybe



ancient Jewish priests were early hippies, and the Ark of the Covenant was really an ancient eight-track player booming “In-a-Gadda-Da-Vida” and “Stairway to Heaven.” (p. 309)

Those Vatican meanies just don’t quit. The sins of the Catholic church are many, but that doesn’t mean we should let Dan Brown blame the Vatican for the tradition of patriarchy, which afflicts all monotheistic, and most polytheistic, religions. That tradition goes back a

long ways. The Jews bequeathed it to the Church, not (as Brown proclaims) the other way round. (p. 310)

Brown would have us believe that men and women lived as sexually-free equals until those awful, awful Catholics “worked hard to demonize sex and recast it as a disgusting and sinful act. Other major religions did the same.” Oh really? And just how did Rome enforce patriarchal, puritanical attitudes on Jews and Moslems and Hindus? Does this mean we should blame the Pope for the Chinese practice of binding the feet of women? Or for the Indian practice of suttee? Or for those burkhas many women still wear in Afghanistan? Or for the sexism of many TV evangelists? The Age of Osiris is a current that engulfed the entire world; the popes just went with the flow like everyone else.

Is Eyes Wide Shut real?

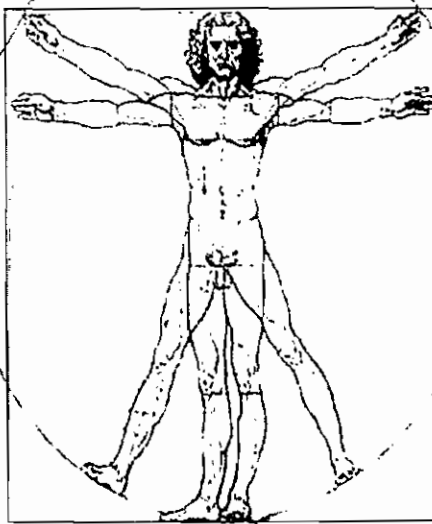
I can confirm that there really are secret societies which practice sexual rituals. But are they (as Brown claims) “quite influential”? Do they cater to the “ultra-elite”? At roughly two thousand members, the O.T.O. is the most prominent such society. Last time I crashed an O.T.O. function, they

met in the back lot of a store in the low-rent district of North Hollywood, where they partook of homemade cookies and Gallo

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Chablis purchased for \$5 a gallon at the Ralph’s grocery down the street. Not exactly the elegant debauch seen in *Eyes Wide Shut*. The Crowleyites struck me as fine folks, but let’s not kid ourselves: The majority of them live in apartments and drive used cars. Most O.T.O. women are brainy neurotics who look like they ought to lay off the artichoke dip. Their frustrated expressions may stem from the fact that the sect attracts so many gay men. “Not that there’s anything wrong with that.” (p. 310)

On p. 353, we suddenly learn that the *heiros gamos* ritual is “pagan.” Not so many pages back, it was practiced by those priestly Jewish swingers in King Solomon’s Love Grotto.



Tarot and the Star of David

You just *knew* Brown would drag in the tarot... (p. 391) and of course he gets everything wrong. “Langdon often wondered how many modern card players had any clue that their four suits — spades, hearts, clubs, diamonds — were Grail-related symbols that came directly from Tarot’s four suits of swords, cups, scepters and pentacles.” Contrary to popular belief, “normal” playing cards predate tarot by at least

a century. The novel does not mention Petrarch’s *I Trionfi*, the art of memory, the apocalyptic tradition in Medieval European art, and other proposed sources for tarot imagery. Although Robert O’Neill (author of the excellent *Tarot Symbolism*) has argued that such diverse influences as neo-Platonism and Catharism *may* have played an indirect role in the design of the earliest tarot cards, his learned inquiries hardly justify the Brownian fantasy version, in which the Major Arcana conveys yet more secret messages from the groovy grail people.

Contrary to Brown’s claims, we have no proof that the so-called Star of David was adopted by King Solomon. The six-pointed star was not associated primarily with Judaism until rather recent times. (p. 435)

There’s probably more gripe-worthy material in this volume, but that’s enough snarkiness for now. Quibbles aside, the novel still contains much fun, and if it compels readers to do further research into these areas, so much the better.

Even so, I’m worried by the precedent of Margaret Murray, whose fantasies about a witch cult gave rise to a real cult, comprised of zealots whose motto was “Maggie said it, I believe it, and that settles it.” Granted, more circumspect versions of Brown’s ideas first bubbled into view in other works, not least among them *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*. The Lincoln brigade, however, almost always took care to label speculation *as* speculation. He who whispers “maybe” does the world a favor by suggesting new possibilities. He who turns “maybe” into “definitely” without offering proof will only foster ignorance. **P**

©2004 by Martin Cannon, who writes he is “a leading member of many secret societies, including P2, the Knights of Malta, Opus Dei, the Thule Society, the Golden Dawn, the Jason Scholars, the CFR, the Gustav Mahler Appreciation Society, the Democratic Party, and, of course, the Illuminati. After a brief stint at CIA (“Too confining,” Cannon now says), he went on to assignments for other intelligence organizations, such as NRO, DIA, ONI, the British SIS, the Nigerian BRO, the under-utilized PP, and, most recently, MOSSAD. He is a protected individual; insult him at your peril.”

China issued the "Human Rights Record of the United States in 2003" in March, 2004, in response to the "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2003" issued by the US in February. The US report was critical of China, but omitted its own longstanding problems. Following are excerpts from the translated Chinese report.

What CHINA Thinks of US

HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF THE UNITED STATES IN 2003

The United States has long been in a violent, crime-ridden society with a severe infringement of the people's rights by law enforcement departments and with a lack of guarantee for the life of people, their freedom and personal safety. According to the FBI, 11.9 million criminal cases were reported in 2002, including homicides, rapes, robbery and theft. And on Sept. 15, 2003, the US Surgeon General admitted that the US has always ranked first in the world in terms of homicide.

Unrestrained evil social forces and widespread drug abuse endangered the people's life and safety. According to a report released by US National Youth Gang Center, there were 21,500 sinister gangs in the United States in 2002 with a combined membership of 731,000. Drug-related crimes have been on the rise, with new characteristics involving a growing number of gangs, intensified violence and trans-national smuggling and collaboration with terrorist groups.

The United States issued the Patriot Act in name of

rise of 2.6 percent. Inmates have received inhumane treatment in the overloaded jails.

Political Rights and Freedom

The presidential election, often symbolized as US democracy, in fact is a competition for the rich people. Presidential candidates have to raise money far and wide for their expensive campaign cost and most of the donors are big companies and millionaires. Statistics figures from the Center for Responsive Politics show that Lockheed Martin Corp., the country's biggest arms dealer, has been the biggest political donor. The company had donated \$10.6 billion from 1999 to 2000.

The so-called "freedom of press" in the United States has also been brought under intensive criticism. The US government has exercised an extremely tight control over news media, which went to the extreme during the 2003 U.S.-led war against Iraq. During the war, the US government tried every means to prevent the press from

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security and anti-terrorism after the September 11 terrorist attack, and many contents of this act encroached upon rights and freedom of citizens, especially ethnic minorities. Under the authority of the Patriot Act, the government departments are empowered to wiretap phone calls of citizens, trace their online records, read their private mails and e-mails. The FBI is even allowed to keep a watch on people's reading habits. They check the booklists of what people borrow from libraries, so as to judge whether they have been influenced by terrorism.

The United States claim itself as a paradise for free people but the ratio of inmates in the United States has remained the highest in the world. The number of inmates in the country exceeded 2.1 million in 2002, a year-on-year

getting timely and true information and wielded its hegemony to override journalistic principles. Peter Arnett, a veteran NBC reporter, was fired because he voiced some of his personal views on the Iraq war. In an interview with the French newspaper *Le Figaro*, Kristina Borjesson, former reporter CBS and CNN, said that US authorities had controlled all information to be spread by the media while journalists had degenerated into the government's stenographers.

Living Conditions of US Laborers

Although the United States is the world's No. 1 developed nation, the US government has refused to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and

Cultural Rights. It is apathetic to the rights and interests of ordinary workers in economic, social and cultural aspects, leading to serious problems such as poverty, hunger and homelessness. The disparity between the rich and the poor keep widening in the United States. A 2003 report by Congress acknowledged that the gap between the rich and the poor in the country today is wider than any time in nearly 70 years. A report by the US Federal Reserve also showed that between 1998 and 2001, the wealth gap between the country's richest and poorest had widened by 70 percent.

Hunger Rising

The population living in need and hunger in the United States has been on a steady rise. Since 2001, the number of needy families has been growing at 6 percent a year. In the 25 leading metropolises of the United States, the number of people who need emergency food aid has increased by 19 percent on average, while the number of people who live on charity food coupons, or those who have to queue up for free food distributions, has surged to 22 million. Also, the homeless population continues to rise. The situation of health insurance also worsened. According to a report released by the US Census Bureau,

than white people with same degree, and that of black people with master degree 21.2 percent lower than white people with same degree.

Black people usually spend more money than white people on housing purchase, but their houses are not as good as those of white people and they have to accept loans with higher interests. The market value of houses bought by black people with same amount of money is only 82 percent of those of white people, and houses with high mortgage interest rate in black people communities are five times more than those in white people communities. Apartheid recurs at school. More than one third of American students of the African origin are studying in schools where over 90 percent of students are non-white people, according to an investigation made by Harvard University in 2004.

Women and Children

Little can be spoken of the human rights record in the US in protecting the rights of women and children. American women cannot enjoy the equal rights with men to take part in government and political affairs. They made up only 22.3 percent of the total 7,382 state legislators. Women are not entitled to equal treatment with regard to

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the number of Americans without health insurance climbed by 5.7 percent over 2001, to reach 43.6 million in 2002, the largest increase in a decade.

Racial Discrimination

According to an investigative report released by the United Nations, the blacks and colored people received twice or three times more severe penalties than the whites for the crimes of the same kind. The number of black people who received death penalty for killing white people was four times that of the white people for killing black people. In state prisons nationwide, about 47 percent of the inmates were black people.

The poverty rate and joblessness rate of the US blacks remained high. According to statistics of the US Department of Labor, the white people's unemployment rate in the U.S. was 5.2 percent in November 2003, while the rate was as high as 10.2 percent for the blacks. Average annual income of median black families was 40 percent less than the ordinary median US families. The income of black people with bachelor degree was 24.5 percent lower

employment and income. American women are still largely pigeonholed in "pink collar" jobs, such as secretaries, saleswomen and restaurant attendants, according to a report released by the American Association of University of Women. Finally, there has been serious domestic and sexual violence against women.

The protection of children provided in the US is far below the international standards. The United States is one of the only two countries in the world that have not ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Among the developed nations, the United States ranks the first in terms of the number of children living under the poverty line and the last in the life expectancy of its children.

The US presumes to be the judge of Human Rights in the world. Meanwhile, it has turned a blind eye to its own human rights problems. It should take its own human rights problems seriously and stop its unpopular interference with other countries' internal affairs under the pretext of promoting human rights.

Full report available at: http://english.people.com.cn/200403/01/eng20040301_136190.shtml

***The Prankster and the Conspiracy*, Paraview Books, Author: Adam Gorightly**

Review by Jaye Beldo

The Prankster and the Conspiracy



The Story of Kerry Thornley and How He Met Oswald and Inspired the Counterculture

If there ever was a perennial scapegoat of the 60's counterculture it would have to be Kerry Thornley, one of the founding members of the patently anarchist Discordian Society. With a kind of insurrectionary bravado, he took it upon himself to sponge up the sordid projections of the Military Industrial Mafia Complex, as well those from intelligence revenants who trailed and taunted him for years under various disturbing guises.

Thornley managed to keep ahead of the archetypal game by purging himself, from time to time, through various prankster-like stunts, publishing underground 'zines and writing fiction. However, *The Fool* ended up occupying *The Hanged Man's* place in a Tarot deck that had been stacked against him from day one. As a result of such discouraging and divinatory odds, his self-imposed role as Sin Eater, freely dining at the table of the conspiracy funeral banquet, is probably what turned him upside down and killed him in the end.

In Adam Gorightly's *The Prankster and the Conspiracy: The Story of Kerry Thornley and How He Met Oswald and Inspired the Counterculture*, a most intriguing and vivid portrait of this essential and vital anarchist spirit is effectively painted. Kerry freeranged about in the JFK/MLK/RFK assassination matrix like a conspiratorial version of Diogenes, the ancient Greek who loved to mock the philosophers and statesmen of his day. In this case, Thornley was mocking the real assassins at large without anyone really knowing it, since he was drawing so much attention to himself.

If you're looking to get a bead on the Thornley universe, *The Prankster and the Conspiracy* is the key enabling you to enter into it. Gorightly maintains a

wonderful balance between compelling facts surrounding the JFK hit and Thornley's proximity to it, on one hand, and the elusive and intriguing metaphysics of the Discordian Society that Thornley helped to create and promote, on the other.

Gorightly suggests that Thornley may very well have been an MKULTRA prodigy, along with Lee Harvey Oswald, since they were marine buddies stationed in Japan prior to 1963. Maybe Thornley's Discordian strategy was an attempt to break free of his handlers. It seems that both he and Oswald ended up being double crossed, Oswald by some very real forces at work, namely a mind-controlled entity named Jack Ruby. Thornley was taken down by his ever snowballing delusions, which genuinely got out of hand as the author so convincingly points out, thanks to his unbiased, thorough research and interviews with key players such as Robert Anton Wilson.

In spite of Thornley's Discordian extremism, mass consumption of LSD and his targeted status, I tend to think it was his early dabbings into Ayn Rand's "Objectivism" that ultimately cracked him in the end. Aynny's Hots-for-Capitalism philosophy served to malignantly magnetize the ever mutating vortex of Thornley's psyche and attracted some kind of negative free market investment forces into its realm. No amount of Discordian meme subterfuge could have derailed the Rand dogma from rapidly self-replicating within the brain of this errant pixie, who seemed to defy everything else and get away with it.

Not even the electronic dissolution of memory could neutralize these Objectivist toxins within him, no matter how many times his handlers kept pushing the button to keep him raving. I realize that I'm merely speculating in a possibly communist/socialist manner, but Gorightly's fertile biography is triggering my synapses so rapidly that I cannot help but entertain such cabals. Your own synapses will be triggered (and entertained too) when you order your own copy of this excellent proto-biography of an anarchist archetype gone delightfully awry.

While reading the final chapters of this sad, wonderful, tragic, inspiring and electrifying book, I flashed that the 'evil' Goddess Eris, who brought a well known apple to a banquet on Mount Olympus celebrating the wedding of King Peleus and the Sea Nymph Thetis, decided to jump ahead a few thousand years into the 1960's and toss another solid, golden fruit into the chaos heart of a Discordian party, a fruit upon which was engraved, 'Who is the most paranoid of all?' There is no telling what kind of Trojan war her question would have caused if she had chosen to roll it into the mix at the time. Who amongst the group would have fought for the title?

Fortunately, Gorightly's keen portrayal of Kerry Thornley gives us a sufficient starting place where we can all freely witness the scapegoat himself stepping forth from the shadows and taking the full honors of the title, holding his apple in the limelight.

Please see www.paraview.com/gorightly, www.mansonmythos.com and my review of Gorightly's fine book on Charley Manson: *The Shadow over Santa Susana* at www.konformist.com/manson-review.htm

Destiny Matrix

Author: Jack Sarfatti

Review by Jaye Beldo

In 1953, Jack Sarfatti allegedly received a series of mysterious phone calls, presumably from the future. The voice, which informed the young boy that he was being chosen amongst 400 other "geniuses," was described as "distant, cold, metallic." Such a tone should have been a red hammer and sickle flag to the young Jack, or at least to his mother, who eventually told the callers to leave her boy alone, that there was probably no compassion to be brought forth in the mysterious mission that he was being chosen for. No emotion, no feeling, no love; the very things that science is in short supply of these days.



Lone Nutter News interviews Jack Sarfatti

Lone Nutter News: Do you think the Post-Quantum physics you describe in *Destiny Matrix* will be the final blow to the Newtonian paradigm that persists in our socio-economic systems, in politics and, ironically enough, in science?

Jack Sarfatti: Good question. My answer is "Yes."

LNN: Is there anything we can do to further accelerate the breakdown of the Newtonian paradigm, i.e., open ourselves to the same messages from the future as you have? In other words, how can we become more aware of our own "destiny matrices"? I'm speaking as someone who only has an intuitive grasp of quantum and post quantum physics.

JS: That is too psychological or even spiritual a question for me. I'm only a warped quantum mechanic down in the Engine Room. :-) Seriously, ask Russell Targ about that, or Jeffrey Mishlove, or Fred Alan Wolf.

LNN: I only ask these questions because of all the Aquarian hype about the inevitable merging of the spiritual and the scientific. Such a merger has been hinted at in *The Tao of Physics* by Fritjof Capra and more recently in *The Spiritual Universe* by Fred Alan Wolf, and an excellent book called *The Quantum and the Lotus* (a dialogue between a Buddhist monk and a physicist). Are scientists doomed to forever remain separate from the spiritual--the psychological, i.e., trapped in the Engine Room?

JS: Yes, it's Bohr's Complementarity Principle. To the extent you get more spiritual you stop doing physics, if you seriously meditate and if you spend too much time with people and their emotional issues. Physics is difficult and is a Stern Jealous Mistress - All Consuming, the Dark Energy of the Black Widow. :-)

LNN: Maybe you just haven't found her G-Spot yet :-)- On that note, let's take things to a more pragmatic level. What use value does post quantum physics have? Will it enable us to patch up ozone holes, alleviate pollution, get people to kick their antidepressant addictions? Or has this science already been co-opted by the military only to be used to further destroy the planet?

JS: It will enable us to be Men like Gods, like Q in Star Trek. Why do you think *they* put me on this primitive planet? :-)

LNN: And for my final question, a trick one at that: What are the possibilities of a future intelligence beaming Marilyn vos Savant back into the 1970's hit TV show *Hee Haw*? What would she say to the audience as she rises out from some Tex-Arkana corn field?

JS: Why Tex-Arkana?

LNN: Because it is sufficiently above the 33 degree line to prevent Freemasonic interception/distortion of the Savant transmission.

JS: If you read *Destiny Matrix* carefully you will find a very significant reference to Texarkana, I think it's in a footnote. Happy hunting. Let's see how good a detective you are.

LNN (after finding Texarkana reference in the index of the book): So what would Marilyn vos Savant say to Joe Peeples, the Mid-East arms dealer from Texarkana mentioned in your book, if they were both on the *Hee Haw* TV show? If you were beamed back to *Hee Haw* by *they* who sent you to this primitive planet in the first place, what would you say or do?

JS: A+ :-)

LNN: My last question was not answered, but my spadework into *Destiny Matrix* seems to have been graded by Professor Sarfatti. With such ambiguity in mind, I'll leave it to the reader to judge the relevance/veracity of Mr. Sarfatti's place in the world of post quantum physics.

As a predominantly feeling and intuitive person, I only make this point because I tried my damndest to make my way through Sarfatti's braggadocio tome *Destiny Matrix*, only to run into the Wailing Wall of his Star Gate equations, which first emerge into the third dimension on page 122. This is not a criticism of the author himself, born of my inability to understand such physics, lumpen-innumerate that I am, but rather of Jack's rather fuzzy intent for writing the book in the first place.

Did he do it to geometrodynamically dazzle us in Mensa fashion? Or does he sincerely want to inform us about what could possibly be the means to a truly liberatory omega point hidden within post quantum physics? He does fancy himself a "theatrical physicist," as the subtitle of the book confesses ("Why is the sky dark and space cold? How are we conscious and must we grow old?"). We only need to get a clearer bead on exactly what kind of script he is following, who is staging/directing the production, who his handlers are and whether his ongoing, off-broadway run is a classified Top Secret MK project.

At a loss about how to approach a review of *Destiny Matrix*, I did my fair share of reality checks with other writers and editors who have come across the book. One writer, who will remain unnamed, hints at the possibility that *Destiny Matrix* contains high level disinformation, which would prevent those competent in physics (and ethics) from producing truly free energy, instantaneous transport to other universes, etc. (the same type of disinformation that exists on the Leading Edge website and 'matrix' books edited by the pseudonymous Val Valerian).

I'm obviously not qualified to say whether this is true, but remember the voices from Sarfatti's past, or future as the case may be, were cold, metallic and distant. I'd trust the author's quantum summations more if the voices on the Cold War phone had been warm, fluid and intimate. I'd trust his work even more if he was summonsed into action by Namagiri-the Hindu goddess, who inspired the mathematician

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Ramanujan to conjure up equations which startled the pasty faced Cambridge Apostles (see the book, *The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan* by R. Kanigel).

Physics desperately needs to integrate some poetic metaphors into its realm, to help bridge the gap, primarily between the cold/analytical and the warm/ intuitive. Paul LaViolette in his book *Earth Under Fire* does a fairly impressive job of using the major arcana of the tarot to describe cosmological phenomena and posits the theory that the cards were solely designed for use as esoteric transmitters of such knowledge in the first place.

The late Itzhak Bentov also comes to mind. He did his best to break free of establishment science in a heart centered way, trying to make his own heretical insights available to us non-scientific folk. In his most well known work, *Stalking the Wild Pendulum*, Bentov combines his analytic erudition with humorous and enlightening cartoons which inspire us to understand such things as iso-electric fields, the interactions between white and black holes and other universal peculiarities. *A Brief Tour of Higher Consciousness: a Cosmic Book on the Mechanics of Creation* goes even further in making metaphysical and scientific things more accessible to the analytically challenged.

It is along these lines that I was hoping *Destiny Matrix* would follow, but Jack's megalomania gets in the way throughout. Instead of such informative renderings as described above, we get page after page of Sarfatti posing with famous people such as Francis Ford Coppola, Sukie Sedgewick and other physicist groupies. I'm glad to see that Jack loves to party with the beautiful people. I can't put him down for that. But flaunting his high society connections as he does in the book (and on his

website as well) does nothing to foster at least a remedial understanding of post quantum physics.

Aside from a most helpful illustration of M.C. Escher's "Drawing Hands" which assisted me somewhat in understanding the "post quantum principle of self creation," heuristic illustrations are sorely lacking throughout *Destiny Matrix*. Perhaps some Asuric or Ahrimanic savant in another dimension is manipulating the false shell of personality in the author, thus sabotaging the possibly world transforming potential of post quantum physics. If Sarfatti were really street smart, he'd transcend all of his relentless fanfare, and market some *Destiny Matrix* flashcards that would

burn his bewildering equations into our neurocircuits so we could fully comprehend them.

I sincerely think there are gems to be extracted from *Destiny Matrix* but the egotistical briar patch the author tends to, perhaps deliberately, perhaps not, makes the quest even more difficult than it should be. Available at: www.1stbooks.com. P

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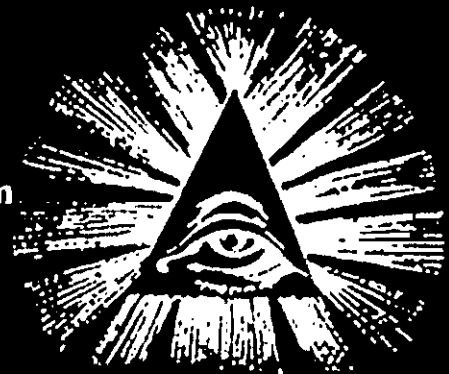
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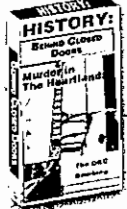
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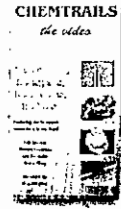
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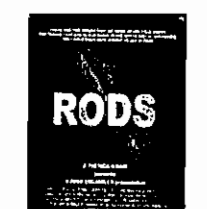
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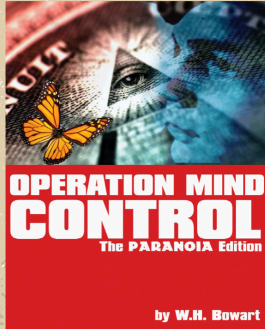
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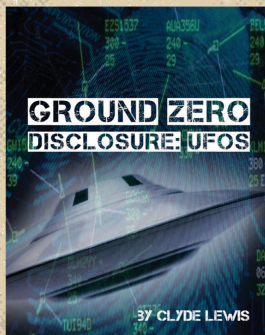
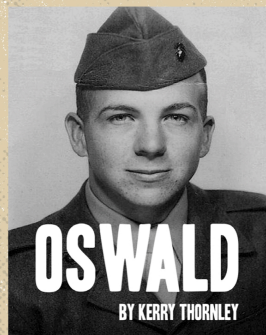
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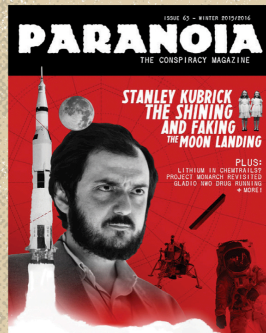


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